

**NEW ZEALAND PLUMBING AND GASFITTING INDUSTRY—APPLICATION FOR  
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 an application by the New Zealand Plumbers, Gasfitters, and Related Trades Industrial Union of Workers for amendment of the New Zealand Plumbing and Gasfitting Industry Apprenticeship Order, dated the 7th day of May 1957 and recorded in 57 Book of Awards 582.

**JUDGMENT OF THE COURT, DELIVERED BY TYNDALL, J.**

The Court has before it an application by the New Zealand Plumbers, Gasfitters, and Related Trades Industrial Union of Workers asking that subclause (c) of clause 10 of the New Zealand Plumbing and Gasfitting Industry Apprenticeship Order (57 Book of Awards 582) be amended by deleting the proviso and substituting the following:

“Provided that on application made by or through a local committee the New Zealand Committee may, by a resolution passed by a three-fourths majority of the members of the Apprenticeship Committee present and voting on the resolution, fix the number of apprentices or the proportion of apprentices to journeymen.”

The proviso which the applicant seeks to have deleted reads:

“Provided that on application made by or through a local committee the New Zealand Committee may fix the number of apprentices or the proportion of apprentices to journeymen that may be employed by any employer.”

The application was strongly opposed by the New Zealand Federation of Master Plumbers Industrial Association of Employers.

The views of the members of the New Zealand Apprenticeship Committee were conveyed to the Court by the Commissioner of Apprenticeship. After giving careful consideration to the submissions of the parties, the Court has decided to decline the application.

Dated this 21st day of April 1960.

A. TYNDALL, Judge.