

Certificate, the name of the School Section in which the Candidate is authorized to teach,—to be determined, at the discretion of the Board.]

This Certificate of Qualification to remain in force [for one year from the date hereof, or until annulled according to law—to be determined by circumstance, and the class of the Certificate granted.]

DATED this day of, one thousand eight hundred and

N.B.—Each Certificate should be signed by the Chairman of the Board, and must also have the signature of a Local Superintendent of Schools. See 2nd clause of the 29th section of the Act.

PROGRAMME OF EXAMINATION AND COURSE OF STUDY FOR THE TEACHERS OF THE IRISH NATIONAL SCHOOLS.

[In connexion with the foregoing we think it will prove useful and interesting to insert the following for the purposes of reference.—*Ed. J. or E.*]

QUALIFICATIONS OF PROBATIONARY TEACHERS.

The Candidates will be required:—

1. To read with correctness, ease, and intelligence, any passage selected in the first four Lesson Books.
2. To write a bold, free hand, and exhibit a knowledge of the principles of penmanship, and of the rules for teaching writing.
3. To write from dictation, with correct spelling, any passage read slowly from the Third Lesson Book.
4. To be familiar with the principles of the elementary rules, and with Proportion, and be able to work, with facility, neatness, and accuracy, sums in these rules, and in Commercial Arithmetic.
5. To parse any short, easy sentence in prose, and to exhibit an acquaintance with the Elements of Grammar.
6. To be acquainted with the general outline of the great division of the Globe.

The Female Candidates will not be required to know Commercial Arithmetic.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE THIRD CLASS.

The Candidates for promotion to this Class will be required:—

1. To read with ease and expression; and be familiar with the principles of Reading, and with the principles and difficulties of Pronunciation.
2. To write from dictation, in a neat, free hand, with correct spelling and punctuation, any passage read from the National Lesson Book.
3. To know, in addition to the rules mentioned in the course of Probationers, Fractions, Involution, Evolution, and to be acquainted with the rules of Mental Arithmetic.

Female Teachers will not be required to proceed beyond Practice to qualify for this Class.

4. To parse any sentence submitted to them, and to analyze words, giving the roots, prefixes, and affixes.

Female Teachers will not be examined to the same extent in the latter exercise.

5. To know the elements of Mathematical and Physical Geography, the Geography of Ireland, and the general Geography of Europe.
6. To be acquainted with the principles of Book-keeping, and the mode of keeping Farming Accounts.
7. To be acquainted with the Measurement of Plane Surfaces.
8. To be familiar with the improved modes of Teaching, and with the Rules and Regulations of the Commissioners.
9. To be prepared for Examinations on the subjects treated of in:—

The National Lesson Books, to the Fourth inclusive;
Easy Lessons on Money Matters;
Introduction to the Art of Reading, 1st Part;
Spelling-Book Superseded;
Geography Generalized, first eight Chapters;
* Board's Treatise on Book-keeping;
* Board's Mensuration, Sections 2 and 7;
Outline of the Methods of Teaching;
* Whatever Agricultural Class Book may be hereafter published or sanctioned by the Board for the use of their Schools.

QUALIFICATIONS OF SECOND CLASS TEACHERS.

They will be required:—

1. To write grammatically, and with correct spelling and punctuation, the substance of an easy lesson read twice over.
 2. To know the general Geography of the remaining great divisions of the Globe, the Geography of the British Empire, and of Palestine.
 3. To be acquainted with the outlines of general History.
- The Female Teachers will be examined on Mental Arithmetic.*
4. To possess some knowledge of the elementary principles of Mechanics, Hydrostatics, Pneumatics, Optics, and Physiology.
 5. To know the First and Second Books.
 6. To be familiar with the rules for the Measurement of Solids, the principles on which these rules depend, and with the elements of Land Surveying.
 7. To know the elementary rules, and be able to solve Simple Equations.

8. To be prepared for examination on the subjects treated of in:—

Fifth Book of Lessons, Sections 2, 3,*4;
Introduction to the Art of Reading, Part II;
* Geography Generalized;
* Epitome of Geographical Knowledge, Book III, and Period VII. of Book IV.;
* Board's or Thomson's Treatise on Arithmetic;
* Thompson's Euclid, Books I. and II., with the exercises thereon;
* Thompson's Algebra, Chapters 1, 2, 4, and 8;
* Board's Mensuration, Sections 4, 5, 6, and 11;
* Lessons on Reasoning, Parts I. and II.;
* Professor M'Gauley's Lectures on Natural Philosophy, Part I., Chapters 6, 7, 8, 9, and the first 28 paragraphs of Chapter 10.

QUALIFICATIONS OF FIRST CLASS TEACHERS.

They will be required:—

1. To write a short essay on a given subject connected with the organization and management of Schools, and the general principles of Education.

The Female Teachers will be examined on the 3rd Section of the Fifth Book, the Geography Generalized, and the 3rd Book of the Epitome of Geographical Knowledge.

2. To know the Third and Fourth Books.
3. To be acquainted with the resolution of Plane Triangles, and with the use of Logarithms.
4. To know Quadratic Equations.
5. To have a popular acquaintance with the Laws of Heat, and the structure of the Steam Engine, and the elements of Chemistry.

6. To be prepared for examination on the subjects treated of in:—

* Fifth Lesson Book, Sections 1 and 5;
* Lessons on Reasoning, Parts III., IV., and V.;
* Thompson's Euclid, Books III. and IV., with Exercises thereon;
* Thompson's Algebra, Chapters 3, 5, 6, and 9;
* M'Gauley's Lectures on Natural Philosophy, Part II., Chapters 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10;
* Johnson's Catechism of Agricultural Chemistry, or any other Treatise on the same subject which the Commissioners may publish or sanction.

*The Female Teachers will not be required to be prepared on the subjects marked with an * asterisk.*

Candidates for promotion must be prepared for examination on any of the subjects prescribed for the Class or Classes below that to which they desire to be raised.

GENERAL CONDITIONS.

The minimum of proficiency required of the Teachers of each Class is stated in the preceding programme.

All newly appointed Teachers, who have not previously conducted National Schools, are considered as probationers, and must remain as such for at least one year, at the expiration of which time, they will be eligible for classification, and may be promoted, even before being trained, to any Class except the First: if promoted they will receive the full amount of Salary to which they may become entitled, from the commencement of the second year of their service under the Board.

All Teachers must remain at least one year in a lower division of any Class, before they are eligible for promotion to a higher division of the same; and they must remain two years in a lower Class before they are eligible for promotion to a higher Class.

This Regulation does not apply to Probationary Teachers, nor to Teachers who may be promoted on the recommendation of the Professors at the termination of the course of training.

None but Teachers trained at the Normal School of the Commissioners are eligible for promotion to any division of the First Class, and only upon the recommendation of the Professors, or of a Board of Inspectors.

Examinations are to be held, at specified times, by the Inspectors, with the view of promoting meritorious Teachers; while those who may have conducted themselves improperly, or in whose Schools the attendance has considerably decreased, will be liable to be depressed.

No Teacher will be admitted to examination with a view to promotion, on whose School a decidedly unfavourable report has been made by the District Inspector within the previous year.

Teachers will not be eligible for promotion, unless, in addition to satisfactory answering in the course prescribed for the Class to which they aspire, it appears from the reports of their respective District Inspectors that their Schools are properly organized and well conducted, that adequate exertions have been made by them to keep up a sufficient average attendance: that their junior Classes are carefully taught, and that a fair proportion of the Pupils of the higher Classes, besides being proficient in the ordinary branches of Reading, Spelling, and Writing, are possessed of a respectable amount of knowledge in, at least, Grammar, Geography and Arithmetic. In female Schools it will be farther requisite that instruction in plain Needlework, including sewing, knitting, and cutting-out, be given to all girls capable of receiving it, and that they exhibit a due proficiency in this department.

It must also appear from the reports of their Inspectors, that their School Accounts have been regularly and correctly kept, that their Schools and School premises have been preserved with neatness and order, and that cleanliness in person and habits has been enforced on the children attending them.

None can be appointed as Assistant Teachers whose qualifications are not equal to those required of Probationers.

Satisfactory Certificates of character and conduct will be required of all Candidates