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Factories and Shops Acts.

DETERMINATION OF THE FURNITURE (BEDDING) BOARD.

IN accordance with the provisions of the Factories and Shops Acts, the Special Board appointed to determine the lowest prices or rates of payment payable to any person employed in wholly or partly preparing or manufacturing any articles of furniture usually made or partly prepared by cabinet-makers, chair and couch makers, upholsterers, wood carvers, frenchpolishers and wood turners, and to persons employed in the manufacture of overmantels and wood mantelpieces, other than wood mantels to be painted, such as are made in saw-mills; also mattresses or bedding, and to female workers employed as upholstresses, whether as carpet hands, table hands, or drapery hands, also to male persons employed at planning and laying carpets or linoleums or floor cloths or fixing draperies, has made the following Determination, namely:—

(1) That the previous Determination of this Board is hereby amended, and such amendments shall come into force and be operative on and after the 1st November, 1912.

(2) The Determination and amendments are printed hereunder.

WAGES.

(3) That the lowest prices or rates of payment payable to the following persons, including repairers, shall be:—

(a) Males	..	..	..	1s. 2½d. an hour or £2 17s. a week of 48 hours.
(b) Females	..	..	..	6½d. „ £1 7s. 6d. „ „

MALE APPRENTICES.

PROPORTION.

(4) That the number of male apprentices who may be employed within any factory or shop or place shall be one apprentice to every two, or fraction of two, male workers employed, and receiving not less than £2 17s. a week.

MALE IMPROVERS.

PROPORTION.

(5) That the number of male improvers who may be employed within any factory or shop or place shall be one improver to every five male workers employed, and receiving not less than £2 17s. a week.

MALE APPRENTICES OR IMPROVERS.

WAGES.

(6) That the lowest prices or rates of payment payable to any male apprentice or improver shall be as follows, viz.:—

For the 1st six months' experience	..	..	..	10s. a week of 48 hours.
„ 2nd	„	„	..	12s. 6d. „ „
„ 3rd	„	„	..	17s. 6d. „ „
„ 4th	„	„	..	20s. „ „
„ 5th	„	„	..	22s. 6d. „ „
„ 6th	„	„	..	27s. 6d. „ „
„ 7th	„	„	..	30s. „ „
„ 8th	„	„	..	35s. „ „
„ 9th	„	„	..	40s. „ „
„ 10th	„	„	..	45s. „ „

and thereafter £2 17s. a week.

FEMALE APPRENTICES.

PROPORTION.

(7) That the number of female apprentices who may be employed within any factory or shop or place shall be one apprentice to every female worker employed, and receiving not less than £1 7s. 6d. per week of 48 hours.

FEMALE IMPROVERS.

PROPORTION.

(8) That the number of female improvers who may be employed within any factory or shop or place shall be one improver to every five female workers employed, and receiving not less than £1 7s. 6d. a week.

FEMALE APPRENTICES OR IMPROVERS.

WAGES.

(9) That the lowest prices or rates of payment payable to any female apprentice or improver shall be as follows, viz. :—

For the 1st six months' experience at the trade	..	8s. 6d. per week of 48 hours.
" 2nd " " " "	..	11s. 6d. " "
" 2nd year's experience at the trade	..	14s. 6d. " "
" 3rd " " " "	..	20s. " "
" 4th " " " "	..	22s. 6d. " "

and thereafter £1 7s. 6d. per week.

JUVENILE WORKERS.

(10) That the lowest prices or rates of payment payable to any male person under eighteen years of age (other than an apprentice or an improver) employed solely in teasing bedding materials shall be as follows :—

For the 1st year's experience	..	15s. a week of 48 hours.
" 2nd " " " "	..	20s. " "
" 3rd " " " "	..	25s. " "

and after three years or being over the age of eighteen years .. 1s. 0¹/₂d. an hour or £2 10s. a week.

TIME OF BEGINNING AND ENDING WORK.

(11) That the time of beginning and ending work within any factory or shop or place shall be :—

Time of Beginning.	Time of Ending.
7.30 a.m.	5.15 p.m. on five working days of the week ;
7.30 a.m.	12 noon on the other working day of the week on which the weekly half-holiday is observed.

OVERTIME.

(12) (a) That any person who, within the hours of commencing and ending work as fixed in this Determination, works in any week in excess of 48 hours shall be paid for such extra time at the rate of time and a half.

(b) That any person who is engaged outside the hours specified in this Determination as the time of beginning and ending work upon each day shall be paid for such overtime at the rate of time and a half.

SPECIAL RATES FOR PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

(13) That the special price or rate of payment payable to any person for all work done on—

Good Friday,
Easter Monday,
New Year's Day,
21st April,
Christmas Day,
Boxing Day,

} Or such other day as may be observed as a public holiday in lieu thereof,

shall be at the rate of double time.

J. B. A. SAYERS,
Chairman.

27th September, 1912.