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INDUSTRIAL TRAINING

Industrial Training Levy (Distributive Industry) Order (Northern Ireland) 1985

Made	*7th March 1985*
Coming into operation . . .	*18th April 1985*

Whereas proposals made by the Distributive Industry Training Board(**a**) ("the Board") for the raising and collection of a levy have been submitted to, and approved by, the Department of Economic Development ("the Department") under Article 23(1) of the Industrial Training (Northern Ireland) Order 1984(**b**) ("the Order of 1984");

And whereas the Department estimates that the amount which will be payable by any employer in the distributive industry by virtue of this Order does not exceed an amount which the Department estimates is equal to one per cent of the relevant emoluments being the aggregate of the emoluments and payments intended to be disbursed as emoluments which have been paid or are payable by any such employer to or in respect of persons employed in the industry, in respect of the period specified in the levy proposals as relevant, that is to say the period hereafter referred to in this Order as the "fourteenth base period";

And whereas in pursuance of Article 23(3) of the Order of 1984 the said proposals include provision for the exemption from the levy of employers who, in view of the small amount of the relevant emoluments, ought in the opinion of the Department to be exempted from it;

And whereas the Department is satisfied that remission proposals submitted to it by the Board in pursuance of Article 25(1) of the Order of 1984 provide for full remission of the remissible part of the levy in such cases as the Department considers appropriate;

And whereas the levy proposals do not include proposals that the amount of the non-remissible part of the levy will exceed two-tenths of one per cent of the relevant emoluments;

Now, therefore, the Department in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 23(2), (3) and (4) and 24(3) and (4) of the Order of 1984, and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Industrial Training Levy (Distributive Industry) Order (Northern Ireland) 1985 and shall come into operation on 18th April 1985.

(**a**) Established under the Industrial Training (Distributive Board) Order (Northern Ireland) 1969, S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1969 No. 126 as amended by S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1972 No. 130

(**b**) S.I. 1984/1159 (N.I. 9)

(2) In this Order—

"assessment" means an assessment of an employer to the levy;

"business" means any activities of industry or commerce;

"distributive establishment" means an establishment in Northern Ireland engaged wholly or mainly in the distributive industry for a total of twenty-seven or more weeks in the fourteenth base period, or, being an establishment that commenced to carry on business in the fourteenth base period, for a total number of weeks exceeding one half of the number of weeks in the part of the said period commencing with the day on which business was commenced and ending on the last day thereof;

"distributive industry" means any one or more of the activities which, subject to the provisions of paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to the Industrial Training (Distributive Board) Order (Northern Ireland) 1969(**a**), are specified in paragraph 1 of that Schedule as the activities of the distributive industry;

"dock worker" has the same meaning as in section 6(8) of the Contracts of Employment and Redundancy Payments Act (Northern Ireland) 1965(**b**);

"emoluments" means all emoluments assessable to income tax under Schedule E (other than pensions), being emoluments from which tax under that Schedule is deductible, whether or not tax in fact falls to be deducted from any particular payment thereof;

"employer" means a person who is an employer in the distributive industry at any time in the fourteenth levy period;

"fourteenth base period" means the year that commenced on 6th April 1984;

"fourteenth levy period" means the period commencing with the date upon which this Order comes into operation and ending on 31st March 1986;

"levy" means the levy imposed by the Board in respect of the fourteenth levy period;

"notice" means a notice in writing.

(3) Any reference in this Order to an establishment that commences to carry on business or that ceases to carry on business shall not be taken to apply where the location of the establishment is changed but its business is continued wholly or mainly at or from the new location, or where the suspension of activities is of a temporary or seasonal nature.

Imposition and assessment of the levy for the fourteenth levy period

2.—(1) The levy to be imposed on employers shall be assessed in accordance with the provisions of this Article.

(2) The levy shall be assessed by the Board separately in respect of each distributive establishment of an employer, but in agreement with the employer one assessment may be made in respect of any number of such establishments, in which case those establishments shall be deemed for the purposes of that assessment to constitute one establishment.

(3) Subject to the provisions of this Article, the amount of the levy imposed on an employer in respect of a distributive establishment shall be equal to 0.75 per centum of the relevant emoluments paid and payable to or in respect of all persons employed by the employer at or from that establishment in the fourteenth base period and the part of the levy not to be eligible for remission shall be an amount equal to 0.1875 per centum of such emoluments.

(**a**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1969 No. 126 as amended by S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1972 No. 130
(**b**) 1965 c. 19 (N.I.)