

INVERCARGILL CITY COUNCIL ELECTRICAL INSPECTORS AND TEST ROOM
STAFF—INDUSTRIAL AGREEMENT

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THIS industrial agreement made in pursuance of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1954 this 24th day of July 1963 between the Corporation of the Mayor, Councillors and Citizens of the City of Invercargill (hereinafter referred to as "the employer") of the one part and the Otago and Southland Electrical Workers Industrial Union of Workers (hereinafter referred to as "the union") of the other part, whereby it is mutually agreed between the said parties hereto as follows, that is to say:

SCHEDULE

Industry to Which Agreement Applies

1. This agreement shall apply to electrical inspectors and electrical test room technicians employed by the Invercargill City Council.

Definitions

2. (a) "Electrical Inspectors" means a qualified and registered inspector whose work includes the inspecting and testing of all consumers' installations, the maintenance and installation of meters and other instruments and equipment on consumers' premises such as comes within the scope of the Electrical Supply and Wiring Regulations 1935 and its amendments.

(b) "Test room technician" means a worker, who, being a registered electrical wireman, carries out test room work under the direction of the Assistant Electrical Engineer.

Wages

3. (a) The following shall be the annual salary of the under-mentioned workers:

	Per Year
	£
Senior inspector	1,150
Other inspectors	1,050
Senior test room technicians	1,060
Other test room technicians	1,030

(b) Adult workers with 12 months or more continuous service with the Invercargill City Council Electricity Department shall be paid a service bonus of 7s. 6d. per week, and after five years of such service this bonus shall be increased to 11s. 3d. per week.

(c) A worker holding the Electricians Advanced Trade Certificate shall be paid an additional £35 per annum.

Hours of Work

4. The normal hours of work shall not exceed 37½ per week from Monday to Friday inclusive. The normal hours shall be worked between 8.30 a.m. and 5 p.m. No additional payment shall be paid for work done in addition or outside the above hours or on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

Terms of Employment

5. (a) No deduction shall be made from the annual salaries except for time lost through the worker's sickness accident or default.

(b) Notice of the termination of employment shall be in accordance with the conditions of the worker's appointment; failing any such condition a fortnight's notice shall be given by either side.

Holidays

6. (a) The following shall be allowed as holidays: Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day, the day following New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Anzac Day, Labour Day, Anniversary Day (or a day in lieu thereof), the birthday of the reigning Sovereign and any other day that may be authorised by the employer as a holiday.

(b) An annual holiday of three weeks shall be allowed on full pay to each worker.

General Conditions

7. (a) Workers shall provide themselves with the necessary overcoat and leggings for use in wet weather on outside work and shall be paid 2s. 4d. per week allowance.

(b) Two suits of overalls shall be supplied annually or as required.

(c) It shall be the duty of the employer to provide suitable accommodation wherein employees may keep their clothes, good ventilation, and proper sanitary arrangements, also a sufficient supply of hot water at meal times and for washing at knock off times.

(d) Workers shall be allowed a rest period of 10 minutes each morning and afternoon at a time to be mutually arranged between the employer and the worker.

(e) Soap and towels shall be supplied by the employer, the towels to be laundered weekly at the employer's expense.

Matters Not Provided For

8. Any dispute in connection with any matter not provided for in this agreement shall be settled between the employer and the secretary of the union, and in default of any agreement being arrived at then such dispute shall be referred to the Conciliation Commissioner for the district, who may either decide the same or refer the matter to the Court. Either party if dissatisfied with the decision of the Commissioner may appeal to the Court upon giving written notice of such appeal to the other party within 14 days after such decision shall have been communicated to the party desiring to appeal.

First Aid Kit

9. (a) A modern first aid kit fully equipped shall be kept in a convenient and accessible place on each of the department's vehicles and at the depot.

(b) The St. John Ambulance first aid compressed kit shall be the first-aid case to be kept as required in subclause (a) and shall be open for inspection once a month.

(c) All employees shall be instructed at least once per month in the methods of artificial respiration, bandaging, and stopping of bleeding.

Sick Leave

10. Employees with under two years of service to be allowed full pay for a period not exceeding one week in any one year. Employees with service over two years and up to five years to be allowed full pay for a period not exceeding two weeks in any one year, and employees who have service of five years and over to be allowed full pay for a period not exceeding one month in any one year whilst absent from work through sickness. After the expiry of the above periods on full pay half pay to be granted for similar periods if the employee is still absent from duty through sickness. These provisions shall not apply where accumulated leave clause is more beneficial to the employee.

A medical certificate must be furnished by the employee to his employer in support of the employee's claim for sick pay, such medical certificate to be in the hands of the City Council or its Chief Executive Officer not later than 12 noon on the third day that the employee is off duty through sickness, otherwise payment of wages will cease. In the case of a junior worker under the age of 18 years, a medical certificate must be furnished, but the City Council will bear the cost of such certificate and the City Council reserves the right to nominate the medical officer to examine the employee and furnish the certificate.

If sickness does not occur in any year sick leave up to one week shall accumulate for the following years of service if sickness occurs later but with a maximum of three months' sick leave on full pay followed by an equal term on half pay.

For the purposes of calculating sick leave, "service" shall mean continuous service with the City Council and shall be calculated as from the appointment of the employee to the City Council's service.

Right of Entry

11. (a) The secretary of the union or any other person duly appointed shall be allowed access to any workshop at any time for the purpose of interviewing any worker coming within the scope of this agreement upon business connected therewith, but not so as to interfere unreasonably with the employer's business, and the employer shall give recognition to any worker who is appointed as a shop steward.

(b) The employer shall, once every six months, if requested, supply a list of workers in his employment to the secretary of the union.

Under-rate Workers

12. (a) Any worker who considers himself incapable of earning the minimum wage fixed by this agreement 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 capabilities, 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 14 days notice shall have been given to such worker by the secretary of the union requiring him to have his wage again fixed in the manner prescribed by this agreement 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 the inspector or other person shall determine.

(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 the employer before employing a worker at such lower wage to examine the permit or agreement by which such wage is fixed.

Unqualified Preference

13. (a) Any adult person engaged or employed in any position or employment subject to this agreement shall, if he is not already a member of the union of workers bound by this agreement, become a member of such union within 14 days after his engagement or after this clause comes into force as the case may require.

(b) Subject to sub-clause (a) hereof every adult person so engaged or employed shall remain a member of the union of workers bound by this agreement so long as he continues in any position or employment subject to this agreement.

(c) Every worker obliged under subclause (a) hereof to become a member of the union who fails to become a member as required by that subclause after being requested to do so by an officer or authorised representative of the union and every worker who fails to remain a member of the union in accordance with subclause (b) hereof commits a breach of this agreement.

(d) Every employer bound by this agreement commits a breach of this agreement if he continues to employ any worker to whom subclauses (a) and (b) apply after having been notified by an officer or authorised representative of the union that the worker has been requested to become a member of the union and has failed to do so or that the worker having become a member of the union has failed to remain a member.

Term of Agreement

14. This agreement shall, in so far as wages are concerned, be deemed to have come into force on the 1st day of July 1963, and in so far as the other conditions are concerned it shall come into force on the day of the date hereof and shall continue in force until the 31st day of March 1965.

Signed on behalf of the Otago and Southland Electrical Workers Industrial Union of Workers.

W. C. McDONNELL, Secretary.

Signed on behalf of the Mayor, Councillors and Citizens of the City of Invercargill.

N. L. WATSON, Mayor.
L. A. BEST, Town Clerk.