

WELLINGTON INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT **ELECTRICAL WORKERS.**—  
AMENDMENT OF APPRENTICESHIP ORDER.

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Wellington Industrial District.—In the matter of the Apprentices Act, 1923, and its amendments; and in the matter of the Wellington Industrial District Electrical Workers' apprenticeship order, dated the 20th day of August, 1924, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. XXV, p. 775.

Thursday, the 13th day of November, 1941.

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 Wellington Electrical Workers' Apprenticeship Committee has made application to the Court for an amendment of the Wellington Industrial District Electrical Workers' apprenticeship order, dated the 20th day of August, 1924, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. XXV, p. 775: And whereas the duly appointed delegate of the Court has considered the recommendations made to it by the said Committee and has heard the representatives of the employers and workers bound by the said order: Now, therefore, the duly appointed delegate of the Court, in pursuance and exercise of the powers vested in it by the said Act, doth hereby order as follows:—

1. That clause 8 of the said order shall be deleted, and the following provision substituted therefor:—

“ 8. The minimum rates of wages payable to apprentices shall be—

	Per Week.		
	£	s.	d.
“ For the first six months .. .. .	0	15	0
“ For the second six months .. .. .	0	19	0

	Per Week.		
	£	s.	d.
" For the third six months ..	..	1	3 0
" For the fourth six months ..	..	1	7 0
" For the fifth six months ..	..	1	11 0
" For the sixth six months ..	..	1	15 0
" For the seventh six months ..	..	2	0 0
" For the eighth six months ..	..	2	4 0
" For the ninth six months ..	..	2	8 0
" For the tenth six months ..	..	2	12 0

" All rates of remuneration, including overtime and other special payments provided for in this order, shall be subject to the provisions of the general order dated 9th August, 1940, under the Rates of Wages Emergency Regulations 1940, increasing rates of remuneration by an amount equal to 5 per cent. thereof."

2. That the wage rates prescribed in clause 1 hereof shall apply only to contracts of apprenticeship entered into after the coming into force of this amending order.

3. That clause 9A of the said order, as inserted by the amending order dated the 4th day of April, 1928, and recorded in Book of Awards, Vol. XXVIII, p. 324, shall be deleted and the following provision substituted therefor:—

" 9A. Any apprentice who passes the Government Wiremen's Examination for electrical wiremen in both theory and practice and becomes registered under the Wiremen's Registration Act shall be paid 7s. 6d. per week in addition to the wages prescribed for the fourth year, and 10s. per week in addition to the rates for the fifth year, as from the date of the apprentice's registration under the Wiremen's Registration Act."

4. That clause 4 of the said order shall be deleted and the following provision substituted therefor:—

" 4. Subject to the conditions of this order, a person fourteen years of age or over may commence to serve as an apprentice, provided that such person produces to the Apprenticeship Committee satisfactory written evidence that he has completed the prescribed educational course of not less than two years to a post-primary standard, and that he has completed such course with the minimum of a 40 per cent. pass in each of the following subjects: English, mathematics, and drawing: Provided that where the prescribed course is not available in a school, a correspondence course

to a similar standard may be accepted. The education qualification provisions of this clause shall not be effective until twelve months after the coming into force of this amendment to the order.”

5. That this order shall operate and take effect as from the day of the date hereof.

[L.S.] J. A. GILMOUR, Stipendiary Magistrate,  
Acting as a duly appointed delegate  
of the Court of Arbitration.

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#### MEMORANDUM.

The proposed amendments to the order were agreed to by the Wellington and Napier Apprenticeship Committees, but were opposed by the Palmerston North employers. After hearing evidence and argument at Palmerston North, I have decided to adopt the proposed amendments, with certain alterations to clause 4 which are designed to make the clause more workable. These alterations were submitted to and approved by the Wellington Committee.

J. A. GILMOUR, Stipendiary Magistrate.

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