

III. RATINGS

Direct entry from shore is made in the following ratings only:—

RATINGS	AGE LIMITS
Boy Seamen.....	16½ to 18 years
Ordinary Seamen.....	18 to 20 years
Stokers.....	18 to 26 years
Engine Room Artificers..... (Fitters, machinists, boilermakers, and copper-smiths)	21 to 28 years
Ordnance Artificers..... (Fitters and machinists, trained to ordnance work after entry)	21 to 28 years
Electrical Artificers..... (Electrical fitters and machinists or instrument makers with a good general knowledge of electrical engineering, trained in naval electrical work after entry)	21 to 28 years
Artisan ratings..... (Shipwrights, joiners, blacksmiths, plumbers, painters)	21 to 28 years
Sick Berth Attendants..... (Sick nursing)	18 to 25 years
Writers..... (Ledger and correspondence clerks)	18 to 23 years
Victualling Assistant..... (Catering, storekeeping and accounting work)	18 to 23 years
Assistant Cook..... (Cooking for the crew)	18 to 23 years
Boy Servant.....	16½ to 18 years
Officers' Stewards, 3rd Class..... (Catering, waiting and valeting, for officers, care of officers' cabins)	18 to 30 years
Officers' Cook, 3rd Class..... (Cooking for officers)	18 to 30 years

Wireless Telegraph and Signal ratings are not entered direct from shore, and applications for entry in these ratings cannot be considered. Vacancies in the Wireless Telegraph and Signal Branches are filled by transfer of suitable ratings serving in the Seaman Branch selected from Volunteers.

GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS

Candidates must possess the following qualifications:—

I. STANDARD OF HEIGHT AND CHEST MEASUREMENTS

(1) BOYS....	Age	Height	Chest
	16½-18	5' 2½"	32½"
(2) MEN....			
	18-19	5' 3"	33½" 33" (If 5' 5" or over)
	19-20	5' 3½"	34" 33½" (If 5' 5" or over)
	Over 20	5' 4"	34½" 34" (If 5' 7" or over)