

F.A.O. The Secretary

Dear Sir/ Madam

My name is Noel Simpson and I have operated a small electrical wholesale business in Dublin 2 for the last 50 years.

My primary reason for a submission is that over many years I have felt that the treatment of apprentices in terms of both wages and education needs some form of practical attention.

We have a variety of ages now entering the industry and to be offering them the 1st year rate is almost a detriment to them remaining in the industry. They can easily go and work as general operatives on building sites and get at least the minimum wage.

The fact that a person can become an apprentice electrician at any age does require a different approach to retaining and remunerating new entrants. Rather than wait for a crisis fall off in numbers wanting to become electricians, this current situation might be re-considered.

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