

WESTLAND PLUMBERS AND GASFITTERS.—AMENDMENT OF INDUSTRIAL AGREEMENT

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand.—In the matter of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, 1925, and the Economic Stabilization Emergency Regulations 1942; and in the matter of the Westland Plumbers and Gasfitters' industrial agreement, declared to be an award, and dated the 9th day of May, 1947, and recorded in 47 Book of Awards 779.

In pursuance and exercise of the powers vested in it by the Economic Stabilization Emergency Regulations 1942, and of every other power in that behalf thereunto enabling it, this Court, for the purpose of giving effect to the pronouncement made by it on the 15th day of August, 1947, doth hereby order as follows:—

1. That the said award shall be amended in the manner following:—

(1) By deleting subclause (a) of clause 3 (Wages), and substituting therefor the following subclause:—

“(a) The minimum wage for a plumber and/or gasfitter shall be 3s. 8½d. per hour.”

(2) By deleting clause 22 (Increase in Rates of Remuneration).

2. That this order shall come into force on the 1st day of October, 1947.

Dated this 27th day of August, 1947.

[L.S.]

A. TYNDALL, Judge.

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MEMORANDUM

In making this amendment to give effect to the recent standard wage pronouncement, the Court has maintained the margin above the minimum rate for skilled workers which it established for plumbers and gasfitters when the New Zealand (except Westland) Plumbers and Gasfitters' award was made in October, 1946. In the memorandum to the said award it was made clear that the increase granted at that time was in consideration of the fact that the period of apprenticeship for plumbers is six years.

The rates of remuneration prescribed in the award are *not* to be increased by the application of the provisions of the Court's general orders of 9th August, 1940, and 31st March, 1942.

A. TYNDALL, Judge.