

**NEW ZEALAND PLUMBING AND GASFITTING INDUSTRY—  
AMENDMENT OF APPRENTICESHIP ORDER**

In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand.—In the matter of the Apprentices Act, 1948; and in the matter of the New Zealand Plumbing and Gasfitting Industry apprenticeship order, dated the 25th day of May, 1948, and recorded in 48 Book of Awards 808.

WHEREAS by section 13 (2) of the Apprentices Act, 1948, the Court is empowered to amend any apprenticeship order: And whereas application has been made to the Court by the New Zealand Plumbers' Apprenticeship Committee for amendment of the New Zealand Plumbing and Gasfitting Industry apprenticeship order, dated the 25th day of May, 1948, and recorded in

48 Book of Awards 808: And whereas the Court has heard the employers, workers, and other persons concerned and has considered the recommendations made to it by the said Committee: Now therefore, the Court, in pursuance and exercise of the powers vested in it by the said Act, doth hereby order as follows:—

1. That the said apprenticeship order shall be amended by deleting clause 11 and substituting therefor the following clause:—

*“ Technical Classes*

“ 11. (a) If and when suitable classes in plumbing and/or gasfitting are, to the satisfaction of the New Zealand Apprenticeship Committee, available during ordinary working hours at a school or other institution approved by the Committee, the Committee may order any apprentice to attend such classes for a period of not more than four hours in each week. Subject to the provisions of subclause (b) of this clause, no deduction from the weekly wages of the apprentice shall be made in respect of such attendance.

“(b) Where an apprentice is ordered to attend classes as provided in subclause (a) of this clause, it shall be obligatory upon the apprentice to attend the classes. Failure to attend for reasons other than sickness or accident shall entitle the employer to make a rateable deduction from the wages of the apprentice.

“(c) An apprentice shall not be required to comply with subclause (a), hereof after the apprentice has passed a qualifying examination of the nature prescribed in subclause (c) of clause 7 of this order.

“(d) In any cases where no suitable classes in plumbing and/or gasfitting are available during ordinary working hours the New Zealand Committee shall have power to order an apprentice, during the first eight periods of his apprenticeship or until he shall have obtained the notification mentioned in subclause (b) of clause 10 of this order, to attend evening classes in a technical school or other approved institution in plumbing and/or gasfitting.

“(e) The employer shall refund to the apprentice when attending classes under either subclause (a) or subclause (d) of this clause the amount paid by the apprentice in tuition fees in respect of each term during which his attendance has been not less than 70 per cent. of the maximum possible.

“(f) When an apprentice resides or works at a distance beyond that at which he can conveniently attend classes at a school or institution approved by the New Zealand Committee, the New Zealand Committee may order him to attend for not

more than four weeks in a year at a school which the New Zealand Committee is satisfied can provide suitable courses of instruction. ('Convenient distance' shall be determined by the New Zealand Committee having regard to distance, transport facilities, and the home circumstances of the apprentice, and to any recommendation that may be made by the local Committee.) Subject to the provisions of subclause (b) of this clause, no deduction from the weekly wage of the apprentice shall be made in respect of such attendance.

“(g) The New Zealand Committee may order any apprentice to enrol with the Education Department's Technical Correspondence School for a course in plumbing theory.”

2. That this order shall operate from the day of the date hereof.

Dated this 22nd day of July, 1949.

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A. TYNDALL, Judge.

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