

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE.

Regulations governing employment in the Coast Preventive Force.

1. Persons eligible.—Applications for employment in the Coast Preventive Force are only entertained from past and present Coastguard ratings, and, provided a minimum of naval service has been completed, from pensioners of the Royal Navy.

2. Application.—Applications should be made to the Establishment Branch, Secretaries' Office, Custom House, London, E.C. 3. If the applicant has a preference for employment in any particular district or districts, he should state it in his application. So far as possible, offers of appointment will be made to meet the wishes of the applicants in this respect.

3. Limits of Age.—The maximum age limit is 45, but, for the present, men over 45 may be regarded as eligible if they have been discharged from the Coastguard in consequence of the reorganisation of that Force.

4. Requirements.—Candidates are required to furnish information as to previous employment (supported by certificates of good character), proof of age and satisfactory evidence of good health, good eyesight, hearing and capacity to perform active duties, and to show their ability to write intelligently and legibly and to make simple arithmetical calculations.

5. Pay.—For the present the scale of pay is 60s. rising by annual increments of 1s. 6d. to 70s. a week inclusive. This scale will be subject to revision should there be any appreciable alteration in the cost of living, and in any case will be subject to review in the future.

Employment as Coast Preventive Man will not carry with it any claim to pension in respect of such service. If, however, a Coast Preventive Man is retained until the age of 60, and provided he has completed 15 years' satisfactory service, he may be allowed a gratuity on retirement of an amount not exceeding one week's pay for each year of service in the Coast Preventive Force.

6. Duties.—Each Coast Preventive Man will be responsible for guarding a particular stretch of coastline or estuarial waters to be known as his Station. He will be required to visit all harbours, coves, landing places and other places in his Station; to board vessels and search for contraband; to keep a general watch on shipping and fishing boats in order to prevent the illegal landing of dutiable and prohibited goods; and to perform other duties incidental thereto as required. A Coast Preventive Man may be required to cycle in the performance of his work.

7. Hours of Employment.—The hours of employment are uncertain; they extend over Sundays and Public Holidays and will include attendance as required by night as well as by day. No overtime or extra pay will be allowed. Employment will be based on an attendance of 48 hours in a 7-day week on the average throughout the year.

8. Leave of Absence.—Subject to the requirements of the Public Service, leave with full pay is allowed for 16 days a year. For purposes of pay during sick leave Coast Preventive Men will come under the ordinary operation of the National Health Insurance Acts, no departmental sick pay being allowed.

9. Uniform.—Coast Preventive Men are required always to appear on duty neatly dressed and wearing the prescribed uniform, which will be supplied to them by the Department. Boots will not be supplied.

10. Residence.—No official residence will be provided, and each Coast Preventive Man must find his own house accommodation.

11. Termination of Employment.—Employment may be terminated at any time on a month's notice, but in the case of misconduct a man will be liable to instant dismissal. Only in special cases will service be allowed to continue after the age of 60.

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