

NORTHERN INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT **OPTICAL EMPLOYEES.**—
AMENDMENT OF AWARD

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 Northern Industrial District Optical Employees' award dated the 19th day of September, 1938, and recorded in 38 Book of Awards 2493.

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 (as amended by Order of the Court dated the 24th day of August, 1945) shall be further amended in the manner following:—

(1) By deleting clause 4 (Wages), and substituting therefor the following clause:—

“ *Wages*

“ 4. Subject to the payment of not less than the basic wage for the time being prevailing to workers of the age of twenty-one years or upwards, the following shall be the minimum rates of wages:—

	Per Week.		
	£	s.	d.
“ (a) Learners—			
“ First six months of service	1	10	0
“ Second six months of service	1	16	0
“ Third six months of service	2	2	0
“ Fourth six months of service	2	7	6
“ Fifth six months of service	2	13	6
“ Sixth six months of service	2	19	0
“ Fourth year	3	10	6
“ Fifth year	4	8	0

“ An employer who is a registered optician shall be entitled to employ one learner.

“ In cases where two or three workers are employed, one of such workers shall have served not less than five years at the trade.

“ In cases where four or more workers are employed, one of such workers shall have served not less than five years at the trade, and one other of such workers shall have served at least three years at the trade.

“ (b) (i) Mechanics shall be paid not less than £7 0s. 2d. per week.

“ (ii) Mechanics in charge of three or more workers shall be classed as ‘ foremen ’ and shall be paid not less than £7 10s. 8d. per week.

“ (c) Attendants :—

	Per Week.			Per Week.		
	Male.			Female.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
“ First six months of service ..	1	10	0	1	10	0
“ Second six months of service ..	1	16	0	1	15	0
“ Third six months of service ..	2	2	0	2	0	0
“ Fourth six months of service ..	2	7	6	2	5	0
“ Fifth six months of service ..	2	13	6	2	10	0
“ Sixth six months of service ..	2	19	0	2	15	0
“ Fourth year	3	10	6	3	2	6
“ Fifth year	4	8	0	3	9	6
“ Thereafter	5	12	0	3	18	2

“ (d) For the purpose of this award ‘ service ’ shall mean service in the establishment of any party to this award or in any other optical establishment throughout New Zealand, except in so far as the Shops and Offices Act or the Factories Act applies, until the completion of three years’ employment in any shop or factory respectively. In the case of mechanics, except where the provisions of the Factories Act apply, the only service counted for the purpose of this award shall be service in an optical workshop.”

(2) By inserting, after clause 4 (Wages), the following new clause :—

“ *Exclusion from Operation of General Orders*

“ 4A. The rates of remuneration provided for in this award shall not be subject to the provisions 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.”

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

Dated this 23rd day of August, 1947.

[L.S.]

A. TYNDALL, Judge.

MEMORANDUM

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.