

Public Works (1899) Department.

RAILWAY BRANCH.

G.O., No. 748 Ry

DATED 8th July, 1899.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Superior Establishment of the
Accounts Branch of the P.W. Dept.

Commng. to the Secy of P.W. Dept. by Secy,
for information, Resolution of the
Govt. of India regarding the recruitment
of the ———.

Government {1899} of Madras.
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Communicating to the Examiner of Guaranteed Railway Accounts, for information, resolution of the Government of India regarding the recruitment of the —.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Railway.

Read the following paper:—

Resolution of the Government of India, Public Works Department (Account Establishment), dated Simla, 17th June 1899, No. 139 A.E.
[Recruitment of the superior establishment of the Accounts Branch, Public Works Department.]

Read again—

Public Works Department Resolution No. 36 A.E., dated 9th February 1893.

Read also the following correspondence between the Government of India and the Secretary of State:—

Despatch to the Secretary of State, No. 324 (Financial), dated 4th November 1896.
Despatch from the Secretary of State, No. 104 (Financial), dated 17th June 1897.

Resolution—The Government of India, with the approval of the Secretary of State, are pleased to modify the system of recruitment of the superior Accounts branch of the Public Works Department which was laid down in the Resolution quoted in the preamble, and to decide that this establishment shall be recruited partly in England and partly in India in the manner indicated below:—

In England.—By the appointment of students selected by the Secretary of State from the Royal Indian Engineering College, Cooper's Hill. The recruitment from this source is limited to four-ninths of the vacancies to be filled.

In India.—(1) By the promotion of deserving subordinates to the extent of three-ninths of the vacancies to be filled.

(2) By competitive examination of nominated candidates to the extent of two-ninths of the vacancies to be filled.

The Government of India reserve the power, which they at present possess, of making special and exceptional appointments to the superior Accounts Establishment otherwise than in the manner described above.

2. The recruitment in India is restricted to natives of India within the meaning of the Statute 33 Vict., Chapter 3, section 6. The definition in the Statute is:—

The words "Native of India" shall include any person born and domiciled within the dominions of Her Majesty in India of parents habitually resident in India, and not established there for temporary purposes only.

3. The following revised rules are now prescribed for the recruitment of candidates in India:—

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(e) Each application must be accompanied by the following certificates:—

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(f) No candidate will be nominated whose age at the date of completion of the examination will be below 18 or above 23 years.

(g) The nominated candidates will be examined in the subjects described in the schedule to this resolution, and those who pass will, as a rule, be appointed Assistant Examiners, 3rd grade, on probation, in order of merit, and to the extent of the number of vacancies announced for competition. No candidate will be held to have passed the examination who obtains less than 650 marks in all, or less than half marks in mathematics.

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No. 748 Ry., 8th JULY 1899.

ENCLOSURE.

SCHEDULE.

EXAMINATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE SUPERIOR ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ACCOUNTS BRANCH
OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.*Subjects for Examination.*

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and Plane Trigonometry as far as properties of triangles (Text-book—Todhunter's Plane Trigonometry); Mensuration	325
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English, History and Literature, and Indian History (Elementary)	200
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Total	1,350

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Communicated to the Examiner, Guaranteed Railway Accounts, for information
(True Extract.)FRANCIS J. E. SPRING,
Joint Secretary.

To the Examiner, Guaranteed Railway Accounts, Madras.
 " Agent and Manager, Madras Railway.
 " Agent, South Indian Railway.
 " Consulting Engineer for Railways.
 " Manager, East Coast Railway.

Exd. T. R. Narayana Aiyangar.

21ST FEBRUARY 1893, No. 455 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Establishment.

READ—the following:—

Proceedings of the Government of India, Public Works Department (Account Establishment), dated Calcutta, the 9th February 1893, No. 36 A.E.

[Recruitment of the Superior Establishment of the Accounts Branch, Public Works Department.]

Read—again —

Report of the Public Service Commission, Chapter X, paras. 99 and 100.

Public Works Department Resolution No. 19 A.E., dated 25th January 1889.

" " " Code, Vol. I, Chapter II, and Appendix C.

Read—also the following correspondence between the Government of India and the Secretary of State:—

Despatch to the	Secretary of State, No. 66, Public Works, dated 22nd October 1890.
" from the	" " " 16 " " 5th March 1891.
" to the	" " " 68 " " 15th Sept. "
" from the	" " " 4, Telegraph, dated 18th February 1892.
" to the	" " " 67, dated 2nd November 1892.
" from the	" " " 2, Public Works, dated 19th January 1893.

Observations.—In Public Works Department resolution No. 19 A.E., dated 25th January 1889, certain revised rules were laid down for the future recruitment of the establishment of the Superior Accounts Branch of the Public Works Department, and a competitive examination was prescribed according to the tests laid down in the appendix to that resolution. The results of these examinations have not, however, proved as satisfactory as was anticipated, and the Government of India has again had under consideration the question of modifying the rules with a view to the establishment of the Superior Accounts Branch being maintained in greater efficiency.

2. The Government of India thinks that the entrance examination of the Superior Accounts Branch may, with advantage, be assimilated to that of the Enrolled List of the Finance Department, and that the scale of salaries of both establishments may be brought into accord.

3. It appears desirable also to take this opportunity of revising the rules regarding the examination for confirmation and promotion as laid down in Public Works Department Code, Vol. I, Chapter II, and Appendix C.

Resolution.—The Government of India, with the approval of the Secretary of State, is pleased to decide that, with effect from the 1st January 1893, the following amended rules for recruitment of the superior staff of the Accounts Branch, both as regards the entrance and departmental tests, shall take the place of the rules promulgated under resolution No. 19 A.E. of 25th January 1889, and those laid down in the Public Works Department Code, Vol. I, Chapter II, and Appendix C:—

I.—The Superior Accounts Branch shall be recruited in India, and the members of it so recruited shall be under the Indian Service Leave and Ordinary Pension rules as laid down in the Civil Service Regulations, Chapter XIV and Part IV.

II.—Appointments will ordinarily be made as follows :—

- Firstly*, by the appointment of candidates selected by competitive examination of not less than three nominees for each vacancy;
Secondly, by the promotion of deserving accountants; and
Thirdly, by the transfer, in exceptional cases, of officers from the Engineer establishment.

NOTE.—Officers transferred from the Engineering Branch will draw Accounts Branch rates of salary, but they will retain their own Leave and Pension rules.

The nominees at every third examination held for appointments to be filled by the first of the above methods of recruitment shall be natives of India as defined by Statute 33 Vict., cap. 3, section 6. The maximum number of appointments filled by the second of the above methods shall not exceed one-third of the appointments filled by the first and second methods together. When appointments are made by this method the officers selected will be appointed either as Deputy or Assistant Examiners at the discretion of the Government of India, and will, unless Government otherwise direct, take rank for future promotion above officers in lower classes or grades previously appointed after examination. They will not be required to pass the departmental examinations unless the Government at the time of appointment direct that they shall be so required.

The Government of India reserves the power which it at present possesses of making special and exceptional appointments to the Superior Accounts establishment otherwise than in the three ways mentioned above.

III.—The classification and rates of pay shall be as follows :—

Examiner of Accounts,	Class	I	II	III	IV	RS.
"	"	"	"	"	"	1,500
"	"	"	"	"	"	1,250
"	"	"	"	"	"	1,000
Deputy Examiner of Accounts,	"	"	"	"	"	800
"	"	"	"	"	"	600
Assistant Examiner, 1st Grade	"	"	"	"	"	400
"	"	"	"	"	"	300
"	"	"	"	"	"	250
"	"	"	"	"	"	200

This scale of pay will apply to all appointments to the department after the 31st December 1892.

IV.—Persons desiring to enter the Superior Accounts Branch must obtain nominations from the Accountant-General, Public Works Department, to whom applications should be addressed.

Each application must be accompanied by the following certificates :—

- Baptismal or other certificate of age.
- Certificate of physical fitness for the public service by a commissioned medical officer or by a medical officer in charge of a civil station.
- Testimonials of good moral conduct from the instructor under whom the applicant has been educated or from some employer or other superior under whom he has been employed or brought up.

NOTE.—These testimonials should have special reference to conduct during the two years immediately preceding the date of application.

No candidate will be examined whose age at the date of completion of the examination is below 18 or above 23 years.

V.—An examination will be held at which the nominated candidates will be required to compete for the vacant appointments which will be given, as a rule, to the successful candidates in order of passing the examination.

VI.—The Accountant-General will report annually to the Government of India, as heretofore, in January, the names of the accountants, if any, in the subordinate service, whom he recommends for promotion to the superior service.

VII.—After orders have been passed on that report, a notification will be issued in the *Gazette of India* about the beginning of February, stating the number of vacancies to be competed for at the next examination.

2. The nominated candidates will be examined in the subjects described in the first schedule to this resolution, and (subject to the conditions hereinafter stated) those who pass will be appointed Assistant Examiners, 3rd grade, on probation, in order of merit, and to the extent of the number of vacancies announced for competition. No candidate will be appointed to the department who obtains less than 650 marks in all or less than half marks in mathematics.

No candidate will be allowed to compete at the entrance examination more than twice.

The examination will be conducted by written questions and answers, the questions being prepared in such manner as His Excellency the Governor-General in Council may, from time to time, direct.

A candidate may be examined at the Thomason Civil Engineering College, Rurki, or at the Office of an Examiner of Public Works or Railway Accounts.

3. There will, in future, be two departmental examinations as detailed in schedules II and III annexed to this resolution, and no officer appointed on probation will be confirmed in the service until he has passed the first of these examinations and has been favorably reported upon by the Accountant-General.

An Assistant Examiner of the 3rd grade, who has been favorably reported on and has passed the lower departmental examination shown in schedule II, will be promoted to Assistant Examiner, 2nd grade, after not less than one year's service in the department. An Assistant Examiner, who has not passed that examination within three years from the date of his joining the department, will, on the expiration of that period, cease to belong to the department without further orders; provided that—

(1) if he has been examined but the results have not been declared, his services will be retained until the date on which the results are declared, when they will be terminated at once if he has not passed; and

(2) if during the said period of three years, he has obtained leave of absence on medical certificate for more than three months, he shall be allowed so much extension of time as will admit of his appearing for the examination next after the expiry of the said term of three years and of the results of that examination being declared.

No officer will be eligible for promotion above Assistant Examiner, 1st grade, until he has passed the higher departmental examination, and the same test in vernaculars as is required for promotion to Executive Engineer, 4th grade.

4. The entrance examination will be held by the Principal, Thomason Civil Engineering College, Rurki, in November; and nominated candidates should apply to that officer to arrange the place at which they are to be examined, and should remit to him an examination fee of Rs. 32.

5. The departmental examinations will be held annually by the Accountant-General, Public Works Department, in November; and will be conducted at Examiners' Offices.

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(Signed) F. L. O'CALLAGHAN,
 Secretary to the Govt. of India.

To the Secretary to the Government of Madras.

EXAMINATION for admission to the superior service of the Accounts Branch of the Public Works Department.

SCHEDULE I.

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION.

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Latin, Greek, Sanskrit, French, German, Arabic or Persian ...	200
English, History and Literature, and Indian History (Elementary)	200
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SCHEDULE II.

LOWER DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATION.

Subjects for Examination.

	Marks.
Composition, a précis of papers not seen before	150
Book-keeping (Text-book—W. Inglis)	250
Public Works Department Code, Volumes I, II and III.—General rules and procedure and accounts of the Buildings and Roads and Irrigation Branches of the Public Works Department and of State Railways under construction)	300
Accountant-General's circulars	50
Civil Service Regulations	250
Total	1,000

SCHEDULE III.

HIGHER DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATION.

Subjects for Examination.

	Marks.
A précis and a draft	150
Civil Account Code—Volume I, Chapters 10, 17, 24, Volume II, Chapters 33, 34, 58, 62 and 74	100
Political Economy (Mill)	200
Public Works Department Code, all volumes but specially Volume IV.—(The accounts of open lines of State Railways) and Accountant-General's circulars and budget procedure	300
Book-keeping, including the principles of audit (Text-books—Carter's Practical Book-keeping and Pixley's Auditors)	250
Total	1,000

I.—An officer who shows at any departmental examination a competent knowledge of all the prescribed subjects, and obtains half marks in the aggregate, is held to have passed the examination. An officer is, however, permitted to pass each of the departmental examinations in two instalments if he notifies his intention beforehand, and specifies the subjects in which he is prepared for examination. In such case a higher standard of knowledge is required.

II.—As a rule, a candidate failing in one of the subjects specified is re-examined in the whole; but in case of marked excellence in a subject, the Accountant-General may exempt the candidate from re-examination in such subject, even although he may have failed in others.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. T. WALCH,
Ag. Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
" Superintending Engineers.
" the Consulting Architect to Government.
" the Superintendent of Works, Periyár Project.
" the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" the Examiner, Railway Accounts.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

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GENERAL.
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PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated February, 21st.

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G.O., 21st Feb. 1893, No. 455 W.

FEBRUARY.

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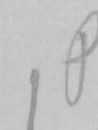
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Secretary to the Government of India.

To

*The Jt. Secretary to the Govt of Madras
P.W. Dept^l Railway Branch.*

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