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Factories and Shops Acts.

DETERMINATION OF THE UNDERTAKERS BOARD.

NOTE.—This Determination on 12th March, 1926, applied to the whole of the State of Victoria.

IN accordance with the provisions of the Factories and Shops Acts, the Wages Board appointed to "determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons wheresoever employed in the business or occupation of an undertaker," has made the following Determination, viz. :—

(1) That on the 12th March, 1926, the last previous Determination of this Board shall be revoked and replaced by this Determination.

(2)

Apprentices.	Improvers.	Other Employees.	Within the Metropolitan District.	Outside the Metropolitan District wherever this Determination applies.	Per Week of—
WAGES. Per week of 48 hours.	WAGES. Per week of 48 hours.	WAGES.	s. d.	s. d.	Hours.
1st year's experience 20s. 2nd year's experience 26s. 6d. 3rd year's experience 33s. 4th year's experience 40s. 5th year's experience 46s.	Under 18 years of age 30s. 18-19 years of age .. 39s. 19-20 years of age .. 46s. 20-21 years of age .. 57s. 6d.	Workers engaged in making coffins of wrought timber for either polishing or varnishing Workers engaged in making other coffins, trimming or polishing coffins, or conducting funerals First chauffeur who makes adjustments and attends to running repairs to two or more motor hearses, coaches, or waggons .. Other chauffeurs Workers engaged in driving or grooming horses, washing vehicles, cleaning harness, doing general stable work, or placing remains of deceased persons in coffins	106 0	101 0	48
PROPORTION (within any factory or place). One apprentice to every two or fraction of two workers receiving not less than 9s. per week of 50 hours. An amended indenture of apprenticeship prescribed was approved on 9th November, 1915.	PROPORTION (within any factory or place). One improver to every seven or fraction of seven employees receiving not less than 9s. per week of 50 hours.	100 0	95 6	48	48
		102 0	97 0	48	48
		95 0	91 0	48	48
		95 0	91 0	50*	50*
Provided that workers who live and work at either principal or branch establishments shall receive			..	20s. per week extra.	

* The hours fixed above for the week's work are to be taken as including time occupied in attending to horses on Sundays (not exceeding two hours).

(3) TIME OF BEGINNING AND ENDING WORK.—

(a) For workers engaged in conducting funerals, making, trimming, or polishing coffins—

Time of Beginning. 7.30 a.m. 5.30 p.m. on six days in the week.

(b) For all other workers—

7 a.m. 6 p.m. on six days in the week.

(4) OVERTIME.—

Outside the hours fixed as the times of beginning and ending work Time and a half.

Within the hours so fixed in excess of the number of hours as fixed for a week's work Time and a quarter.

(5) CASUAL LABOUR.—Casual employees, i.e., persons who are employed during any week for not more than one-half the maximum number of hours fixed in this Determination as a week's work, shall be paid at the rate of time and a quarter, with a minimum of 12s. 6d. per day.

(6) SPECIAL RATES FOR SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.—Double time shall be paid for all work done on Sundays, New Year's Day, Good Friday, and Christmas Day. Provided that persons employed at cleaning out stables, feeding, grooming, and bedding-down horses shall be paid for the first two hours' work at the ordinary rate.

PIECE-WORK.

(7) That the lowest piece-work prices to be paid to persons for doing work of the kinds specified in the following Schedule shall be—

SCHEDULE.

All inside Measurements (head to heel).	If made throughout by hand—			If made with the aid of machinery driven by steam, gas, oil, water, or electric power—		
	Not exceeding 20 inches wide.	Over 20 inches, but not exceeding 22 inches wide.	Exceeding 22 inches wide.	Not exceeding 20 inches wide.	Over 20 inches, but not exceeding 22 inches wide.	Exceeding 22 inches wide.
	each. s. d.	each. s. d.	each. s. d.	each. s. d.	each. s. d.	each. s. d.
Best oak, maple, myrtle, or other wrought hardwood coffins, over 4 ft. 9 in. long	34 8	36 9	38 11	30 6	32 8	34 10
Plain oak, maple, myrtle, or other wrought hardwood coffins, over 4 ft. 9 in. long (with or without a plinth)	30 11	33 1	35 2	27 0	29 2	31 6
Kauri, cedar, white pine, or other wrought soft-wood coffins, best over 4 ft. 9 in. long	25 9	26 10	29 0	22 9	24 3	25 4
Kauri, cedar, white pine, or other wrought soft-wood coffins, plain, with or without a plinth, over 4 ft. 9 in. long	20 7	22 0	24 2	18 4	19 9	20 7
Common coffins, over 4 ft. 9 in. long	4 2	4 9	5 5	3 5	4 0	4 9
Common coffins, over 4 ft. 9 in. long, over 1 inch in thickness	4 9	5 5	6 2	4 0	4 9	5 5
	s. d.			s. d.		
Oak, maple, myrtle, or other wrought hardwood coffins, up to 4 ft. 9 in. long	19 1 each			16 0 each		
Kauri, cedar, white pine, or other wrought soft-wood coffins up to 4 ft. 9 in. long	15 6 „			12 4 „		
Common coffins, up to 2 feet long	18 8 per dozen			14 2 per dozen		
Common coffins, over 2 feet and up to 3 feet long	25 3 „ „			20 1 „ „		
Common coffins, over 3 feet and up to 4 ft. 9 in. long	34 6 „ „			26 11 „ „		
Inside shells for lead coffins	12 3 each			8 0 each		
Cover lids, up to 2 feet wide	17 3 per dozen			11 7 per dozen		
Cover lids, over 2 feet wide	26 0 „ „			18 8 „ „		
Extra for common coffins or coverlids if glued			9d. each.		

DEFINITION.

“ Best ” coffin means a coffin which bears any ornamentation other than a plinth.

H. J. RICHARDSON, J.P.,
Chairman.

W. L. HARRINGTON,
Secretary.

Melbourne, 26th February, 1926.