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Factories and Shops Acts.

DETERMINATION OF THE SUGAR REFINERS BOARD.

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, since the 10th April, 1940, has had the power to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons employed—

(a) in connexion with the trade of sugar refining;

(b) in the manufacture or treatment of the by-products of sugar;

has made the following Determination, namely:—

(1) That on the 15th August, 1941, the adjusted Determination which came into force as from the beginning of the first pay period to commence in May, 1941, shall be revoked and replaced by this Determination.

(2)

APPRENTICES OR IMPROVERS.

Wages per Week of 44 Hours.					Wages per Week of 44 Hours.				
Males.	Adjustable Rate.	Additional Constant Loading.	Emergency Loading (non-adjustable).	Total Weekly Wage.	Females.	Adjustable Rate.	Additional Constant Loading.	Emergency Loading (non-adjustable).	Total Weekly Wage.
	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>		<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
Under 16 years ..	20 0	1 0	2 0	23 0	Under 16 years ..	20 0	1 0	2 0	23 0
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17 " ..	36 4	1 3	2 0	39 7	17 " ..	24 3	1 6	2 0	27 9
18 " ..	46 6	2 0	2 0	50 6	18 " ..	28 11	2 0	2 0	32 11
19 " ..	54 11	2 6	2 0	59 5	19 " ..	35 2	2 6	2 0	39 8
20 " ..	64 11	2 6	2 0	69 5	20 " ..	43 2	2 6	2 0	47 8

PROPORTION (IN ANY PLACE).

Males.

One apprentice and one improver to every three or fraction of three workers receiving not less than the rate payable from time to time to "All others."

PROPORTION (IN ANY PLACE).

Females.

One apprentice and one improver to every three or fraction of three workers receiving not less than the rate payable from time to time to "Adult Females."

JUVENILE WORKERS.

Wages per Week of 44 Hours.					Wages per Week of 44 Hours.				
Males	Adjustable Rate.	Additional Constant Loading.	Emergency Loading (non-adjustable).	Total Weekly Wage.	Females.	Adjustable Rate.	Additional Constant Loading.	Emergency Loading (non-adjustable).	Total Weekly Wage.
	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>		<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
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(3)

OTHER EMPLOYEES	Wages per Week of 44 Hours.			
	Adjustable Rate.	Additional Constant Loading	Emergency Loading (non-adjustable).	Total Weekly Wage.
<i>Adult Males.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
Raw Sugar Store—				
Men unstoring	88 0	9 0	3 0	100 0
Men cutting in	89 0	9 0	3 0	101 0
Elevator attendant	87 0	9 0	3 0	99 0
Wash tank hands	84 0	9 0	3 0	96 0
Riggers	89 0	9 0	3 0	101 0
Melting House—				
Washing fugalmen	87 6	9 0	3 0	99 6
Melter attendant	84 0	9 0	3 0	96 0
Mixer	84 0	9 0	3 0	96 0
Carbonation House—				
Men on liquor filter presses	85 0	9 0	3 0	97 0
Men on mud	85 0	9 0	3 0	97 0
Leading hand	90 0	9 0	3 0	102 0
Men on gas tank	86 0	9 0	3 0	98 0
Men on crushing and stacking lime	84 0	9 0	3 0	96 0
Men on washing and checking filterpress sheets	84 0	9 0	3 0	96 0
Char End—				
Kiln repairers	84 0	9 0	3 0	96 0
Kiln firemen	90 0	9 0	3 0	102 0
Wet charmen	90 0	9 0	3 0	102 0
Char runners	90 0	9 0	3 0	102 0
Pan Floor—				
First sugar boilers	104 0	9 0	4 0	117 0
Second sugar boilers	97 0	9 0	4 0	110 0
Pan attendant, attending triple effect	84 0	9 0	3 0	96 0
Refined sugar fugalmen	87 6	9 0	3 0	99 6
Refined sugar fugalmen—Leading hands	90 6	9 0	3 0	102 6
Jelly House—				
Leading hand	87 6	9 0	3 0	99 6
Jelly fugalmen	84 0	9 0	3 0	96 0
Refined Sugar Store—				
Receiving at truck yard (leading hands)	87 0	9 0	3 0	99 0
Iceing mill attendant	84 0	9 0	3 0	96 0
Driers (leading hand)	86 0	9 0	3 0	98 0
Driers (others)	84 0	9 0	3 0	96 0
Automatic scale attendant	87 0	9 0	3 0	99 0
Leading hand packing floor	87 0	9 0	3 0	99 0
Hand packing sugar	84 0	9 0	3 0	96 0
Golden Syrup and Treacle—				
Men packing and weighing (bulk)	84 0	9 0	3 0	96 0
Golden syrup and treacle mixer	86 0	9 0	3 0	98 0
Liquor runners	90 0	9 0	3 0	102 0
Liquor runners—assistants	84 0	9 0	3 0	96 0
Distillery—				
Stillman	100 0	9 0	3 0	112 0
Mashman	88 0	9 0	3 0	100 0
Spirit and Methylating Rooms—				
Leading hand	97 6	9 0	3 0	109 6
Assistants	87 6	9 0	3 0	99 6
Leading hand cleaning gang	87 0	9 0	3 0	99 0
All others	81 0	9 0	3 0	93 0
Adult females	45 6	4 3	2 0	51 9

(4) SHIFT WORKERS (OTHER THAN CONTINUOUS SHIFT WORKERS).—The ordinary working hours of shift workers shall be as follows:—

Night Shift—

Time of Beginning—11 p.m. on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Time of Ending—7 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Day Shift—

7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

7 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturdays.

Afternoon Shift—

3 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

(5) DAY WORKERS.—From 7.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m., with a break of one hour for a meal between 12 noon and 1 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and from 7.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. on Saturday. When an employee is required to work between 12 noon and 1 p.m. he shall be paid time and a half for such work, and in addition shall be allowed time off for a meal.

(6) CONTINUOUS SHIFT WORKERS.—For the purposes of this clause the expression "continuous work" means work carried on with consecutive shifts of men throughout the 24 hours of each of at least six consecutive days without interruption.

(a) The ordinary working hours of employees on continuous work shifts shall not exceed an average of 44 per week spread over a period of 1, 2, 3 or 4 weeks to be worked in shifts of eight hours, including such time as by mutual arrangement may be taken for meals.

(b) There shall be a roster of shifts which shall:—

(i) provide for rotation unless all the employees concerned desire otherwise;

(ii) provide for not more than eight shifts to be worked in any nine consecutive days; and

(iii) not be changed until after four weeks' notice.

(c) For all time of duty outside the limits of the ordinary hours prescribed in clause (a) hereof, an employee on continuous work shifts shall be paid at double rates. But this shall not apply to arrangements between employees themselves or in cases due to rotation of shift or when the relief does not come on duty at the proper time.

(d) Employees on continuous work shifts working any Sunday or holiday shift shall be paid at the rate of time and a half for such shift.

(e) Subject to the provisions of clause 12 (Annual Leave) employees on continuous work shifts shall be allowed an additional six consecutive working days' holiday on full pay.

(The provisions of clause 6 shall apply only to persons employed at the distillery of the Colonial Sugar Refining Co. Ltd. at Yarraville.)

(7) **TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT.**—"Casual Worker" means a worker employed for less than six (6) consecutive days, with a minimum of two (2) hours in any day. He shall be paid at the rate of ten per cent. (10%) in addition to the rate prescribed in this Determination on an hourly basis.

This shall not apply to a casual worker storing raw sugar. Employees, other than casual workers, who work less than 44 hours in any week, may be paid the ordinary wages rate calculated *pro rata* according to the number of hours worked.

(8) **EXTRA RATES AND ALLOWANCES.**—In addition to the wages prescribed herein, the following extra rates and allowances shall be paid to adult males:—

Any employee who works on shift shall be paid an additional allowance of 6d. per shift.

Employees classified as "All others," who are directed to enter and clean tanks, viz.:—Carbonatation tanks, house syrup tanks on roof, black boil-out tanks, extension tanks, scrubbers or crystallizers, shall receive an additional 9d. for each hour or part of an hour spent in such work.

(9) **DEFINITION OF JUVENILE WORKERS.**—Persons under 21 years of age (other than apprentices or improvers) employed turning bags, sweeping trucks, receiving and placing sacks, driving friction winches, packing sugar and sewing mouths of bags, trucking sugar, collecting samples, labelling, filling golden syrup and treacle tins.

(10) **OVERTIME (other than continuous Shift Workers).**—(a) *Workers Employed on Shifts.*—All work done in excess of eight hours per shift or in excess of 132 hours in 21 consecutive days shall be paid for at the rate of time and a half.

(b) *All Others.*—All work done in excess of eight hours in any one day or in excess of 44 hours in any one week shall be paid for at the rate of time and a half.

Any employee who is required to work overtime shall be paid the overtime rate for a minimum of half an hour.

(11) **LATE ATTENDANCE.**—Any employee arriving late to work shall have a deduction made of a quarter of an hour's pay for each quarter of an hour or portion thereof that he is late.

(12) **ANNUAL LEAVE.**—Each employee shall be allowed in each year, commencing with the year 1936, leave of absence for six consecutive working days on full pay (the equivalent of forty-four hours' pay) at the convenience of the employer in respect of service during the previous year.

Provided that where an employee has worked for a period of less than twelve months in any year such employee shall be allowed leave on a proportionate basis for each completed two months of continuous service.

Employees dismissed for misconduct or who voluntarily terminate their employment shall not be entitled to any annual leave.

(13) **SICK PAY.**—Any employee with not less than six months' service who does not attend for duty by reason of personal ill-health shall be allowed ordinary rates for the actual time of such non-attendance, provided he produces or forwards within 24 hours of the commencement of such absence evidence satisfactory to the management that his non-attendance was due to personal ill-health.

An employee shall not be entitled to any allowance on this ground for more than six days (the equivalent of 44 hours' pay) in each calendar year.

Personal ill-health does not include ill-health which is the result of an accident or ill-health the result of misconduct.

(14) **MEAL ALLOWANCE.**—A meal allowance of 1s. 6d. shall be paid to employees (other than casual employees) when required to work overtime without notice being given the day before such overtime is required, and provided a minimum of two hours' overtime is worked.

(15) **SPECIAL RATES FOR SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS (OTHER THAN CONTINUOUS SHIFT WORKERS).**—(a) All time worked except between 11 p.m. and midnight on Sundays, New Year's Day, Australia Day (26th January), Good Friday, Easter Saturday, Easter Monday, Labour Day (21st April), King's Birthday, Christmas Day, and Boxing Day shall be paid for at the rate of double time; but if any other day be by Act of Parliament or Proclamation substituted for any of the abovementioned holidays, the special rate shall only be payable for work done on the day so substituted.

(b) Employees (other than casual employees and continuous shift workers) shall be paid at ordinary rates for Anzac Day and the holidays set out in the preceding sub-clause although they do not work.

(16) **PIECEWORK.**—The Board determines, under the provisions of section 150 of the *Factories and Shops Act 1928* (No. 3677), that any employer may fix and pay piecework prices to any person or persons or classes of persons employed at any work for which the Board has fixed the minimum wage, provided that such employer shall base such piecework prices on the earnings of an average worker working under like conditions, and such piecework 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.

(17) **PERIODICAL ADJUSTMENT OF WAGES.**—The wages rates set out in clauses (2) and (3) are based upon the following basic wage rate, 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 rate.

The basic wage rate shown hereunder shall be adjusted as prescribed in clause (18).

Basic Wage.

Place.	Basic Wage.	Index Number Set Assigned.
Within the area to which this Determination applies	£ s. d. 4 1 0	Melbourne.

(18) ADJUSTMENT OF BASIC WAGE.—(a) Until the beginning of the first pay period to commence in November, 1941, the amount of the basic wage shall be as prescribed in clause (17).

(b) During each future period of or near a quarter beginning with the first pay period to commence in a November, a February, a May, or an August, 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:—

- (i) The index number set to be applied to a place is that assigned thereto in clause (17).
- (ii) The index number for the calendar quarter next preceding the period of or near a quarter for which the adjustment is made, is to be ascertained.
- (iii) The amount assigned in the following table (or in any extension thereof) to the index number division comprising that number is to be ascertained.
- (iv) 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	883-895	3 12 0
747-759	3 1 0	896-907	3 13 0
760-771	3 2 0	908-919	3 14 0
772-783	3 3 0	920-932	3 15 0
784-796	3 4 0	933-944	3 16 0
797-808	3 5 0	945-956	3 17 0
809-820	3 6 0	957-969	3 18 0
821-833	3 7 0	970-981	3 19 0
834-845	3 8 0	982-993	4 0 0
846-858	3 9 0	994-1006	4 1 0
859-870	3 10 0	1007-1018	4 2 0
871-882	3 11 0	1019-1030	4 3 0

The wages rates of adult females and all juniors, male and female, shall be adjusted proportionately to the alteration in the basic wage for male adults.

A. C. TINGATE, P.M., *Chairman*.

W. HEATH, *Secretary*.

Melbourne, 31st July, 1941.