

or more immediately preceding the date on which such veteran takes any merit system examination, shall be given special credit for such service; provided, such veterans served a minimum of ninety days in the service of the United States, as aforesaid, or were discharged by reason of a disability incurred in line of duty. Such war veterans who are disabled as a result of their war service shall be given a credit of ten points in all examinations for appointments. Nondisabled veterans shall be given a credit of five points in all examinations for appointment. All such credit shall be allowed only in determining the standing on the certification of eligibles of said veteran.

(e) Promotion is a change from one class to another class with a higher maximum compensation, and vacancies shall be filled by promotion as far as is consistent with the best interests of the classified service, in the judgment of the **【Commissioner】 Secretary**. Unclassified employees shall have the same right as classified employees to take promotional examinations for positions in the classified service, providing they have the necessary qualifications; and shall also have the right to be temporarily appointed to such positions, when qualified, under the provisions of Section 24(a) of this article.

(f) The **【Commissioner】 Secretary** shall control all examinations and may designate as special examiners any officers or employees of this State or any other person not in the service of this State to conduct and hold such examinations as the **【Commissioner】 Secretary** may direct and to make return and report thereof to him. The **【Commissioner】 Secretary** shall have power to review the findings in all such reports, and may order new examinations if he deems such action desirable. The **【Commissioner】 Secretary** may at any time substitute any other person in the place of any person so designated and may himself conduct such examinations without designating special examiners.

(h)(i) Any person who for a period of one year has been employed continuously (including any period during which he was not so employed due to no fault of his own) by the State Roads Commission as a maintenance man, or on roadside beautification work, or a member of the State Roads Commission weighing crews, may apply to the **【Commissioner】 Secretary** of Personnel for classification as a highway maintenance man.

(ii) If the applicant satisfies the **【Commissioner】 Secretary** of Personnel (1) that he has been continuously employed in maintaining State roads and/or county roads, or on roadside beautification work, under State supervision during the preceding one year (including any period during which he was not so employed due to no fault of his own) and (2) that he is qualified as a highway maintenance man, then the **【Commissioner】 Secretary** of Personnel shall certify the name of the applicant to the State Roads Commission as eligible for appointment as a highway maintenance man, and any man so appointed shall become a part of the classified service.

(iii) All persons employed by the State Roads Commission in the classification of "highway maintenance man," as of June 1, 1961 shall become part of the classified service without further examination.