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Waterguard Service, Language Allowances

I The Board have approved the following revised arrangements for the payment of allowances to Waterguard Officers and Women Search Officers for proficiency in languages --

- (i) Allowances to be paid in respect of French, German, Swedish, Norwegian, Danish, Dutch, Italian and Spanish other languages to be included where there is a proved need for them.
- (ii) The allowances to be ---
 French £20 a year
 German £20 a year
 Others £30 a year
 subject to a maximum of £50 a year to any one individual.
- (iii) Ports where the Board are satisfied that a particular language is frequently required, to be approved as allowance ports for the particular language
- (iv) French and German allowances to be paid to any qualified officer serving at a port approved for the language subject to the combined total of French and German allowances throughout the Service not exceeding 50
- (v) Allowances for other languages to be assigned to the approved ports by the Board on the basis of the particular needs of the port
- (vi) The allowances to be non pensionable to continue in payment during short absences of the holder on private or sick leave not exceeding 8 weeks and to be taken into account for increase on promotion purposes under the appropriate general service arrangements
- (vii) Preventive Officers, Assistant Preventive Officers (after completion of probation) and Women Search Officers to be eligible to present themselves to the Civil Service Commissioners

for test, no candidate to be allowed more than three opportunities of attending these examinations in any one language. qualified officers to be retested at intervals of 5 years.

2. Candidates will be required to pass an examination consisting of (a) translation into English, (b) an oral test including conversation on subjects connected with the treatment of passengers and crews arriving from abroad.

3 The examinations will be held in February and September each year and a prior announcement will appear in the Omnibus Weekly Order

4 Normally an officer in receipt of a language allowance should rotate in the usual way under the local schemes of duty rotation.

The arrangements in paragraph 1 have been agreed with the Staff Side of the Departmental Whitley Council.

By Order of the Board.

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