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NEW LEARNER REGULATIONS ISSUED FOR INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE EXCHANGES

New regulations for the employment of learners as operators in independent telephone exchanges, that extend the learning period, raise the wage rates and provide for additional learners to meet abnormal labor turnover, were issued today by the Wage and Hour Division, United States Department of Labor.

According to the new regulations as announced by L. Metcalfe Walling, Administrator, learner certificates may be issued to the extent necessary to prevent curtailment of opportunities for employment, to exchanges of less than 2,000 stations and in exceptional circumstances to exchanges of more than 2,000 stations. The number of learners authorized for normal labor turnover or for new or expanding exchanges are not revised, but provision is made for the issuance of certificates authorizing learners to the extent of actual need in exchanges experiencing abnormal labor turnover. The learning period is changed from 320 hours at 25 cents an hour to 480 hours at 30 cents an hour for the first 320 hours and 35 cents an hour for the remaining 160 hours of the learning period.

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