

(8445.) WELLINGTON INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT PLUMBERS AND GAS-FITTERS.—AMENDMENT OF APPRENTICESHIP ORDER.

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Wellington Industrial District.—In the matter of the Apprentices Act, 1923 ; and in the matter of the Wellington Industrial District Plumbers and Gas-fitters' apprenticeship order, dated the 22nd day of December, 1924, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. XXV, p. 1663.

Thursday, the 10th day of December, 1925.

WHEREAS by section 5 (2) of the Apprentices Act, 1923, the Court is empowered to amend any order made under section 5 (1) of the said Act ; and whereas the Court has heard the duly appointed

representatives of the parties to the Wellington Industrial District Plumbers and Gasfitters' apprenticeship order, dated the 22nd day of December, 1924, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. XXV, p. 1663: Now, therefore, the Court, in pursuance and exercise of the powers vested in it by the said Act, doth hereby order as follows:—

1. That clause 6 of the said order is hereby deleted, and the following provision is substituted therefor:—

“6. The proportion of the total number of apprentices to the total number of journeymen employed in the industry in the district shall be not more than one to two. The proportion of apprentices to any employer or firm shall be as follows: Each firm or employer shall be entitled to one apprentice, provided that the employer or one member of the firm is a registered plumber who himself works at the trade and devotes a sufficient portion of his time to the training and supervision of apprentices; after that the number employed shall not exceed one apprentice to each two journeymen or fraction of two. No employer shall be permitted to employ apprentices to the plumbing trade who is not or does not employ a registered plumber, nor until he has been established in business for at least twelve months and has adequate workshop facilities; Provided that the Court or the Apprenticeship Committee may permit an apprentice or apprentices to be taken by an employer who has been established for less than twelve months on being satisfied that he is able to continue in business.”

2. That clause 7 of the said order is hereby deleted, and the following provision is substituted therefor:—

“7. For the purpose of ascertaining the number of journeymen employed in the trade or industry in the district every employer shall during the month of April in each year furnish to the District Registrar a return of the average number of journeymen employed by him during the twelve months ended on the 31st day of March last preceding. Such average shall be calculated in manner following:—

(a.) The number of journeymen employed for not less than two-thirds full time shall be ascertained for each week of the year ended on the said 31st day of March. An employer may include himself as a journeyman if he himself works at the trade. Journeymen who are absent from work on full pay on any day or days shall be included as if actually employed at work during such absence.

(b.) The weekly numbers ascertained under (a) shall be totalled and the sum divided by 52. If the custom of the employer or of the trade or industry is to suspend operations for not more than two weeks in the year, the week or two weeks during which operations are suspended by the employer shall be omitted from the computation under (a), and the divisor under (b) shall be 51 or 50, as the case may be, instead of 52.”

3. That the provisions of clauses 2 and 3 of the general order of the 4th day of August, 1925, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. XXVA, p. 651, are incorporated in this order, except that the reference in clause 3 to full or part time shall be deemed to be a reference to two-thirds full time.

4. That clause 26 of the first-mentioned order is hereby amended by deleting the words "ten miles" and substituting the words "twenty miles" therefor.

5. That this order shall operate and take effect as from the 1st day of December, 1925.

[L.S.]

F. V. FRAZER, Judge.

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