

“(6) A Certificate of Proficiency shall be awarded to a candidate who—

“Obtains not less than 60 per cent. of the possible aggregate of marks in English and arithmetic together as defined in subclause (2) of this clause, and not less than 55 per cent. in each of the subjects reading and composition, and 45 per cent. in arithmetic; and

“Reaches a satisfactory standard of attainment in the ‘Other subjects’ prescribed by the Syllabus of Instruction and defined in subclause (2) of this clause:

“Provided that in cases where special excellence is shown in English, as defined in subclause (2) of this clause, or in at least two of the ‘Other subjects,’ 40 per cent. may be accepted in arithmetic; and provided further that ‘Credits’ in subjects other than English and arithmetic may be allowed towards a pass to such an extent as the Minister may from time to time approve.

“(7) A Certificate of Competency shall be awarded to a candidate who qualifies for a Certificate of School Attainment in the manner prescribed in subclause (4) of this clause:

“Provided that in cases where special excellence is shown in English or in at least two of the ‘Other subjects,’ 36 per cent. may be accepted in arithmetic; and provided further that ‘Credits’ in subjects other than English and arithmetic may be allowed towards a pass to such an extent as the Minister may from time to time approve.

“(8) The annual examination for Certificates of Attainment in Form II shall be known as the Annual Proficiency Examination, and the following conditions shall apply:—

“(a) The examination in English and arithmetic shall be held not earlier than the first day in November. The Senior Inspector of Schools, however, may make any arrangements he considers suitable for a provisional test in the other subjects at an earlier date, and no pupil shall be deemed to have reached the satisfactory standard of attainment therein mentioned in subclause (4) of this clause unless the head teacher certifies that the pupil has received regular and efficient instruction in them till the date prescribed (in paragraph (i) of this subclause) for the issue of certificates.

“(b) From public primary and intermediate schools and lower departments of secondary schools all those pupils and only those shall be presented who, having been promoted to Form II in any school not later than the first day of July immediately preceding the examination, have subsequently to their promotion received instruction in that Form:

“Provided that nothing herein shall prevent any person over school age, whether on a school roll or not, from presenting himself for this examination, nor any pupil of the Correspondence School from similarly presenting himself if in the latter case the headmaster of the school certifies that the pupil has covered the prescribed course; and, if in both cases, fourteen days’ notice of intention to sit has been given to the Senior Inspector of the Education District.

“(c) Head teachers of private primary schools, and principals of secondary, technical, and combined schools and registered private secondary schools, and head teachers of secondary departments of district high schools may present candidates at convenient centres by giving notice to the Senior Inspector of the district not later than 1st October.

“(d) The head teacher or principal shall submit to the Senior Inspector on schedules provided for the purpose and completed according to the instructions printed thereon a list in triplicate of the candidates he proposes to present.

“(e) Wherever possible candidates shall be examined in their own schools, but where this is impracticable they may be assembled for examination at convenient centres. The examination shall be conducted by an Inspector of Schools; but when this cannot conveniently be done an examination may be held on a date fixed by the Department and papers set by the Department shall be worked thereat by the candidates under such supervision as the Senior Inspector may approve.

“(f) No candidate shall be allowed any travelling-expenses.

“(g) The Inspector shall personally assess the work done by the candidates, but may enlist members of the school staff for merely formal marking. He shall also give due consideration to the provisions of paragraph (a) of subclause (3) of this clause.