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Factories and Shops Acts.

DETERMINATION OF THE CARETAKERS 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 5th April, 1939, has had the power to "determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to persons employed as caretakers of buildings—

- (a) in which any process, trade, business, or occupation is carried on for profit;
- (b) which are temporarily untenanted but in which, ordinarily, any process, trade, business, or occupation is carried on for profit;
- (c) which contain flats;
- (d) which contain halls let for public entertainment or for other purposes"—

has made the following Determination, namely:—

(1) That as from the beginning of the first pay period to commence on or after the 1st December, 1946, the last previous Determination of this Board shall be revoked and replaced by this Determination.

(2) IMPROVERS.

Wages per week of 46 hours.			
	s.	d.	
Under 18 years of age	51	3	
18 to 19 years of age	64	6	
19 to 20 years of age	79	9	
20 to 21 years of age	94	6	

PROPORTION (in any place).

One improver to every worker receiving not less than 122s. 6d. per week of 46 hours.

NOTE.—The Board has determined that no apprentice shall be taken in the trade.

OTHER EMPLOYEES.

WAGES PER WEEK OF 46 HOURS.

	Within the Metropolitan and Geelong Districts as defined in the Factories and Shops Acts and the City of Warrnambool.		All Other Parts of Victoria where this Determination Applies.	
	s. d.		s. d.	
Persons engaged weekly to take care of buildings which contain—				
41 or more flats	115	0	112	0
21 to 40 flats	111	0	108	0
20 or less flats	109	6	106	6
Persons engaged weekly to take care of buildings which contain halls let for public entertainment or for other purposes	106	0	103	0
Other caretakers of buildings in charge of—				
11 or more cleaners	143	6	140	6
4 to 10 cleaners	133	6	130	6
1 to 3 cleaners	122	6	119	6
All others	114	6	111	6

(3) An employee required to reside on the premises where he is employed shall be provided with accommodation, fuel and light free of cost by his employer.

(4) TIMES OF BEGINNING AND ENDING WORK FOR ALL PERSONS OTHER THAN THOSE EMPLOYED IN CONNEXION WITH FLATS OR HALLS:—

	Time of Beginning.	Time of Ending.
On the usual half-holiday	6 a.m.	1.20 p.m.
On the usual late trading night, or the night previous to a Public Holiday	6 a.m.	9.20 p.m.
On all other working days of the week	6 a.m.	9 p.m.

(5) **NOTICE OF HOURS.**—Every employer shall notify the hours at which he requires his employee to commence and cease work. Work done outside the hours notified shall be paid for at overtime rates. Such hours when notified shall not be changed except by a week's notice.

(6) **OVERTIME.**—The following rates shall be paid for all work done :—

(a) by persons employed in connexion with Flats or Halls—

Outside the hours of commencing and ceasing work notified by the employer in accordance with clause 5 } Time and a half.
In excess of 46 hours in any week }

(b) by all other persons—

Outside the times of beginning and ending work as fixed in clause 4—

(i) Between midnight and 6 a.m. Double time.
(ii) At any other time Time and a half.

Outside the hours of commencing and ceasing work notified by the employer in accordance with clause 5—

(i) Between midnight and 6 a.m. Double time.
(ii) At any other time Time and a half.

Within such prescribed times, but in excess of 46 hours in any one week Time and a half.

provided that overtime shall not be paid more than once in respect of the same period of work.

(7) **TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT.**—(a) All employees other than casual employees shall be engaged by the week and shall be paid weekly. Employees to become entitled to payment on a weekly basis must be available and ready and willing to perform such work as the employer shall from time to time require on the days and during the hours usually worked. Notice equivalent to 46 working hours shall 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 through any breakdown of machinery, or any stoppage of work, or any cause for which the employer cannot be reasonably held responsible.

(b) In lieu of such 46 working hours' notice, except in circumstances referred to above, the employer may pay 46 hours' wages; and vice versa, the employee leaving his employment without notice shall forfeit 46 hours' wages, which may be deducted from any wages due.

(c) 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) **CASUAL EMPLOYEES.**—i.e., persons engaged for less than the working week of 46 hours shall be paid for the first 23 hours at the rate of time and a quarter and for every hour thereafter ordinary time. Such payment shall be in addition to any overtime to which they may be entitled under clause 6.

Notwithstanding anything in this determination, no casual caretaker shall be paid less than 2s. 6d. for each time he is called up for duty in respect of any flat or block of flats.

(9) **ANNUAL LEAVE.**—Any employee who has been in the service of an employer for a period of not less than twelve months shall be granted with pay twelve working days in each year (exclusive of the holidays mentioned in clause 10) and such holiday shall be given within three months of the completion of twelve months' service, provided that, for the purposes of this clause, any service prior to the 19th July, 1939, in the case of caretakers of flats and halls and to the 29th September, 1938, for all other caretakers shall not be taken into account.

Provided further, that any employee who leaves or is dismissed before the expiration of twelve months shall be given or paid for holidays pro rata in accordance with the length of service, viz., one day for each complete month of service.

(10) **SPECIAL RATES.**—Double time shall be the rate payable for all work done on Sunday, New Year's Day, Australia Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Labour Day, Anzac Day, King's Birthday, Christmas Day, and 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 be payable only for work done on the day so substituted.

Any employee other than one employed in connexion with flats and halls who is required to work on any such days after 8 a.m. shall be paid for at least 4 hours' work.

(11) **CLEANING MATERIALS.**—All materials and implements for cleaning purposes shall be provided and maintained by the employer.

(12) The employer shall nominate himself or some other person as being the person who shall have the ultimate control and direction of the work of the caretaker.

(13) **TIME BOOK.**—Every employee shall indelibly record and initial daily his correct times of beginning and ending work in a book which shall be furnished by the employer. Such book shall be open for inspection by the Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the Victorian Branch of the Federated Miscellaneous Workers' Union between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. of any working day except Saturday at the employer's office or other convenient place provided that only one demand for each inspection shall be made at the same establishment in any calendar month. Such demand shall not be made unless the Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the Union suspects that a breach of this Determination has been committed.

PERIODICAL ADJUSTMENT OF WAGES.

(14) The wages rates set out in clause (2) are based upon the following basic wage rates and, pursuant to the provisions of Section 21 of the *Factories and Shops Act 1934*, the Board hereby determines that such rates shall be automatically adjusted as prescribed by Clause (15). Provided that the wages of apprentices and improvers 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.

Basic Wage.

Place.	Needs Basic Wage (Adjustable).	Loading (Constant).	Total Basic Wage.	Index Number Set Assigned.
	£ s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.	
Throughout the State	5 0 0	6 0	5 6 0	Melbourne

ADJUSTMENT OF BASIC WAGE.

15. (a) For the purposes of this Determination, the expression "Commonwealth Statistician's 'all items' 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.

(b) Until the beginning of the first pay period to commence in February, 1947, the amounts of the Basic Wage shall be as prescribed in clause 14.

(c) During each future successive period beginning with the first pay period to commence in a February, a May, an August, or a November, the amount of the basic wage shall be adjusted by the following method, namely, by multiplying the last published Commonwealth Statistician's "all items" retail price index number by the factor .087 taken to one place of decimals, the resultant whole number being the amount of the basic wage expressed in shillings, but should the decimal number reach .5 or more the basic wage shall be taken to the next highest shilling.

P. A. RANDLES, J.P., *Chairman.*

J. V. WILLOX, *Secretary.*

Melbourne, 6th January, 1947.

