

Principal conditions of service of
RADIO OPERATORS CLASS I (MALE)
 employed at the coast radio stations
 of the **GENERAL POST OFFICE.**

Duties.

The maintenance of radiocommunications between ships and shore at any of the Post Office coast stations. Established Radio Operators may also be required to undertake a period of duty on any of the four Post Office cableships.

Qualifications for employment.

Applicants must be between the ages of 21 and 35 and hold the Postmaster General's First Class Certificate of Competence in Radiotelegraphy.

They may have to pass a medical examination.

Scales of Pay.

Weekly rates of pay from 1st July 1955 are as follows:

Provincial rates of Pay (Weekly) for Radio Operators, Class I, are as follows:-

	£.	s.	d.	
Age 21 years	8.	5.	0	} plus 10/- a week Pay Supplement
22 "	8.	12.	6	
23 "	8.	18.	6	
24 "	9.	7.	6	
25 "	9.	15.	6	
26 "	10.	5.	6	
27 "	10.	14.	0	} plus 14/- a week Pay Supplement.
28 " and over	11.	3.	0	
Then by annual increments	11.	12.	6	
	12.	2.	6	

During the initial training period (see below) the pay is 2s 6d. a week less than the rate shown.

Hours of Work.

48 hours a week including mealtimes. Attendances may be at any time during the 24 hours, on six days weekly; the "Rest Day" free from duty is not necessarily Sunday.

Performance of extra duty may be required and attendance may be necessary on the "Rest Day". Extra payment at enhanced rates is allowed in each case.

Annual Leave.

Temporary Radio Operators	-	18 working days a year.
Established Radio Operators	-	21 working days a year rising to 24 days after 3 years established service.

Bank and Public Holidays or days in lieu thereof are allowed in addition and there is an extra day's holiday for the day appointed to be kept as the Queen's birthday.

Pay during sick absence.

Sick leave on full pay, less deductions in respect of National Insurance benefits, is allowed subject to certain time limits which depend upon length of service and whether temporary or established.

National Insurance.

Radio Operators are fully insured under the National Insurance Acts.

Liability for transfer.

Radio Operators are liable to be transferred from one station to another as the requirements of the service demand.

Establishment.

Radio Operators are in the first instance employed as Temporary Radio Operators; they are given a period of training before being assigned to a station for duty.

From time to time Temporary Radio Operators Class I who have given satisfactory service are selected for nomination to the Civil Service Commission for established posts as Radio Operator Class I.

Before a Temporary Radio Operator can be established he must pass a medical examination.

Establishment carries advantages such as entitlement to retirement pension under Civil Service conditions, increased annual leave, improved limits of sick absence on full pay and prospects of further advancement.

Prospects.

Established Radio Operators who obtain the Departmental Certificate in Radio Technology are eligible for promotion to Radio Overseer (£770 a year maximum), Radio Assistant Superintendent (£920 a year maximum) and Radio Superintendent (£1,060 a year maximum). All established Radio Operators are eligible for limited competitions and/or selection for appointment as Assistant Engineer (£815 a year maximum), Telecommunications Traffic Superintendent (£830 a year maximum) and Sales Representative (£650 a year maximum). The above rates are applicable to London only.

Applications for employment.

Application should be made to the Inspector of Wireless Telegraphy, Union House, St. Martin's le Grand, London E.C.1. stating date of birth, period of sea service (if any) and particulars of Postmaster General's Certificate held.