

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION
Washington

HEARING ON APPAREL LEARNERS FEBRUARY 27

A public hearing will be held at the Department of Labor in Washington February 27 at 10 a.m. on a proposal for the issuance of regulations for the employment of learners jointly by the Secretary of Labor, under the Public Contracts Act, and by the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, under the Fair Labor Standards Act. The proposal is for the employment of learners in the apparel industry as defined in the Administrator's wage order of July 15, 1940, including gloves (but excluding artificial flowers and feathers,) and cotton garments and allied industries, including uniforms and clothing, (excepting the suit and coat branch) work gloves and men's raincoats, as defined in the Secretary's minimum wage determination as issued pursuant to the Public Contracts Act. The hearings are to be held before representatives to be designated by the Secretary of Labor and the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division.

There are now in effect minimum wage determinations, providing for certain learner tolerances, issued by the Secretary of Labor under the Public Contracts Act. The Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division has issued regulations concerning the employment of learners in the apparel industry, as defined by the wage order effective in that industry. The present proposal is to establish standards for the issuance of certificates for the employment of learners at sub-minimum wage rates by employers subject to either or both of the Acts and to require the employers to obtain special learners certificates from the Wage and Hour Division.

Any interested party wishing to appear at this hearing may do so by filing notice of intention and approximate time required with the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division prior to February 21, 1941 or may file briefs and arguments pertaining to the proposal by the same date.

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