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## Factories and Shops Acts. DETERMINATION OF THE GENERAL BOARD. (BUTTONS AND BUCKLES SECTION.)

NOTE.—This Determination applies to the whole of the State of Victoria.

IN accordance with the provisions of the Factories and Shops Acts, the Wages Board which has the power "to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons employed in the following trades and branches of trades, that is to say:—

Renovating carpets;	Cinematograph film;
Preparing feathers;	Composition flooring;
Treating flax;	Cutlery;
Treating pyrites and other metalliferous ores;	Artificial flowers and bouquets;
Mixing seed and making poultry foods;	Paper articles not subject to any Board heretofore appointed;
Glass badging;	Honey;
Gold stamping;	Ink or adhesives;
Ivory working;	Lead and shot;
Show-card and ticket-writing;	Silk or parchment lamp shades;
Manufacturing or preparing—	Mica products;
Abrasive paper or cloth;	Fishing and other nets;
Asbestos articles;	Ornaments for cakes;
Blue prints;	Plaster models;
Buttons and buckles other than those subject to the	Sporting goods not provided for under any Board heretofore
Determination of the Plastic Moulding Board;	appointed;
Button badges;	Surgical instruments;
Carbon articles;	Toys;
Chalk, crayons, or other articles from mineral earth;	Watch cases "

has made, in respect of the manufacturing or preparing of buttons and buckles other than those subject to the Determination of the Plastic Moulding Board, the following Determination, namely:—

(1) That on and after the 4th December, 1937, the previous Determination of the Board for this section shall be revoked and replaced by this Determination.

(2)

WAGES PER WEEK OF 44 HOURS.

(a) IMPROVERS.				(b) ADULTS.			
Males.		Females.		Males		Females	
	s. d.		s. d.		s. d.		s. d.
1st year's experience	.. 15 3	1st six months' experience	12 9	..	..	..	.. 77 0
2nd " "	.. 21 6	2nd " "	15 9	..	..	..	.. 41 6
3rd " "	.. 29 9	3rd " "	18 9				
4th " "	.. 40 3	4th " "	21 9				
5th " "	.. 51 3	5th " "	24 9				
6th " "	.. 59 0	6th " "	28 0				
7th " "	.. 63 0	7th " "	31 0				
		8th " "	35 0				

And thereafter the minimum wage prescribed for adults.

NOTE.—The rates prescribed for improvers shall apply only to such employees as are under 21 years of age, or who being over 21 years of age, are the holders of improvers' licences.

### PROPORTION (IN ANY PLACE).

#### Males.

One improver to each male worker receiving not less than the minimum wage.

#### Females.

Two improvers to each female person receiving not less than the minimum wage.

(3) PROHIBITION OF EMPLOYMENT.—The Board determines that no person shall be employed as an apprentice.

(4) HOURS OF EMPLOYMENT.—Forty-four hours shall constitute a week's work within the following hours:—Time of beginning, 8 a.m.; time of ending, 6 p.m.—on five days of the week. Time of beginning, 8 a.m.; time of ending, 1 p.m.—on the other day of the week on which the half-holiday is usually observed.

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5. OVERTIME.—(a) Any employee who, in any day, has performed any work outside the working hours ordinarily observed in the factory or workshop in which he or she is employed or in excess of 44 hours in any week, shall be paid overtime at the rate of time and one-half, and shall also be paid 1s. 6d. meal money when such overtime exceeds 40 minutes on week-days or three hours on the day of the week on which the half-holiday is usually observed.

(b) No employee shall be employed overtime outside the hours fixed, except with his or her consent.

(c) No employee shall be dismissed, or in any way whatsoever be prejudiced in his or her employment, by reason of his or her refusal to work overtime outside the hours fixed.

(d) No employee under the age of sixteen years shall be employed overtime.

(6) MIDDAY MEAL.—(a) An interval of not less than three-quarters of an hour shall be allowed for the midday meal.

(b) No work shall be performed during such meal time.

(7) HOLIDAYS.—(a) All employees, whether in a city or elsewhere, shall be granted the following holidays without deduction of pay:—The days observed as New Year's Day, Australia Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Labour Day, Anzac Day, King's Birthday, Christmas Day, and Boxing Day.

(b) If any of the above holidays occurs on a Sunday or Saturday and is not observed on any other day, then employees shall not be paid for such Sunday, and shall be paid for such Saturday as for a half day only when the working week consists of five and a half days.

(c) All employees, whether in a city or elsewhere, shall be paid for the above holidays an amount for each holiday based on the actual weekly wage paid to them by the employer.

(d) Any employee absenting himself or herself from work on any portion of the working day preceding, or any portion of the working day succeeding a holiday provided for herein, other than Boxing Day and New Year's Day, without permission from the employer or without having reasonable cause for having absented himself or herself from work, shall not be entitled to payment for such holiday.

(e) Any employee who is employed on a Sunday or any holiday provided for herein shall be paid for that day at the rate of time and a half in addition to his or her weekly wage.

(f) Provided that any notice determining the employment solely for the purpose of evading payment for prescribed holidays, and not to determine finally the engagement, shall not deprive the employee of payment for any prescribed holidays occurring or observed between such notice to terminate and the re-engagement, if any.

(8) TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT.—(a) Except as hereinafter provided, employment shall be on a weekly basis, and notice equivalent to 44 working hours shall be given on either side to terminate employment. Such notice may be given at any time. This shall not affect the right of the employer to dismiss any employee without notice for malingering, inefficiency, neglect of duty, or misconduct (in which case wages shall be paid up to time of dismissal only), or to deduct payment for any day the employee cannot be usefully employed because of any strike, or through any breakdown of machinery, or any stoppage of work, or any cause for which the employer cannot be reasonably held responsible.

Provided that the employment of any person during the first three months of his or her service with the same employer shall be on an hourly basis, and such employment may be terminated by one hour's notice on either side.

(9) ACCOMMODATION FOR FEMALES.—(a) The employer shall provide a suitable seat for females to rest.

(b) A restroom shall be provided by every employer of more than ten females. Such room shall contain a suitable couch, two easy chairs, two rubber hot-water bags, and shall be properly lighted and ventilated.

(10) PAYMENT OF WAGES.—(a) Wages shall be paid weekly, not later than Friday, except by mutual agreement between the employer and his employees.

(b) Any employee kept waiting for his or her wages on pay day for more than ten minutes after the usual time for ceasing work shall be paid at overtime rates for the time so kept waiting.

(c) Where the services of an employee are dispensed with, all wages due shall be paid to him or her on the day of dismissal, or forwarded to him or her by post on the day following.

(d) Not more than two days' pay of any employee shall be kept in hand by an employer.

(11) PERIODICAL ADJUSTMENT OF WAGES.—The wages rates for males set out in clause (2) (b) are based upon the following basic wage, and pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of section 21 of the *Factories and Shops Act 1934*, the Board hereby determines that such rates shall be automatically increased or decreased by the same amount, and at the same time as such basic wage. Provided that the wages of improvers and of females shall be adjusted proportionately to adjustments of the basic wage, such adjustments to be to the nearest 3d., half or less than half of 3d. to be disregarded.

The basic wage shown hereunder shall be adjusted as prescribed in clause (12).

*Basic Wage.*

Place.	Basic Wage.	Index Number Set Assigned.
Within the area to which this Determination applies .. .. .	£ s. d. 3 11 0	Melbourne

(12) ADJUSTMENT OF BASIC WAGE.—(a) Until the beginning of the first pay period to commence in March, 1938, the amount of the basic wage shall be as prescribed in clause (11).

(b) During each future successive period beginning with the first pay period to commence in a March, a June, a September, or a December the amount of the basic wage shall be adjusted by the following method according to the position and fluctuations (if any) of the Commonwealth Statistician's "All Items" retail price index numbers.

For the purposes of this Determination the expression "Commonwealth Statistician's retail price index numbers" or any like expression means the numbers stated to be such index numbers in any document purporting, and not proved to be wrongly so purporting, to be printed by the Commonwealth Government Printer or to be signed by or on behalf of the Commonwealth Statistician:—

(1) The index number set to be applied is that assigned to Melbourne.

(2) The index number for the calendar quarter next preceding the period of thirteen weeks for which the adjustment is made is to be ascertained.

(3) The amount assigned in the following table (or in any extension thereof) to the index number division comprising that number is to be ascertained.

(4) The basic wage shall be of that assigned amount during such successive period.

*Table.*

Index Number Divisions.	Basic Wage.	Index Number Divisions.	Basic Wage.
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
735-746 .. .. .	3 0 0	834-845 .. .. .	3 8 0
747-759 .. .. .	3 1 0	846-858 .. .. .	3 9 0
760-771 .. .. .	3 2 0	859-870 .. .. .	3 10 0
772-783 .. .. .	3 3 0	871-882 .. .. .	3 11 0
784-796 .. .. .	3 4 0	883-895 .. .. .	3 12 0
797-808 .. .. .	3 5 0	896-907 .. .. .	3 13 0
809-820 .. .. .	3 6 0	908-919 .. .. .	3 14 0
821-833 .. .. .	3 7 0	920-932 .. .. .	3 15 0

D. GRANT, Chairman.

REX L. CECIL, Secretary.

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