

Amendments to the Regulations under the Government Railways Act, 1908.

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House at Wellington, this 9th day of September, 1929.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred upon him by the Government Railways Act, 1926, and its amendments, by the Master and Apprentice Act, 1908, and its amendments, and of all other powers and authorities enabling him in this behalf, His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, doth hereby amend or further amend the regulations made under the Government Railways Act, 1908, on the twelfth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, in the manner set forth hereunder.

By cancelling paragraph (d) of Regulation 9 and inserting the following paragraphs:—

- (d) In the case of an apprentice, the Sixth Standard of the Government schools, but applicants possessing higher educational qualifications may be given preference in the matter of appointment;
- (e) In every other case, the Fifth Standard of the Government schools.

By omitting from Regulation 16 the provisions as to age at entry of the following classes of workmen and substituting therefor the following:—

	Age at Entry.
As a labourer	21 to 39 years last birthday.
As a tradesman	20 to 39

By omitting from paragraph (b) of Regulation 22 the words "three months" and substituting therefor the words "six months."

By omitting from the first sentence of Regulation 25 the words "three months" and substituting therefor the words "six months."

By cancelling Regulation 34 and substituting therefor the following:—

34. (a) Every apprentice shall be indentured to the Works Manager (or to the Foreman of Works or Works Foreman in cases where there is no Works Manager) who is in charge of the workshop in which such apprentice is to be employed: Provided, however, that apprentices in branches other than the Locomotive or Maintenance Branches shall be indentured either to the Officer in Charge of the branch or to any other person in the branch who may be in a position to give proper attention to the training of such apprentices.

(b) The Chief Mechanical Engineer in respect of apprentices in the Locomotive Branch, the Chief Engineer in respect of apprentices in the Maintenance Branch, the Officer in Charge of the Advertising Branch, and the Officers in Charge of other branches in respect of apprentices under their respective control, shall determine the course of shop training, and such course shall be arranged in accordance with and subject to the facilities for training at each shop respectively.

By cancelling Regulation 35 and substituting therefor the following:—

35. (a) The period of apprenticeship shall be five years, and each year of such apprenticeship shall be deemed to comprise 313 working-days: Provided that for the purpose of this regulation annual leave granted in pursuance of the regulations, leave granted in pursuance of subparagraph (i) of paragraph (1) of Regulation 143, time during which compulsory military-training camps are being attended (provided attendance at any such camp is not due to the failure of the apprentice to fulfil his ordinary military obligations), time during which workshops are closed, or during which an apprentice shall be absent from work as the result of an accident arising out of and in the course of his employment, shall be deemed to be time worked.

(b) Every apprentice shall be required to make up any time lost by him in any year of his apprenticeship if the time lost does not come within the provisions of the last preceding paragraph as time deemed to be worked, and no increase in wages shall become payable to an apprentice until he has duly completed the previous year of his apprenticeship.

By cancelling Regulation 71 and substituting therefor the following:—

71. (a) This regulation shall apply only to apprentices in the Locomotive and Maintenance Branches.

(b) Every apprentice who shall obtain 80 per cent. or more of the possible marks at any of the annual examinations to be held in pursuance of subparagraph (a) of paragraph (2) of Regulation 143, and in the same year shall obtain a like percentage of the marks awarded in terms of subparagraph (b) of that paragraph, shall be awarded a diploma allowance of $\frac{3}{4}$ ths of a penny per hour, but such allowance shall not be paid to any apprentice who shall have failed in any previous year to attain the 65 per cent. standard required by subparagraphs (c) and (d) of the said paragraph (2). The said diploma allowance shall be subject to the provisions of paragraph (d) of this regulation.

(c) The said diploma allowance shall be paid for a period of twelve calendar months commencing on the day the results of departmental examinations are notified or on the day on which certificates issued by public technical schools or colleges are produced to the master as the case may be, and shall be in addition to the classified rate of pay.