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Factories and Shops Acts.

DETERMINATION OF THE ENGINEERING BOARD.

Note.—This Determination, on the 6th September, 1918, applied to the following parts of Victoria, namely:—The Metropolitan District as defined in the Factories and Shops Acts; the Cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, and Warrnambool; the Town of Ballarat East; the Boroughs of Eaglehawk, Geelong West, Newtown and Chilwell, Sebastopol, and Castlemaine; and the Shire of Braybrook Braybrook.

IN accordance with the provisions of 'the Factories and Shops Acts, the Special Board appointed to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons (other than persons subject to the Determination of any Special Board heretofore constituted) wheresoever employed in the process, trade, or business of a mechanical engineer, including—

- (1) a patternmaker,(2) an iron and brass turner,
- (4) a blacksmith,
- (6) a planer, (7) a slotter,

- (3) a fitter,

- (8) a borer, (9) a milling machiner,

has made the following Determination :---

Note.—The Resolution for the appointment of the Engineering Board was passed by the Legislative Assembly on the 1st, and by the Legislative Council on the 7th, December, 1910. On the 4th January, 1911, Act No. 2305 came into force, and the effect of the provisions of section 14 is that any of the persons enumerated below, wheresoever employed, in the process or business of a mechanical engineer, shall be paid the rates determined by this Board, notwithstanding that any other Special Board has fixed prices or rates for such

(1) That on the 6th day of September, 1918, the last previous Determination of this Board shall be revoked and replaced by this

(2) Apprentices or Improvers.	Juvenile Workers.	Óther Employees.		
Wages per week of	JUVENILE OR YOUNG WORKERS.		Wages per week of 48 hours.	
48 hours. 1st year 9s. 0d. 2nd , 13s. 6d. 3rd , 17s. 6d.	(a) Engaged in the bolt and nut making department, acrewing, tapping, threading, finning, pointing, heating, and	Adults (including Repairers).	Day Shift.	Night Shift,
4th ,,	cutting off bolts. (b) Engaged striking for apprentices or improvers in the blacksmithing trade. (c) Engaged as boy labourers.	Patternmakers	89s. 83s. 83s. 83s.	101s. 95s. 95s. 95s.
Proportion by any Employer.	Wages per week of 48 hours.	Drop-hammer smiths	83s. 83s.	95s. 95s.
Apprentices. Two apprentices to every five or fraction of five workers	Under 15 years of age . 16s. 0d. From 15 to 16 years of age . 19s. 0d. ,, 16 to 17 ,, . 22s. 0d. ,, 17 to 18 ,, . 27s. 6d.	Turners, iron or brass Spring-maker or fitters Borers Slotters	83s, 83s, 83s, 83s,	95s. 95s. 95s. 95s.
receiving not less than 63s. per week of 48 hours.	,, 18 to 19 ,, 33s. 0d. ,, 19 to 20 ,, 38s. 6d. ,, 20 to 21 ,, 44s. 0d.	Planers (except rail or plate-edge planers) Planers—rail and plate-edge Shapers (machines exceeding 14-in.	83s. 71s.	95s. 83s.
Improvers. One improver to every five or	*,	stroke and double-headed machines) Shapers (machines up to and including	83s.	95s.
fraction of five workers receiving not less than 63s. per week of 48 hours.		14-in. stroke) Universal millers Plain millers Gear cutters	71s. 83s. 71s. 71s. 71s.	83s. 95s. 83s. 83s.
An indenture of apprentice- ship was approved on 21st June, 1915.		Machine hands making bolts and nuts Lappers, grinders wet or dry Persons working shearing, slotting, nibbing, or buckling machines in connexion with the manufacture of	71s. 71s.	83s.
		springs Heaters, and persons engaged cutting off in connexion with the manufac-	68s.	80s.
`		ture of bolts and nuts by machinery Persons working stud lathes, centring,	68s.	80s.
		screwing, or drilling-machines Blacksmiths' strikers Coppersmiths' assistants Labourers	68s. 66s. 66s. 63s.	80s. 78s. 78s. 75s.

(3) SHIFTS .- That ---

(a) The hour of beginning and the hour of ending each shift shall be as follows:--

·			DAY SHIFT.				
Monday to Friday Saturday			::	Time of beginning, 7.30 a.m., 7.30 a.m.	Time of ending. 5.15 p.m. V		
Monday to Thursday		•		NIGHT SHIFT. 8 p.m. 6 s.m. on the following day			
Friday	••	••	••		.30 a.m. on Saturday		

- (b) The higher rate to be paid for each hour or fraction of an hour worked by any employee before or after his shift shall-be time and a half calculated on the rates fixed for the Day shift.
- (4) Allowances.—Persons employed outside employer's works on old work shall be paid $I_{\frac{1}{2}}d$. per hour extra.
- (5) Special Rates.—Double time shall be the rate for all work done on Sunday, New Year's Day, Foundation Day (26th January), Good Friday, Easter Monday, Eight Hours Day (21st April), Christmas Day, or Boxing Day; but if any other day be by Act of Parliament or Proclamation substituted for any of the above-named holidays, the special rate shall only be payable for work done on the day so substituted.
- (6) PIECE-WORK.—The Board determines, under the provisions of section 144 of the Factories and Shops Act 1915, that any employer may fix and pay piece-work prices to any person or persons or classes of persons employed at any work for which the Board has fixed the minimum wago, provided that any such employer shall base such piece-work prices on the earnings of an average worker working under like conditions, and such piece-work prices shall be fixed so that an average worker can earn not less than the wages that are fixed by the Board for such work.

VIVIAN TANNER, Chairman.

Melbourne, 12th August, 1918.