

Gunner.\*

**328. FOR GUNNER OR TORPEDO GUNNER.**—The Candidate, if qualified by service and conduct, must produce his certificate of service, ability, and conduct, his certificate as First Class Seaman Gunner, and proof of his age, and must state whether he elects Gunnery or Torpedo. He must also produce a certificate that he can read and write well; that he has a good knowledge of the first four rules of arithmetic, simple and compound; and a fair knowledge of proportion, and of vulgar and decimal fractions. The examining officers must satisfy themselves that he is in every respect a thorough practical seaman, and is competent, if required, to take charge of a Watch; that he has a fair knowledge of working and manœuvring ships, the effect of the helm, &c., and is acquainted with the rules and regulations for preventing collisions at sea; that he understands perfectly the rigging of ships according to the Regulations of the Navy; that he knows how to stow and secure the anchors, and how to erect and secure sheers; and that he is perfectly qualified to fill the station of a Gunner or Torpedo Gunner. To be eligible for a warrant as Gunner or Torpedo Gunner, he must obtain certificates in Gunnery and Torpedo as required by Art. 809.

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2. The educational test examination is to be carried out by a Naval Instructor when available, otherwise by a Lieutenant appointed for navigating duties.

3. The examination in Seamanship is to be held in the presence of a Captain or Commander, by a Navigating Officer, and three Chief or other Gunners or Torpedo Gunners or Boatswains (in the proportion, when convenient, of two Gunners or Torpedo Gunners to one Boatswain).

Boatswain.\*

**329. FOR BOATSWAIN.**—The Candidate, if qualified, must produce his certificate of service, ability, and conduct, his certificate as Seaman Gunner, and proof of his age; the examining officers must satisfy themselves that he is in every respect a thorough practical seaman, and is competent, if required, to take charge of a Watch: that he has a fair knowledge of working and manœuvring ships, the effect of the helm, &c., and is acquainted with the rules and regulations for preventing collisions at sea; that he understands perfectly the rigging of ships according to the regulations of the Navy; that he knows

\* See also Article 263.