

APPRENTICES.

No. 34 of 1952.

AN ACT to amend the *Apprentices Act* 1942. [17 October, 1952.]

BE it enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows:—

- 1**—(1) This Act may be cited as the *Apprentices Act* 1952. Short title and citation
- (2) The *Apprentices Act* 1942, as subsequently amended, is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.
- 2** Section nine of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after paragraph VI. of subsection (1) the following paragraph:— Powers of Commission.
- “VIA. Endorse, if an apprentice has duly served his term of apprenticeship and performed all other conditions of his indentures, upon the apprentice’s part of the indentures a certificate to that effect under the common seal of the commission:”.
- 3** Section fifteen of the Principal Act is amended by adding the following subsection at the end thereof:— Form and effect of indentures.
- “ (4) Any failure to carry out the terms of indentures of apprenticeship by any party thereto shall be an offence against this Act.”. Cf. 11 Geo. V., No. 51, s. 54 (1).

4 Section twenty of the Principal Act is amended by omitting subsection (2) and substituting therefor the following subsection:— Apprentices to attain prescribed standards of efficiency.

“(2) No increased rate for proficiency shall be payable in any year of apprenticeship unless the apprentice in the

immediately preceding year thereof attained the prescribed standard of proficiency; but—

- I. Where an apprentice has been duly admitted to some year of the apprenticeship course other than the first year the commission shall determine whether or not he shall be paid any increased rate for proficiency during his first year of service: and
- II. Where an apprentice has, before beginning his apprenticeship, attained some prescribed standard of learning, he shall be paid during his first year of service such increased rate as may be prescribed as for proficiency.”.

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to attend
classes, &c.

5 Section twenty-one of the Principal Act is amended by omitting subsection (2) and substituting therefor the following subsection:—

“(2) The employer of an apprentice shall allow him during his term of apprenticeship time equivalent on the average to not more than four hours per week, without deduction therefor from his wages, for attendance at classes or otherwise obtaining instruction by day as may be directed by the Commission.”.

Regulations.

6 Section twenty-eight of the Principal Act is amended—

- (a) by omitting from sub-paragraph (f) of paragraph IV. of subsection (2) the words “not exceed four hours per week” and substituting therefor the words “be equivalent, on the average, to not more than four hours per week”;
- (b) by omitting from sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph VII. of that subsection the words “(for any year other than the first year)” and by inserting after the word “proficiency”, the words “or learning”; and
- (c) by adding at the end thereof the following subsection:—

“(4) Rates of pay, including overtime rates and increased rates for proficiency or learning, may differ in respect of different stages of the apprenticeship course; may be prescribed by reference to, or made to depend on, an award, determination, or order of an authority empowered to fix, determine, or decide wages under any Act or Commonwealth Act; and may be made to relate back to the commencement of any pay period current when the relevant regulation is published in the *Gazette*.”.