Paragraph 4.
Notwithstanding anything contained in paragraph 3 the general minimum time rates for workers under 18 years of age are payable to such workers only if they are employed under conditions which, in the circumstances of the case, offer a reasonable prospect of advancement to the general minimum time rate of *2s. 1d.* per hour. Otherwise the general minimum time rate of *2s. 1d.* per hour is payable irrespective of age.

PIECE WORK BASIS TIME RATES

	Per hour s.	d.
Paragraph 5. Male Workers	*3*	*2½*
Paragraph 6. Female Workers	*2*	*2"*

The Wholesale Mantle and Costume Wages Council (Northern Ireland) Wages Regulation Order, 1956

1956. No. 205 **[NC]**

Whereas the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance (hereinafter in this Order referred to as "the Ministry") has received from the Wholesale Mantle and Costume Wages Council (Northern Ireland) the wages regulation proposals set out in the Schedule hereto;

Now, therefore, the Ministry by virtue of the powers conferred on it by Section 10 of the Wages Councils Act (Northern Ireland), 1945(a), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

1. The wages regulation proposals set out in the Schedule hereto shall have effect on and from the specified date and as from the date immediately preceding the specified date the Wholesale Mantle and Costume Wages Council (Northern Ireland) Wages Regulation Order, 1954(b) and the Wholesale Mantle and Costume Wages Council (Northern Ireland) Wages Regulation (Amendment) Order, 1955(c) shall cease to have effect.

2. In this Order the expression "the specified date" means the 31st day of December, 1956, provided that where, as respects any worker who is paid wages at intervals not exceeding seven days, that date does not correspond with the beginning of the period for which the wages are paid, the expression "the specified date" means, as respects that worker, the beginning of the next such period following that date.

3. This Order may be cited as the Wholesale Mantle and Costume Wages Council (Northern Ireland) Wages Regulation Order, 1956.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance for Northern Ireland this
(L.S.) thirteenth day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-six in the presence of

R. W. Steele,
Assistant Secretary to the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance for Northern Ireland.

(a) 1945, Ch. 21.
(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1954, No. 103.
(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1955, No. 179.

SCHEDULE.

The following minimum remuneration shall be substituted for the statutory minimum remuneration fixed by the Wholesale Mantle and Costume Wages Council (Northern Ireland) Wages Regulation Order, 1954 (Order N.I.W.M. (37)).

STATUTORY MINIMUM REMUNERATION

"GENERAL MINIMUM TIME RATES AND PIECE WORK BASIS TIME RATES FOR MALE WORKERS

Column 1	Column 2	Col. 3	Col. 4
Class of Worker	Qualifying period of employment or age	General Minimum Time Rates	Piece Work Basis Time Rates
		Per hour s. d.	Per hour s. d.
Paragraph 1. The general minimum time rates and piece work basis time rates respectively set out in Columns 3 and 4 apply to a male worker with the qualifications set out in Column 2 as follows:—			
(*a*) MEASURE CUTTER, that is, a person employed in any process of measure cutting and capable of taking a complete set of measures, and of cutting all garments for a female person from patterns.	Not less than four years' employment after the age of 19 in actual cutting processes, including not less than three years' employment as a measure cutter, but excluding designing.	*3* 7½	*3* 9¼
(*b*) CUTTER, that is, a person employed in: (i) marking-in or marking-up cloth or linings or other materials; (ii) laying-up, hooking-up or folding cloth or linings or other materials; (iii) cutting cloth or linings or other materials; (iv) dividing (the process ordinarily carried on by cutters or their assistants of dividing, parting or separating the parts of garments after being cut, and of assembling them into suitable bundles for making up).	Not less than three years' employment after the age of 19 as a cutter of any of the classes specified in Column 1 or as a knifeman.	*3* 5¼	*3* 7¼
(*c*) KNIFEMAN, that is, a person employed on band, electric or hand-knife operations	Not less than three years' employment after the age of 19 as a knifeman or cutter.	*3* 5¼	*3* 7¼
(*d*) TAILOR, that is, a person employed in sewing by hand in the process of making a garment or portion of a garment.	Not less than three years' employment after the age of 19 as a tailor.	*3* 5¼	*3* 7¼

Column 1 Class of Worker	Column 2 Qualifying period of employment or age	Col. 3 General Minimum Time Rates	Col. 4 Piece Work Basis Time Rates
		Per hour s. d.	Per hour s. d.
(*e*) FITTER-UP, that is, a person employed in fitting-up (a process between that of cutting and that of sewing, basting or machining, which consists of preparing or fitting accurately the various parts of the garment before being basted, sewn or machined, such work of preparing or fitting being always done by shears or knives or other cutting appliances, sewing, basting or machining forming no part of the process of fitting-up).	Not less than three years' employment after the age of 19 as a fitter-up or tailor.	3 5¼	3 7¼
(*f*) PASSER, that is, a person employed in examining garments in the process of being made up or upon completion.	Not less than three years' employment after the age of 19 as a passer or tailor.	3 5¼	3 7¼
(*g*) PRESSER, that is, a person employed in pressing off by hand or by machine.	Not less than three years' employment after the age of 19 as a presser or under-presser.	3 5¼	3 7¼
(*h*) MACHINIST, that is, a person employed in machining other than as a plain machinist.	Not less than three years' employment after the age of 19 as a machinist or plain machinist.	3 5¼	3 7¼
(*i*) UNDER-PRESSER, that is, a person employed in pressing processes other than pressing off.	Not less than three years' employment after the age of 19 as an under-presser or presser.	3 2	3 3¼
(*j*) PLAIN MACHINIST, that is, a person employed in the processes of making up plain sleeves, facings, linings, inside pockets, quilting and padding.	Not less than three years' employment after the age of 19 as a plain machinist or machinist.	3 2	3 3¼
Paragraph 2. MALE WORKERS (including OUTWORKERS) other than those for whom minimum rates are specified in paragraphs 1 and 3. The expression "Outworker" means a worker who works in his own home or in any other place not under the control or management of the employer.	--	3 0½	3 2
Paragraph 3. MALE LEARNERS (as defined in paragraph 7).			
	Workers aged under 15 yrs.	1 3¾	
	„ 15 and under 16 yrs.	1 4½	
	„ 16 „ 17 „	1 7½	
	„ 17 „ 18 „	1 11½	
	„ 18 „ 19 „	2 2½	
	„ 19 „ 20 „	2 5½	
	„ 20 „ 21 „	2 8½	
	„ 21 years and over	3 1½	

Late Entrants

Paragraph 4.

Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 3, a male learner who commences employment in the trade at or over the age of 19 years may be employed for a period of twelve months as follows:—

(*a*) for the first six months of employment, at a general minimum time rate of *2s. 1¼d.* per hour.

(*b*) for the second six months of employment, at a general minimum time rate of *2s. 3¼d.* per hour.

Provided that these general minimum time rates shall be increased by 1¾d. per hour in the case of any such worker who is 22 years of age or over.

On the expiration of twelve months' employment in the trade, such worker shall be entitled to the minimum rate appropriate to a worker of his age.

GENERAL MINIMUM TIME RATES FOR FEMALE WORKERS

Paragraph 5.

Female Workers other than Learners (as defined in paragraph 7)—

	Per hour s.	d.
(*a*) Female Workers (including Out-Workers) other than workers of the class specified in sub-paragraph (*b*) ... ... The expression "Out-worker" means a worker who works in her own home or in any other place not under the control or management of the employer.	2	2¾
(*b*) Conveyor Belt Machinists, i.e., female workers, employed in machining any work conveyed to or from the worker on a mechanical conveyor belt	2	4¼

Paragraph 6.

Female Learners (as defined in, and whose employment complies with, the conditions specified in paragraphs 7 to 9)—

Period of Employment	Learners Commencing at					
	14 and under 15 years of age	15 and under 16 years of age	16 and under 21 years of age	21 years of age and over		
	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4		
	Per Hour					
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.			s. d.
During 1st six months of employment	1 1¾	1 2	1 2¾	1st three months		1 7¼
„ 2nd „ „ „	1 2¾	1 3¼	1 4	2nd	„	1 10¼
„ 3rd „ „ „	1 5¼	1 6	1 7½	3rd	„	2 0
„ 4th „ „ „	1 6	1 7	1 10¾	4th	„	2 1
„ 3rd year of employment	1 9¼	1 11¾	—			
„ 4th „ „ „	2 0	—	—			

DEFINITION AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT OF LEARNERS

Paragraph 7.

A learner (male or female) is a worker who—

(*a*) is employed during the whole or a substantial part of his or her time in learning any branch or process of the trade by an employer who provides the learner with reasonable facilities for such learning; and

(*b*) has received a certificate, or has been registered in accordance with rules from time to time laid down by the Wages Council, or has made application for such certificate or registration which has been duly acknowledged and is still under consideration. Provided that the certification or registration of a learner will become invalid if at any time during learnership the provisions set out in this Schedule relating thereto are not complied with.