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Factories and Shops Acts.

DETERMINATION OF THE FURNITURE BOARD.

THE Furniture Board has fixed the 11th November, 1907, as the date from which the following determination of the Board shall come into force:—

That all previous determinations relating to the Furniture Trade shall be cancelled and annulled from and after the date upon which this present determination comes into force and is operative.

ADULT MALES.

WAGES.

That the lowest prices or rates of payment payable to any person employed in wholly or partly preparing or manufacturing any article of furniture usually made or partly prepared by cabinetmakers, chair and couch makers, upholsterers, wood carvers, frenchpolishers and wood turners shall be as follow:—

To any person employed in operating a shaping machine or Boulton's carver	1s. 4d. per hour, or £3 4s. for a maximum number of 48 hours per week.
To any person employed in operating a machine other than a shaping machine, a Boulton's carver, a boring machine, a turning lathe, or a cross-cut circular saw (10 inches or under)...	1s. 2½d. per hour, or £2 18s. for a maximum number of 48 hours per week.
To cabinetmakers, chair and couch makers, upholsterers, wood carvers, frenchpolishers, wood turners, and all other persons not otherwise provided for	1s. 2d. per hour, or £2 16s. for a maximum number of 48 hours per week.

That any person employed in wholly or partly preparing or manufacturing any article of furniture usually made or partly prepared in any factory or work-room or shop or place shall be paid Sixpence per hour in addition to the lowest price or rate fixed by the Board, unless the following are provided by the employer, if required in the performance of the work:—

- Benches.
- Wood or iron cramps, over 2 ft. 6 in.
- Hand screws (in excess of four).
- Glue pots and glue brushes.
- Varnish brushes.

ENGINE-DRIVERS, &c.

That the lowest prices or rates of payment payable to the undermentioned persons employed in connexion with the manufacture of any article of furniture shall be as follow:—

Persons employed at engine-driving, combined with any other work	1s. 3d. per hour, or £3 for a maximum number of 48 hours per week.
Persons employed driving 2nd class engines, combined with any other work	1s. 2½d. per hour, or £2 17s. for a maximum number of 48 hours per week.
Engine-drivers driving 1st class engines	1s. 1¾d. per hour, or £2 15s. for a maximum number of 48 hours per week.
Engine-drivers driving 2nd class engines	1s. per hour, or £2 8s. for a maximum number of 48 hours per week.
Yardmen or labourers engaged in stacking timber	1s. per hour, or £2 8s. for a maximum number of 48 hours per week.

MALE APPRENTICES.

WAGES.

That the lowest prices or rates of payment payable to male apprentices employed in wholly or partly preparing or manufacturing any article of furniture shall be as follow:—

For the 1st year	6s.	per week of 48 hours
" 2nd "	10s.	" "
" 3rd "	15s.	" "
" 4th "	17s. 6d.	" "
" 5th "	22s. 6d.	" "
" 6th "	27s. 6d.	" "

and after the 6th year the minimum wage.

MALE IMPROVERS.

NUMBER.

That the number or proportionate number of male improvers who may be employed in the furniture trade within any factory or work-room or shop or place shall be in proportion to the number of male persons employed in the furniture trade within any such factory or work-room or shop or place receiving not less than the minimum wage fixed by the Board for adult males, as follows, viz:—

- One male improver to ten or over ten such persons.

MALE IMPROVERS.

WAGES.

That the lowest prices or rates of payment payable to male improvers employed in wholly or partly preparing or manufacturing any article of furniture shall be as follow:—

To any male improver having under 1 year's experience,	10s. per week of 48 hours
" " " over 1 and under 2 years'	17s. 6d. "
" " " 2 " 3 "	25s. "
" " " 3 " 4 "	35s. "
" " " 4 " 5 "	42s. "
" " " 5 years' experience	The minimum wage.

MACHINISTS—WINDSOR CHAIR FACTORIES.

That the lowest prices or rates of payment to any person not being an apprentice or improver employed solely in operating a sand papering drum used in making Windsor chairs, or in operating a trapping or pinning machine in connexion with the manufacture of kitchen chairs made wholly of wood or of cane-seated chairs, shall be as follow:—

Under 15 years of age	10s. per week of 48 hours.
Over 15 and under 16 years of age	15s. " "
Over 16 years of age	48s. " "

FEMALES.

WAGES.

That the lowest prices or rates of payment payable to any female with over four years' experience in the furniture trade employed in wholly or partly preparing or manufacturing any article of furniture shall be Sixpence per hour, or Twenty-four shillings for a maximum number of 48 hours per week.

FEMALE APPRENTICES.

WAGES.

That the lowest prices or rates of payment payable to female apprentices employed in wholly or partly preparing or manufacturing any article of furniture shall be as follow:—

For the 1st year	5s. per week of 48 hours
" 2nd "	7s. 6d. "
" 3rd "	12s. 6d. "
" 4th "	17s. 6d. "

and after the 4th year the minimum wage.

FEMALE IMPROVERS.

NUMBER.

That the number or proportionate number of female improvers who may be employed within any factory or work-room or shop or place shall be one such female improver to every ten or fraction of ten females employed in the furniture trade within any such factory or work-room or shop or place receiving not less than Sixpence per hour, or Twenty-four shillings for a maximum number of 48 hours per week.

FEMALE IMPROVERS.

WAGES.

That the lowest prices or rates of payment payable to female improvers employed in wholly or partly preparing or manufacturing any article of furniture shall be as follow:—

To any female improver with under 1 year's experience,	10s. per week of 48 hours
" " " over 1 and under 2 years'	" 15s. "
" " " " 2 " 3 "	" 17s. 6d. "
" " " " 3 " 4 "	" 20s. "

and after the 4th year the minimum wage.

OVERTIME.

That any male person over the age of 16 years receiving not less than the minimum wage, as determined by the Board, who works in the furniture trade for more than 48 hours per week shall be paid for such extra time at the rate of time and a half.

That any male apprentice or improver over the age of 16 years who works in the furniture trade for more than 48 hours per week shall be paid for such extra time at the rate of Threepence per hour, in addition to the minimum wage for such apprentices or improvers, as determined by the Board.

P. J. DWYER, P.M.,
Chairman.

10th October, 1907.

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