his ceasing to be employed by the authority, any superannuation allowance, pension or gratuity.

(4C) For the purposes of the last two preceding paragraphs the expression " local authority " means the council of any county, county borough or other borough, or urban or rural district, a board of guardians, the commissioners of a town, and any committee or board appointed wholly or partly by a county, borough or district council or board of guardians or by several such councils or boards jointly, and includes any person or persons appointed under any enactment to exercise any powers or perform any duties of a local authority in the place of that authority."

2. This Order may be cited as the Conditions of Employment and National Arbitration (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland), 1943.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland this twenty-first day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-three, in the presence of

(L.S.) (Signed) *John F. Gordon*,
Minister of Labour for Northern Ireland.

Control of Employment (Directed Persons).

ORDER, DATED 21ST JUNE, 1943, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER REGULATION 58A OF THE DEFENCE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1939.

1943. No. 72.

The Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland (hereinafter referred to as " the Ministry ") by virtue of the powers conferred on it by Regulation 58A of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, hereby makes the following Order :—

Short title, commencement and interpretation.

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Control of Employment (Directed Persons) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1943, and shall come into force on the 1st July, 1943.

(2) The expression " directed person " means a person in respect of whom directions are in force, given to him whether before or after the coming into force of this Order by the Ministry or a national service officer under paragraph (1) of Regulation 58A of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, to perform services for an employer.

Duration of employment of directed persons.

2.—(1) Subject as hereafter in this Order provided, the employer of a directed person shall retain that person in his employment for the period specified in the directions, unless before the expiration of that

period the directed person is discharged for serious misconduct or the directions are withdrawn.

(2) Any directions given before the date of the coming into force of this Order and in force on that date shall, if there was no period specified therein, have effect as if there was a period specified therein ending on the expiration of six months after the said date.

Application to withdraw directions.

3.—(1) A directed person or the employer of any such person may make application in writing to a national service officer for the withdrawal of any directions, stating the grounds upon which the application is made.

(2) A national service officer shall either withdraw or refuse to withdraw the directions so far as is practicable within seven days of the receipt of the application by him, and where he withdraws any directions he shall communicate that fact in writing to the directed person and to his employer.

(3) Where a directed person makes application for the withdrawal of directions on the ground that he is stood off by his employer from his work without wages, the national service officer shall, if satisfied of the truth of the said ground, withdraw the directions, provided that any such application shall be made during a period while the directed person is being so stood off or within three days of the termination of any such period.

(4) The dismissal of a directed person for serious misconduct shall in the first instance be provisional only and if—

(*a*) within the period allowed by paragraph (1) of the next succeeding Article he requires the national service officer to submit the matter to a Local Appeal Board ; and

(*b*) the national service officer directs the reinstatement of the directed person under paragraph (3) of that Article ;

the dismissal shall be treated as having been ineffective ; but if the directed person fails to require the matter to be submitted as aforesaid within the time so allowed or the national service officer notifies him and his employer that he does not intend to direct the reinstatement, the dismissal shall be treated as having been always operative, and the directions shall be treated as having been withdrawn.

Appeals.

4.—(1) If a directed person or the employer of any such person is aggrieved by reason of the fact that the national service officer has withdrawn or refused to withdraw any directions, or if a directed person has been dismissed from his employment on the ground that he has been guilty of serious misconduct, he may within seven days of the withdrawal of or the refusal to withdraw the directions or of such dismissal (as the case may be), or within such further period as a national service officer may for good cause in any particular case allow, request in writing the national service officer to submit the matter to a Local Appeal Board.