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Factories and Shops Acts.

## DETERMINATION OF THE MINING ENGINE-DRIVERS BOARD.

NOTE.—This Determination on 20th March, 1937, applied to the whole of the State of Victoria.

IN accordance with the provisions of the Factories and Shops Acts, the Wages Board which, since 16th April, 1935, has had the power to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person employed in the occupation of—

(a) a fireman, boiler attendant, boiler cleaner, or engine-driver in connexion with steam engines or steam boilers in or about mines or in or about plants for crushing metalliferous ores—

(b) an engine-driver or attendant in connexion with the use of internal combustion engines, compressed air engines, or electrical engines in or about mines or in or about plants for crushing metalliferous ores—

has made the following Determination, namely :—

(1) That this determination shall come into force on the 20th March, 1937.

(2) WAGES PER WEEK OF 44 HOURS.

Apprentices or Improvers.	Other Employees.		
		Mining District of Gippsland.	All Other Parts of Victoria.
s. d.		s. d.	s. d.
If under 16 years of age .. .. .	34 0		
16 and under 18 years of age .. .. .	44 0		
18 and under 19 years of age .. .. .	54 0		
19 and under 20 years of age .. .. .	69 0		
20 years of age, minimum rate for class of work done.			
If under the control of an engine-driver they start or stop an engine, 6s. per week extra shall be paid.			
PROPORTION.			
Apprentices.			
One apprentice to every three or fraction of three workers receiving not less than 67s. 6d. per week of 44 hours.			
Improvers.			
One improver to every three workers receiving not less than 67s. 6d. per week of 44 hours.			
	Winding and haulage engine-drivers—		
	(a) If they sometimes or always raise or lower human beings .. .. .	97 0	94 0
	(b) If they do not raise or lower human beings .. .. .	91 0	88 0
	Winch drivers—		
	(a) If working underground in mines, and they raise or lower human beings .. .. .	87 0	84 0
	(b) If working underground in mines, and they do not raise or lower human beings .. .. .	84 0	81 0
	(c) On dredges .. .. .	84 0	81 0
	Other drivers—		
	(a) Attending to a steam engine with condenser attached .. .. .	87 0	84 0
	Attending to a steam engine without condenser .. .. .	84 0	81 0
	(b) Operating a suction gas engine, other internal combustion engine, or electrically-driven plant—		
	(i) if 50 b.h.p. or over .. .. .	84 0	81 0
	(ii) if under 50 b.h.p. .. .. .	81 0	78 0
	All other drivers .. .. .	84 0	81 0
	Firemen—		
	(a) Attending one boiler .. .. .	75 0	72 0
	(b) Attending two boilers .. .. .	76 6	73 6
	(c) Attending three or more boilers developing 1,000 i.h.p. in the aggregate .. .. .	78 0	75 0
	Greasers .. .. .	72 0	69 0
	All others .. .. .	70 6	67 6

Where the employment or work involves functions of a mixed character the wages to be paid to an employee shall be calculated as if he performed such only of the said functions as involves the highest rate of wages.

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## (3) EXTRA RATES.—Extra rates payable, in addition to those mentioned in clause (2):—

	Per Week Extra. s. d.
Engine-drivers or firemen who also attend an electric generator or dynamo (other than a dynamo for merely lighting the works) .. .. .	6 0
Engine-drivers or firemen in charge of plant .. .. .	6 0
When two firemen are employed on the plant at the one time, one shall be a leading fireman and shall be paid .. .. .	3 0
Greasers, if under the supervision of an engine-driver, they stop and start engines .. .. .	6 0
Winch drivers hauling up or down shafts where the haul exceeds 150 feet .. .. .	3 0

Greasers doing engine-drivers' work other than starting and stopping engines under the supervision of an engine-driver, shall be paid engine-drivers' rates.

Any person engaged inside the gas or water space of any boiler, flue, or economizer in cleaning or scraping work shall be paid whilst so employed, in addition to his ordinary or overtime rate, 9d. per hour extra.

(4) WEEKLY ENGAGEMENT.—(a) Except as hereinafter provided all employment shall be by the week. Employees to become entitled to payment on a weekly basis shall perform such work as the management shall from time to time require on the days and during the hours usually worked by the class of employees effected. Employment shall be terminated only by a week's notice being given on either side, such notice to be given at any time during the week. This shall not affect the right of the management to dismiss any employee without notice for malingering, inefficiency, neglect of duty, or misconduct, and in such cases wages shall be paid up to the 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 by any cause for which the employer cannot reasonably be held responsible. Provided that where an employer orders employees not to work on rainy days because of the state of the weather, such order shall not deprive such employees of their claim for payment under the weekly engagement, but if such employees cease work on rainy days without being ordered to do so they shall not be entitled to payment for time so lost.

(b) Any employee, competent to do the work he is engaged to do, who is employed for less than six days from the date he starts work, and is refused work or dismissed without any fault of his own shall be entitled to be paid for each day so worked 10 per cent. more than one-fourth of the weekly rate prescribed by this Determination for the work performed by him, multiplied by the number of hours actually worked.

(5) OVERTIME.—(NOTE.—Nothing in this clause shall apply to persons working underground in a coal mine). Except as provided in sub-clause (c) time and a half shall be paid for all work done:—

- (a) In excess of four hours on Saturday where an ordinary week's work is and eight hours on other days worked on six week days.
- (b) On Saturdays, and in excess of eight hours on five week days (Monday to Friday) where an ordinary week's work is worked hours 48 minutes on other days on five week days (Monday to Friday).
- (c) Engine-drivers on dredges, or working on ore crushing or treatment plants, or exclusively engaged in mine-pumping, baling, or unwatering, shall be paid for the first four hours' work after 44 hours have been worked in any one week, at the ordinary wages rate, and thereafter shall be paid at the rate of time and a half, provided that any work done in excess of eight hours on any day shall be paid at the rate of time and a half.

In reckoning the time of duty any time necessarily occupied in raising steam, in starting up or closing down engines, or in banking fires, shall be included.

(6) MEAL INTERVAL.—(a) Except on shift work, provision shall as far as practicable be made by the employer to enable an employee to have a midday meal interval of not less than 45 minutes nor more than one hour on all working days except Saturday. Such meal interval shall not be deemed to be time worked, and the time of ceasing work shall be extended by time equal to the duration of the meal interval.

(b) Employees on shift work shall be given a meal interval of half-an-hour whilst "standing by" their engines. Such interval shall be included as part of the day's work, and if an employee is required for work during same he shall be paid for such work at the rate of time and a half.

(7) HOLIDAYS.—All employees shall be entitled to the eight holidays hereinafter mentioned without any deduction from the weekly rate of pay, viz.:—New Year's Day, Australia Day, Good Friday, Easter Saturday, Easter Monday, Labour Day, Christmas Day, and Boxing Day.

This shall not affect the right of an employer to require any employee to work on any such day provided that such employee is paid extra rates as set out in clause 8 (Holidays).

(8) SPECIAL RATE FOR SUNDAY AND HOLIDAYS.—All time on duty on holidays as herein prescribed shall be paid for at the rate of double time, and on Sundays at the rate of time and a half.

(9) SICK PAY.—All employees necessarily absent on account of sickness, or through an accident whilst at work, shall be entitled to six days' leave on full pay in each year, provided satisfactory evidence of such illness or accident is produced to the management within 24 hours of his first absence from work.

(10) DEFINITIONS.—(a) "Engine-driver" shall mean and include any person who operates or drives any engine or engines, the motive power of which is steam, and shall include the operator or driver of an internal combustion engine, a compressed air engine, or electrical engine.

(b) "Winding and haulage engine-driver" shall mean and include any person who drives any winding engine or winding machinery, other than a Holman hoist or similar baby hoist or winch as herein defined, by means whereof persons or material are raised or lowered up or down any shaft, vertical or inclined, in any mine or hauled on the surface of any mine, except aerial ropeways.

(c) "Winch driver" shall mean and include an engine-driver in charge of and working a geared winding engine (other than a Holman or similar hoist) with cylinders not more than 8 inches in diameter.

(d) An engine-driver shall be deemed to be "in charge of plant"—

(i) When two or more drivers are employed at the plant at one time, and he is the driver invested with the superintendence and responsibility; or

(ii) When a driver, being the only person of his class employed on the plant, does the general repair work of the plant in addition to the work of engine-driving, but not when he merely assists the fitter or engineer to do such work.

W. W. HARRIS, Chairman.

J. W. RYAN, Secretary.

Melbourne, 5th March, 1937.