

WELLINGTON INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT DENTAL TECHNICIANS.
—AMENDMENT OF APPRENTICESHIP ORDER

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Wellington Industrial District.—In the matter of the Apprentices Act, 1923, and the Economic Stabilization Emergency Regulations 1942; and in the matter of the Wellington Industrial District Dental Technicians' apprenticeship order, dated the 8th day of March, 1937, and recorded in 37 Book of Awards 822.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers vested in it by the Economic Stabilization Emergency Regulations 1942, and upon application made in that behalf for amendment of the

Wellington Industrial District Dental Technicians' apprenticeship order, dated the 8th day of March, 1937, and recorded in 37 Book of Awards 822, this Court doth hereby order as follows:—

1. That the said apprenticeship order shall be amended by deleting clause 10, and substituting therefor the following clause:—

“10. The minimum weekly rates of wages payable to apprentices shall be the undermentioned percentages of the nominal weekly rate of wages for journeymen dental technicians as prescribed by the award or agreement relating to the employment of such journeymen in force from time to time in the locality:—

	Per Cent.
“ For the first six months	23
“ For the second six months	29
“ For the third six months	35
“ For the fourth six months	41
“ For the fifth six months	47
“ For the sixth six months	53
“ For the seventh six months	59
“ For the eighth six months	65
“ For the ninth six months	71
“ For the tenth six months	77

“ Provided that during the period 1st July, 1945, to 17th September, 1945 (both days inclusive), the minimum weekly rates of wages payable to apprentices shall be the above-mentioned percentages of the minimum weekly rate of wages for journeymen “ B ” grade technicians as prescribed by the Wellington Industrial District Dental Technicians' award, dated the 10th day of March, 1938 (38 Book of Awards 339), as amended by order of the Court dated the 23rd day of July, 1945.”

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 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, on and from the date on which it takes effect, be deemed to apply according to its tenor to all contracts of apprenticeship in force on that date and entered into subject to the provisions of the said apprenticeship order.

4. That this order shall be deemed to have taken effect on the 1st day of July, 1945.

Dated this 21st day of December, 1945.

[L.S.]

A. TYNDALL, Judge.

DISSENTING OPINION OF MR. MONTEITH

I dissent from this decision to base the percentages on the minimum rate in the award. In my opinion, where awards provide various classifications of trades and apprentices are bound by contract to one or the other, the percentages should be based on the rate for journeymen in the trade or occupation to which the lads have been apprenticed. As an example, it may happen that two skilled trades may be provided for in the one apprenticeship order, but the minimum wage for the two classes of journeymen may vary by $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. The Court should base the percentages on the respective rates, and not on the lower of the two. It has done so in other cases, and I think that this principle should have been followed here.
