



THE LABOUR COURT

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (AMENDMENT) ACT 2015

APPLICATION FOR A REQUEST to EXAMINE THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT IN A SECTOR

Name of applicant:	Unite the Union (Connect Trade Union Joint Application)
Address:	(Appendix 1.)
Contact Number:	(Appendix 1.)
Email Address:	(Appendix 1.)
Sector:	Mechanical Engineering Building Services Contracting Sector as defined by S.I. No. 59 of 2018 (Appendix 2.)
Class, type or group of workers to which the request relates:	Qualified Plumbers and Registered Apprentice Plumbers (Craftsperson) and Qualified Pipefitters and Registered Apprentice Pipefitters (Craftsperson) working in the Sector as defined in S.I. No. 59 of 2018.
Please enter details of the arrangements (if any) by which terms and conditions relating to remuneration and any sick pay scheme or pension scheme, of the workers in the sector to which the request relates are determined:	Terms and conditions of employment within this sector are currently determined by a National Collective Employment Agreement. The terms of this agreement are negotiated by the aforementioned Unions and the MEBSCA Employer Group, directly and under the auspices of the Workplace Relations Commission. Key elements of the collective agreement and other terms and conditions of employment are provided for within S.I. No. 59 of 2018.
Where the applicant is a trade union of workers, please enter the name and address of any other trade union of workers that is representative of workers in the sector to which the request relates:	Connect Trade Union, 6 Gardiner Row, Dublin 1,
Where the applicant is a trade union of workers, please enter the name and address of any trade union of employers or organisation of employers that is representative of employers in the sector to which the request relates:	MEBSCA (c/o Construction Industry Federation) Construction House Canal Road Dublin 6

Signature of Applicant: Yonas Jiggetel

Date: 23/04/2020

Appendix 1. Contact details of the applicants.

Applicant 1	Applicant 2
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Dublin 1	Dublin 1
Republic of Ireland	Republic of Ireland
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Appendix 2. Sector Definition

For the purposes of this application the definition of the sector is taken directly from S.I. No. 59 of 2018 and states the following;

For the purposes of this Sectoral Employment Order the Mechanical Engineering Building Services Contracting Sector means the sector of the economy comprising the following economic activity:— *“The installation, alteration, fabrication, fitting, repair, maintenance, commission, removal and demolition in any building or its sites of articles, fittings, pipes, containers, tubes or instruments, storage facilities, etc. (including central heating apparatus, central plant apparatus, machinery and fuel containers connected thereto) for heating, cooling, including domestic hot and cold water systems, medical and process gases, process pipe services, utility pipe services and compressed and vacuum services of such buildings.”*

STATUTORY DECLARATION

THE INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (AMENDMENT) ACT 2015

I Brendan Ogle , Senior Officer of Unite the Union, whose principle place of business is 55-56 Middle Abbey Street, Dublin 1 aged 18 years and upwards make oath and say as follows:-

1. I say that I am the Senior Officer of Unite the Union in the Republic of Ireland.
2. I further say and believe that Unite the Union holds a negotiating licence.
3. The address of Unite the Union is 55-56 Middle Abbey Street, Dublin 1.
4. The number of workers of the class, type or group to which the agreement relates who members are of Unite the Union is 3,998.
5. I say the total numbers which are members of the class, type or group to which the request relates is approximately 3,998.
6. I say and believe that the DKM Economic consultant's report 2016 (Demand for Skills in Construction 2020) estimates that 8,700 workers of the class, type or group to which the request relates for 2015. When we apply the overall construction employment increases from the Central Statistics Office (+17% from Q 4 2015 to Q 2 2020, CSO Labour Force Survey) arising from research conducted by Unite the Union we estimate that current numbers of workers of the class, type or group to which the request relates is circa is 10,179.
7. I make this declaration from facts within my own knowledge save where otherwise appearing and wherso appearing I believe same to be true and pursuant to the provisions of the Statutory Declarations Act 1938

SWORN by the said **Brendan Ogle**
on the 23rd day of September 2020
at 66 Dame Street Dublin 2
in the City of Dublin
before me a Practising Solicitor and I know the
Deponent/the Deponent was identified to me by

Brendan Ogle
Senior Officer
Unite the Union

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23 SEP 2020
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