

## PARTICULARS IN REGARD TO THE ENTRY AND SERVICE OF NAVAL SCHOOLMASTERS.

1. A candidate for entry as Naval Schoolmaster must be over 21 years of age and must be recognised as a Certificated Teacher by the Board of Education or possess qualifications which are substantially equivalent.

2. Candidates will not be required to pass any qualifying examination, but they must be certified by the Admiralty Medical Authorities to be physically fit for service in the Navy. Medical examinations are held in London and at certain other centres, at one of which candidates selected for entry will be directed to attend.

3.—(a) Candidates accepted for appointment will be required to sign on entry an engagement to serve in the Royal Navy for 12 years continuously. They are considered as on probation for 6 months from the date of entry.

(b) Naval Schoolmasters hold the rating of Chief Petty Officer, and are eligible for promotion in vacancies to Warrant Rank (Head Schoolmaster) and to Commissioned Warrant Rank (Chief Schoolmaster).

The maximum number of Chief Schoolmasters at present authorised is four and of Head Schoolmasters 33. The number of Naval Schoolmasters is between 50 and 60.

Promotions to Chief and Head Schoolmaster are made by selection from among the Head and Naval Schoolmasters respectively as vacancies occur. Chief Schoolmasters who have served for three years in that rank may, at the discretion of the Admiralty, be granted the relative rank of Lieutenant on retirement.

(c) Nearly all Naval Schoolmasters serve in Training Establishments at Plymouth, Portsmouth, Chatham, Shotley and Queenstown, but it must be understood that they may be called on, if required, to serve in any Naval Establishment or ship at home or abroad where the services of a schoolmaster may be considered necessary.

4. A Naval Schoolmaster who completes his first period of 12 years' service without attaining Warrant Rank may be permitted to re-engage for a further

period of 10 years, at the termination of which, if still not promoted, he may retire on a pension or continue under certain conditions to serve to the age of 55 years.

Schoolmasters who are promoted to Warrant Rank serve until 55 years of age, when they retire on pension. They may, however, be retired at any age if found unfit or unworthy of further employment; and they may be pensioned by permission of the Admiralty at their own request at 50 years of age. At the discretion of the Admiralty they may be retained on the Active List up to the age of 60 if for the benefit of the Service.

5. The scales of pay are shown at pages 780 and 785.

6. A free kit is allowed to Naval Schoolmasters on entry, and a Gratuity of 25*l.* towards the cost of uniform is granted on promotion to Warrant Rank.

Schoolmasters are entitled to be lodged in the ship or shore Establishment to which they are attached, and to receive the usual service rations.

7. The pensions that can be earned by Naval Schoolmasters are shown below :—

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After 22 years service	.. ..	2	10 a day.
" 27 " "	.. ..	3	6½ "
" 32 " "	.. ..	4	3 "
" 34 " "	.. ..	4	6 "

The scales of pensions for Head and Chief Schoolmasters are shown at pages 813 and 813a

Pensions are also granted to the widows of Chief and Head Schoolmasters, and compassionate allowances to their children on the scale shown on page 897.

Further information may be obtained on application to the Director of Naval Education, Admiralty, S.W.