

NEW PLYMOUTH AND WELLINGTON CITY CORPORATIONS' AND  
CHRISTCHURCH TRANSPORT BOARD'S **COACHWORKERS**—AWARD

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In the Court of Arbitration of New Zealand, Taranaki, Wellington, and Canterbury Industrial Districts.—In the matter of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1925, and its amendments; and in the matter of an industrial dispute between the New Zealand Federated Coach and Motor-body Builders and Related Trades Industrial Association of Workers (hereinafter called “the union”) and the undermentioned corporations and board (hereinafter called “the employers”):

The New Plymouth City Corporation.

The Wellington City Corporation.

The Christchurch Transport Board.

The Court of Arbitration of New Zealand (hereinafter called “the Court”), having taken into consideration the terms of settlement arrived at in the above-mentioned dispute and forwarded directly to the Court pursuant to the provisions of section 3 of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Act (No. 2) 1939, doth hereby order and award:

That, as between the union and the members thereof and the employers and each and every of them, the terms, conditions, and provisions set out in the schedule hereto and of this award shall be binding upon the union and upon every member thereof and upon the employers and upon each and every of them, and that the said terms, conditions, and provisions shall be deemed to be and they are hereby incorporated in and declared to form part of this award; and, further, that the union and every member thereof and the employers and each and every of them shall respectively do, observe, and perform every matter and thing by this award and by the said terms, conditions, and provisions respectively required to be done, observed, and performed, and shall not do anything in contravention of this award or of the said terms, conditions, and provisions, but shall in all respects abide by and perform the same. And the Court doth hereby further award, order, and declare that any breach of the said terms, conditions, and provisions set out in the schedule hereto shall

constitute a breach of this award, and that a penalty as by law provided shall be payable by any party or person in respect thereof. And the Court doth further order that this award shall take effect as hereinafter provided, and shall continue in force until the 31st day of December 1954, and thereafter as provided by subsection (1) (d) of section 89 of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1925.

In witness whereof the seal of the Court of Arbitration hath hereto been affixed, and the Judge of the Court hath hereunto set his hand, this 15th day of March 1954.

[L.S.]

A. TYNDALL, Judge.

#### SCHEDULE

##### *Industry to Which Award Applies*

1. This award shall apply to workers in the coachbuilding and motor-body building industry employed by:

The New Plymouth City Corporation.  
The Wellington City Corporation.  
The Christchurch Transport Board.

##### *Definitions*

2. The following shall be the classes of workers covered by this award:

- (a) *Tradesmen*.—Tradesmen are those workers engaged in the manufacture, repair, or maintenance of motor vehicles and other implements whether such vehicles or implements are made of wood, metal, or composite materials and shall apply to coachbuilders (wood, metal, or composite bodies), spring makers, blacksmiths, welders, vicemen, panel-beaters, painters (including spray-painters), machinists, radiator repairers, trimmers, and trimmers machinists.
- (b) *Class "B" Tradesmen*.—Class "B" tradesmen are *bona fide* tradesmen from allied trades who wish to become coachbuilders. This classification shall apply for a probationary period of three months with the proviso that, by mutual arrangement, a second and final three months may be allowed to a tradesman who may not have become conversant with the work in the first three months.
- (c) *Assemblers*.—Assemblers are workers who are substantially engaged at work necessary in assembling of standardized wood and metal parts of motor vehicles, tramcars, and trolley buses (other than mechanical parts). The work of an assembler shall include the necessary preliminary work to painting up to and including primer coat. An assembler trimmer shall be permitted to tack in and assemble ready cut and sewn materials.
- (d) *Helpers*.—Helpers are workers employed on work not normally done by a tradesman but if any dispute arises as to what a helper may or may not do then the question shall be settled under clause 14 of this award.

##### *Hours of Work*

3. Forty hours shall constitute an ordinary week's work, of which not more than eight hours may be worked on each day from Monday to Friday inclusive, and between the hours of 7.30 a.m. and 5 p.m. The time of starting and ceasing work between these hours shall be mutually arranged, with a break of not more than one hour for lunch.

*Overtime*

4. (a) All work done in excess or outside of the hours mentioned in clause 3 hereof shall count as overtime, and shall be paid for at the rate of time and a half for the first two hours in any one day and double time thereafter.

(b) Any worker who is called back from his home after completing his eight hours' work for the day shall receive a minimum of two hours' pay at overtime rates, provided that all time so worked before 6 a.m. or after 10 p.m. or 12 noon on Saturday shall be paid for at double ordinary time rates.

*Holidays*

5. (a) The following shall be the recognized holidays to be allowed with pay: New Year's Day and the day following, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Anzac Day, the birthday of the reigning Sovereign, Labour Day, Christmas Day, Boxing Day and Anniversary Day or a day to be observed in lieu thereof.

(b) For work done on any of the above-mentioned holidays or on Sundays double rates shall be paid.

(c) Annual holidays shall also be allowed in accordance with the provisions of the Annual Holidays Act, 1944.

(d) Should any of the above holidays, other than Anzac Day, fall on a Saturday or Sunday, then for the purposes of this award, such holiday or holidays shall be observed on the following working day or days.

*Wages*

6. (a) The minimum rates of wages shall be as follows:

	Per Hour
	s. d.
Tradesmen as enumerated in clause 2 (a) .....	5 11½
Tradesmen as enumerated in clause 2 (a) with over two years' continuous service with the same employer .....	6 0¾
Class "B" tradesmen .....	5 10½
Assemblers .....	5 6¾
Assemblers with over two years' continuous service with the same employer .....	5 8
Helpers .....	5 4¼
Helpers with over two years' continuous service with the same employer .....	5 5½

(b) *Chargemen*.—Where a worker has been specially directed by his employer to take charge of any job, and has under his control not less than four workers, such worker shall be paid 4s. per day extra, provided that the job shall extend for one day or more.

*Tool-money*

7. Wood-working coachbuilders who provide their own tools (except drills, taps, hacksaw blades, and files) shall be paid 1½d. per hour for each hour worked.

Metal working coachbuilders who supply their own tools shall receive an allowance of ¾d. per hour for each hour worked.

This tool allowance shall not be paid when the employer provides all necessary tools.

No tool allowance shall be paid to workers who do not maintain their tool kits in a manner that will enable them to carry out their duties efficiently.

*General Provisions*

8. (a) *Clothing*.—All employees covered by this award shall be provided with two suits of overalls per annum.

(b) *Dirty Work*.—Any worker working on undergear of tramcars or working underneath diesel engines shall be paid 2s. 6d. per day extra. Where workers are required to perform other work of an unusually dirty, dangerous, or unpleasant nature, and such other dirty work as may be agreed upon, the worker so engaged shall be entitled to 2s. 6d. per day extra.

(c) *Meal-money*.—The employer shall allow meal-money at the rate of 4s. per meal when employees are called upon to work overtime after 6 p.m. Monday to Friday inclusive, or who continue to work after 1 p.m. on Saturdays or Sundays.

(d) An adult worker required by the employer to do electric welding for less than four hours in a day shall be paid 1s. 5½d. per day extra. For more than four hours in a day 2s. 3½d. per day shall be paid.

*Deductions*

9. (a) The employment shall be deemed to be a weekly one and no deduction shall be made from wages except for time lost through the worker's sickness, or default, or his absence from his work through no fault of the employer.

No less than seven days' written notice shall be given to either party of the termination of the employment: Provided that nothing in this clause shall prevent the employer from summarily dismissing any worker for wilful misconduct.

(b) *Accidents*.—Any worker having to be relieved from duty owing to an accident shall receive a full day's pay for the day on which the accident occurs. The management may demand a medical certificate.

*Travelling Passes*

10. The existing practice as regards the issue of travelling passes shall be continued.

*Workers to be Members of Union*

11. (a) Subject to the provisions of subsection (5) of section 18 of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Act 1936, it shall not be lawful for any employer bound by this award to employ or to continue to employ in any position or employment subject to this award any adult person who is not for the time being a member of an industrial union of workers bound by this award.

(b) For the purposes of subclause (a) of this clause a person of the age of eighteen years or upwards, and every other person who for the time being is in receipt of not less than the minimum rate of wages prescribed by this award for workers of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, shall be deemed to be an adult.

(c) Every person who, being obliged to become a member of any union by the operation of the foregoing provisions, fails to become a member of that union when requested so to do by his employer or any officer or representative of the union, commits a breach of this award, and shall be liable accordingly.

(NOTE.—Attention is drawn to subsection (4) of section 18 of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Act 1936, which gives to workers the right to join the union.)

*Under-rate Workers*

12. (a) Any worker who considers himself incapable of earning the minimum wage fixed by this award may be paid such lower wage as may from time to time be fixed on the application of the worker after due notice to the union, by the local Inspector of Awards or such other person as the Court may from time to time appoint for that purpose; and such Inspector or other person in so fixing such wage shall have regard to the worker's capability, his past earnings, and such other circumstances as such Inspector or other person shall think fit to consider after hearing such evidence and argument as the union and such worker shall offer.

(b) Such permit shall be for such period, not exceeding six months, as such Inspector or other person shall determine, and after the expiration of such period shall continue in force until fourteen days' notice shall have been given to such worker by the secretary of the union requiring him to have his wage again fixed in manner prescribed by this clause: Provided that in the case of any person whose wage is so fixed by reason of old age or permanent disability it may be fixed for such longer period as such Inspector or other person shall think fit.

(c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, it shall be competent for a worker to agree in writing with the president or secretary of the union upon such wage without having the same so fixed.

(d) It shall be the duty of the union to give notice to the Inspector of Awards of every agreement made with a worker pursuant hereto.

(e) It shall be the duty of an employer, before employing a worker at such lower wage, to examine the permit or agreement by which such wage is fixed.

*Emoluments and Privileges*

13. Privileges, emoluments, or conditions of service, enjoyed prior to the signing of this award shall remain in operation subject to such modifications as may be the outcome of local agreement, provided that in the event of no local agreement being reached the difference shall be referred to a Disputes Committee.

*Disputes*

14. The essence of this award being that the work of the employers shall not on any account whatsoever be impeded but shall always proceed as if no dispute had arisen, it is provided that if any dispute or difference shall arise between the parties bound by this award, or any of them, as to any matter arising out of the award (not being a question affecting rates of pay or hours of work) or if any dispute or difference shall arise between the parties, or any of them, in connection with any matter relevant to but not dealt with in the award, every such dispute or difference shall be referred to a committee to be composed of not more than three representatives of each side, together with an independent chairman to be mutually agreed upon or, in default of agreement, to be appointed by the Conciliation Commissioner for the district. Either side shall have the right to appeal to the Court against a decision of any such committee upon giving to the other side written notice of such appeal within fourteen days after such decision has been made known to the party desirous of appealing.

*Access to Workshops*

15. The secretary or other authorized officer of the union of workers shall, with the consent of the employer or his representative (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld), be entitled to enter at all reasonable times upon the premises or works and there interview any workers but not so as to interfere with the employer's business.

*Term of Award*

16. This award, in so far as it relates to rates of wages, shall be deemed to have come into force on the 15th day of September 1953, and so far as all other conditions of the award are concerned it shall come into force on the day of the date hereof; and this award shall continue in force until the 31st day of December 1954.

In witness whereof the seal of the Court of Arbitration hath hereto been put and affixed, and the Judge of the Court hath hereunto set his hand, this 15th day of March 1954.

[L.S.]

A. TYNDALL, Judge.

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MEMORANDUM

The award embodies the terms of settlement arrived at by the assessors in Conciliation Council.

Wages have been made payable retrospectively, in accordance with the agreement of the parties.

A. TYNDALL, Judge.

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