

**NEW ZEALAND BUILDERS' LABOURERS, QUARRY WORKERS,  
TUNNELLERS, AND GENERAL LABOURERS.—AMENDMENT  
OF AWARD**

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Wellington Industrial District.—In the matter of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1925, and the Economic Stabilization Emergency Regulations 1942; and in the matter of an application for amendment of the New Zealand Builders' Labourers, Quarry Workers, Tunnellers, and General Labourers' award, dated the 19th day of December, 1941, and recorded in 41 Book of Awards 1823.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers vested in it by the Economic Stabilization Emergency Regulations 1942, and upon application made by a party to the New Zealand Builders' Labourers, Quarry Workers, Tunnellers, and General

Labourers' award, dated the 19th day of December, 1941, and recorded in 41 Book of Awards 1823, this Court doth hereby order as follows:—

1. That the said award shall be amended—

(i) By deleting subclauses (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), and (h) of clause 4 (Wages), and substituting therefor the following subclauses:—

“(a) The minimum rate of wages for workers covered by this award shall be 2s. 7½d. per hour.

“(b) Workers employed underground or employed at pick-and-shovel work, sewer-work, kerbing and channelling work, laying and cleaning drains, loading and unloading cement, sand, spoil, shingle, pipes, iron, steel, or building-materials, 2s. 7½d. per hour.

“(c) Workers engaged in feeding concrete-mixers or handling, mixing, or spreading wet concrete shall be paid 2s. 9d. per hour.

“(d) Quarry-work: Certified men using explosives, 2s. 9½d. per hour. Facemen required to work with ropes, 2s. 8½d. per hour. All other workers employed in or about the quarry, 2s. 8d. per hour.

“(e) Workers in charge of the measuring, cutting, and bending of steel for reinforced concrete shall be paid 2s. 9½d. per hour.

“(f) Asphalt and tar workers, 2s. 9½d. per hour.

“(g) Riggers and gear-runners, also workers engaged in, or actually assisting in, the erection and dismantling of scaffolds shall be paid, whilst so employed, not less than 2s. 10½d. per hour.

“(h) Tunnelmen and timbermen, 2s. 10½d. per hour. ‘Tunnel-work’ shall be deemed to mean any underground excavation that is over 15 ft. in length or that requires timbering overhead.”

(ii) By deleting subclauses (e) and (g) of clause 11 (Country Work), and substituting therefor the following subclauses:—

“(e) The employer shall either provide the worker while on country work with suitable board and lodging or, in lieu thereof, pay him for each day of the week other than Sunday the sum of 6s.: Provided that, where through circumstances within the control of the employer a worker is employed upon country work for less than six consecutive days, the employer

shall provide such board and lodging and may not elect to make such payment in lieu thereof. Suitable board and lodging shall include the providing of mattresses and stretchers.

“The provisions of the two general orders of the Court made under the Rates of Wages Emergency Regulations 1940 shall not apply to the payment provided for in this subclause.”

“(g) Notwithstanding anything contained herein, and subject to clause 7 (e) hereof, an employer may agree in writing with any worker that in respect of any specified country work the hours of work shall be other than those hereinbefore prescribed: Provided, however, that all time worked outside or in excess of such prescribed hours shall be considered overtime, and shall be paid for at the rate of 1½d. per hour in addition to the ordinary rates.”

(iii) By deleting subclause (a) of clause 20 (Meal-money), and substituting therefor the following subclause:—

“(a) The employer shall allow meal-money at the rate of 2s. per meal when workers are called upon to work one hour or later after their usual daily time of knocking off, provided such workers cannot reasonably get home for their meals; and provided, further, they have not been notified of such overtime on the day preceding the day on which they are required to work overtime.

“The provisions of the two general orders of the Court made under the Rates of Wages Emergency Regulations 1940 shall not apply to the meal-money payment provided for in this subclause.”

2. That, for the purpose of removing doubts as to the operation of the two general orders of the Court made under the Rates of Wages Emergency Regulations 1940, and dated the 9th August, 1940, and the 31st March, 1942, respectively, it is hereby declared that the amended rates of remuneration provided by this order shall, except where otherwise provided, be increased to the extent and in the manner set forth in the said two general orders of the Court.

3. That this order shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st day of April, 1945.

Dated this 10th day of August, 1945.

[L.S.]

A. TYNDALL, Judge.