

MEMORANDUM TO CABINET

The Youth Advisory Committee has recommended that the minimum age when a person may take up an apprenticeship be raised from 14 as at present to 15.

This would bring apprentices in industry into line with apprentices in Government Departments. The latter may not sit for the apprentices' examination unless they are between 15 and 17 years of age. The Director of Education agrees with the recommendation because this would bring age of apprentices closer to the City and Guilds requirement of 16 years as the minimum age for admission to their courses which the Director of Education feels should be followed as far as possible by apprentices in future.

Honourable Ministers are requested to approve that the Industrial Training Act, 1952, be amended to implement the abovementioned recommendation.

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