

Regulations under the Naval Defence Act, 1913, amended.

GALWAY, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings at Wellington, this 11th day of May, 1938.

Present :

THE RIGHT HON. M. J. SAVAGE PRESIDING IN COUNCIL.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred on him by section twenty-five of the Naval Defence Act, 1913, and of all other powers and authorities enabling him in that behalf, His Excellency the Governor-General, with the advice of the Executive Council, doth hereby amend and supplement the regulations referred to in the Schedule hereto as shown therein.

Article 51: Cancel, and substitute:—

51. Entry of Recruits, Engagements, Re-engagements, &c.—Candidates for entry must be the sons of British-born subjects. They will normally be required to engage for a period of twelve years from date of entry, or, if under the age of eighteen years, until that age is reached and for twelve years thereafter.

2. Subject to the proviso that the candidate is not more than one month older than the maximum age-limit on the date when final entry would be effected, the date of application for entry shall be taken in deciding the age qualification of a candidate who would otherwise be too old for entry if this were determined from the date of actual engagement. In such cases, particularly, every effort should be made to reduce the time taken to effect final entry to an absolute minimum.

3. All candidates for entry will be required to be of the physical standard laid down from time to time for the various classes of ratings, and to pass the prescribed medical and, if so ordered, educational examination. The Director of Recruiting is authorized finally to enter or reject candidates who have already been provisionally entered.

4. Ratings may be permitted, at the discretion of the Naval Board, to re-engage for further periods of five years each, but in certain cases the Board may authorize shorter periods of re-engagement.

5. Subject to requirements and suitability for further service, ratings may normally be permitted to re-engage when within two years of completing their current engagements. In normal circumstances re-engagements should be effected for the unexpired portion of the current engagement plus a period of five years or such lesser period as may be authorized, *but see clause 6 below.*

6. *Ratings selected for the purpose of qualifying abroad for officer rank* will be required to re-engage to serve for a period of five years from the anticipated date of completion of the course.

7. Ratings will not be selected for the purpose of qualifying abroad for higher substantive or non-substantive rating unless the conditions of re-engagement as prescribed hereunder are satisfied:—

- (a) *Ratings qualifying for Mechanician, Observer's Mate, and Air Gunner* will be required to re-engage to serve for a period of five years from the date of expiration of their first twelve years' engagement.
- (b) *Ratings qualifying for Gunner's Mate, Torpedo Gunner's Mate, V/S 1 and W/T 1*, will be required to re-engage to serve for a period of five years from the anticipated date of completion of the course.
- (c) *Ratings qualifying abroad in all other substantive or non-substantive rates* will be required to re-engage to serve for a period of three years from the anticipated date of completion of the course.

NOTE.—Where any rating is under orders to serve in the Royal Navy for a period to gain experience after he has qualified for higher substantive or non-substantive rate, this period of service is to be regarded as part of a qualifying course for purposes of re-engagement.

8. Applications for courses are not to be made until it has been verified that the conditions of the preceding paragraphs are satisfied.

9. Ratings shall be compulsorily retired at the following ages—viz., Chief and Petty Officers, fifty years; other ratings, forty-five years. Subject to the foregoing, ratings will generally be compulsorily retired after twenty-two years man's service, but the Naval Board may from time to time call for applications from ratings who are qualified by age to re-engage for periods of three or five years after completing twenty-two years' service. No applications are to be forwarded unless steps are taken by the Board to call for them.