

## COLONIAL CERTIFICATES.

21. The holder of a colonial certificate of competency not granted under the Merchant Shipping Act, or of a certificate granted after examination on board one of His Majesty's ships, who wishes to be examined in New Zealand for a certificate of the same grade, must prove that he has performed the amount of service required by these regulations for that grade, and has complied with the requirements in respect of testimonials.

## ISSUE OF CERTIFICATE.

22. A candidate shall not be considered to have passed an examination until such examination is approved by the Chief Examiner. On such approval being given a form (Exn. 16) will be forwarded to the candidate authorizing the Superintendent of the Mercantile Office to whom it is addressed to issue the certificate.

It is therefore important that the port at which the certificate is to be issued should be correctly entered on both the form of application (Exn. 3) and form Exn. 16.

Should circumstances make any alteration necessary, the Examiner should see that it is made in both forms, otherwise delay in the issue of the certificate may be caused.

## RENEWAL OF LOST OR DEFACED CERTIFICATES.

23. Application for a certified copy of a lost certificate, or a certificate that has become illegible by defacement, must be made to the Superintendent of a Mercantile Marine Office, before whom, in the case of the former, a declaration as to the circumstances in which the certificate was lost must be made by the applicant.

The prescribed form of application, which must be filled in by the applicant, will be transmitted by the Superintendent to the Secretary of the Marine Department, who will forward a copy of the lost or defaced certificate for delivery to the applicant, and decide whether a fee is to be charged or not.

The holder of a defaced certificate must deliver it to the Superintendent of the Mercantile Marine Office to whom the certified copy of his certificate is addressed, before the latter is issued. The Superintendent will then return the defaced certificate to the Secretary of the Marine Department.

## WITHDRAWAL OF LOWER-GRADE CERTIFICATES.

24. When the holder of a certificate of competency passes the examination for a certificate of a higher grade, his certificate of the lower grade will be withdrawn and retained by the Marine Department.

## CANDIDATES MUST HAVE ADEQUATE KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH.

25. Candidates, including those who are British subjects by naturalization, must prove to the satisfaction of the Examiner that they have sufficient knowledge of the English language to enable them to perform the duties required of them on board a British vessel.

## AGE.

26. Should any doubt exist as to the age of an applicant, he will be required to produce a certificate of birth, or other sufficient proof of age.

## PHYSICAL DEFECTS.

27. When a candidate is observed to be hard of hearing, or to suffer from any other physical defect, the signatories of his testimonials are required to make mention of the defect specifically, and to state whether it in any way impeded the performance of the applicant's duties as an engineer on watch. When the Examiner is satisfied that the defect is not such as to interfere with the efficient performance of the applicant's duties as engineer, the examination is to be proceeded with; otherwise the case is to be referred to the Chief Examiner.

## PENALTY FOR MISCONDUCT.

28. Candidates who have neglected to join their vessels after having signed articles, or who have deserted their vessels after having joined, or who have been found guilty of gross misconduct, will be required to produce proof of two years' subsequent service and satisfactory conduct at sea, unless the Marine Department should see fit to reduce the period.