

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 22nd day of August 1967, and recorded in 67 Book of Awards 1683.

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 Plumbing and Gasfitting Apprenticeship Committee for amendment of the New Zealand Plumbing and Gasfitting Industry apprenticeship order dated the 22nd day of August 1967: And whereas the Court has considered the recommendations made to it by the said Committee and has heard the employers, workers, and other persons concerned: 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 paragraphs (i) and (ii) of subclause (a) of clause 11 (Wages) and substituting therefore the following paragraphs—

“(i) For apprentices who have not obtained a pass in School Certificate subjects giving admission to Form VI under Education Department criteria including at least 40 percent marks in mathematics or general science (including one of the physics options):

					Percent
First 1,000-hour period	..	..	..	..	42
Second 1,000-hour period	..	..	..	..	47
Third 1,000-hour period	..	..	..	..	52
Fourth 1,000-hour period	..	..	..	..	57
Fifth 1,000-hour period	..	..	..	..	62
Sixth 1,000-hour period	..	..	..	..	67
Seventh 1,000-hour period	..	..	..	..	72
Eighth 1,000-hour period	..	..	..	..	77
Ninth 1,000-hour period	..	..	..	..	83
Tenth 1,000-hour period	..	..	..	..	89

- (ii) For apprentices who have obtained a pass in School Certificate subjects giving admission to Form VI under Education Department criteria including at least 40 per cent marks in mathematics or general science (including one of the physics options):

				Percent
First 1,000-hour period	..	..	..	47
Second 1,000-hour period	..	..	..	52
Third 1,000-hour period	..	..	..	57
Fourth 1,000-hour period	..	..	..	62
Fifth 1,000-hour period	..	..	..	67
Sixth 1,000-hour period	..	..	..	72
Seventh 1,000-hour period	..	..	..	77
Eighth 1,000-hour period	..	..	..	83
Ninth 1,000-hour period	..	..	..	89
Tenth 1,000-hour period	..	..	..	89"

2. That this order shall operate and take effect as from the day of the date hereof.

Dated this 17th day of December 1968.

J. B. THOMSON, Judge.

#### MEMORANDUM

The amendment to clause 11 of the order is made as requested with the addition of the words "including one of the physics options" after the words "general science" in the new paragraphs (i) and (ii). This addition was agreed to by all the parties.

The Committee also sought an amendment to clause 12 (f) of the order. Subclause (f) is at present in the following terms:

"(f) As an alternative to attendance at evening classes the New Zealand Committee may order any apprentice to enrol for and carry on with the Education Department's Technical Correspondence Institute a course in theory relating to his trade to the level of the Trade Certificate Examination."

The amendment sought by the Committee was to the effect that apprentices could also be ordered to attend tutorial classes where they can be provided. This presumably means where they are in fact provided and are available. The amendment was opposed by the Department of Education. It considers that the fact that the tutorial classes are voluntary contributes greatly to their success. They are conducted by secondary school teachers working overtime, and these teachers would not look with favour on the inclusion of directed and therefore probably reluctant students. The Technical Correspondence Institute courses are complete courses in themselves. The tutorial classes are not of a technical nature, and the intention is to make available a supplement to the correspondence course in such matters as calculations if enough students desire it. Compulsion would therefore alter the character of the classes.

The Court has given careful consideration to the representations made on behalf of the Committee but considers that the view propounded by the Education Department is to be preferred. The Court thinks that if a boy is having difficulty with his correspondence assignments and cannot be persuaded under the considerable pressures which are available to a district committee to seek assistance at tutorial classes it is not at all likely that anything will be gained by ordering him to attend. The Court therefore has not amended clause 12 (f) of the Order.

J. B. THOMSON, Judge.