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Factories and Shops Acts.

## DETERMINATION OF A WAGES BOARD ADJUSTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 21 OF THE FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACT 1934 (No. 4275).

I, Raymond Henry Beers, Secretary for Labour, in pursuance of the powers conferred by the Factories and Shops Acts, hereby make and issue the following adjusted Determination of the Wages Board referred to hereunder showing adjusted rates and prices to operate from the beginning of the first pay period to commence in November, 1948.

Dated at Melbourne, this  
9th day of November, 1948.

RAY H. BEERS,  
Secretary for Labour.

### BOILERMAKERS BOARD.

Clauses 2 to 4 inclusive of the Determination made on the 13th September, 1948, and in force as from the beginning of the first pay period to commence on or after the 28th September, 1948, shall be replaced by the following clauses:—

2.

WAGES.

Adults.	Day Shift.		
	Wages Per Week of 40 Hours.		
	Within 20 miles of G.P.O., Melbourne, 10 miles of G.P.O., Geelong, or at Warrambotti and within Mildura and Gippeland Districts.	At Yallourn.	Other parts of Victoria.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Boilermaking and steel construction section—			
Assembler window-frame making (non-tradesman) ..	7 12 0	7 18 6	7 9 0
Attendants at small rivet heating, bolt heating or similar types of fires or furnaces .. .. .	7 5 0	7 11 6	7 2 0
Blacksmith's striker .. .. .	7 3 0	7 9 6	7 0 0
Blacksmith's striker on double fires and other assistant ..	7 5 0	7 11 6	7 2 0
Boiler (inside) chipper and cleaner .. .. .	7 9 0	7 15 6	7 6 0
Boilermaker and/or structural steel tradesman .. .. .	8 12 0	8 18 6	8 9 0
Boilersmith and/or angle iron smith .. .. .	8 16 6	9 3 0	8 13 6
Cold saw operator .. .. .	7 5 0	7 11 6	7 2 0
Dogman .. .. .	7 5 0	7 11 6	7 2 0
Driller using portable machines .. .. .	8 7 6	8 14 0	8 4 6
Driller using stationary machines .. .. .	7 4 0	7 10 6	7 1 0
Employee assisting a ship plate bender or plate setter ..	7 5 0	7 11 6	7 2 0
Employee directly assisting an employee whose margin above the basic wage is 25s. or more .. .. .	7 3 0	7 9 6	7 0 0
Friction saw operator .. .. .	7 3 0	7 9 6	7 0 0
Furnaceman on heavy angle iron or heavy plate .. .. .	7 11 0	7 17 6	7 8 0
Furnaceman's assistant .. .. .	7 3 0	7 9 6	7 0 0
Holder-up .. .. .	7 5 0	7 11 6	7 2 0
Machinist—			
1st class .. .. .	8 12 0	8 18 6	8 9 0
2nd class .. .. .	7 17 0	8 3 6	7 14 0
3rd class .. .. .	7 8 0	7 14 6	7 5 0

## WAGES.—continued.

Adults.	Day Shift.		
	Wages Per Week of 40 Hours.		
	Within 20 miles of G.P.O., Melbourne, 10 miles of G.P.O., Geelong, or at Warrnambool, and within Mildura and Gippsland Districts.	At Yallourn.	Other parts of Victoria.
Machinist, steel construction—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1st class .. .. .	7 10 0	7 16 6	7 7 0
2nd class .. .. .	7 4 0	7 10 6	7 1 0
Marker off (a tradesman the greater part of whose time is occupied in marking off and/or template making) ..	8 18 0	9 4 6	8 15 0
Painter of ironwork using spray .. .. .	7 4 0	7 10 6	7 1 0
Painter of ironwork (other than ship painter) using brush ..	7 3 0	7 9 6	7 0 0
Plate setter and frame bender .. .. .	8 15 0	9 1 6	8 12 0
Press and block hand assisting a boiler or angle ironsmith ..	7 5 0	7 11 6	7 2 0
Process worker .. .. .	7 2 0	7 8 6	6 19 0
Rigger and/or splicer .. .. .	7 9 0	7 15 6	7 6 0
Rivet heater .. .. .	7 5 0	7 11 6	7 2 0
Welder—			
1st class (other than when using Cutler machine) ..	8 16 6	9 3 0	8 13 6
1st class (using Cutler machine) .. .. .	7 19 0	8 5 6	7 16 0
2nd class .. .. .	7 8 0	7 14 6	7 5 0
3rd class .. .. .	7 4 0	7 10 6	7 1 0
Welder-tack .. .. .	7 6 0	7 12 6	7 3 0
Other employees with not less than three months' experience in the metal trades industry .. .. .	6 9 0	6 15 6	6 6 0
Employee not elsewhere classified .. .. .	6 3 0	6 9 6	6 0 0
A tradesman employed as such in this Section who, in the course of his work, is called upon to operate any machine shall be paid the rate prescribed for a tradesman for all work done.			
Steel pipe making section—			
Assistant at ring making machines .. .. .	7 5 0	7 11 6	7 2 0
Cement mixer .. .. .	7 6 0	7 12 6	7 3 0
Cement liner .. .. .	7 9 0	7 15 6	7 6 0
Cement liner operator .. .. .	7 17 0	8 3 6	7 14 0
Employee in charge of ring making machines .. .. .	7 9 0	7 15 6	7 6 0
Employee rounding and straightening steel pipes .. .. .	7 8 0	7 14 0	7 5 0
Employee on tar dip and sand rolling .. .. .	7 5 0	7 11 6	7 2 0
Faucet maker in charge of furnace .. .. .	7 12 0	7 18 6	7 9 0
Faucet maker's assistant .. .. .	7 5 0	7 11 6	7 2 0
Machine operator (in charge of machines) .. .. .	7 9 0	7 15 6	7 6 0
Pipe builder .. .. .	7 9 0	7 15 6	7 6 0

## Leading Hands.

Leading hands in charge of not less than three and not more than ten employees, 9s. per week extra; more than ten and not more than twenty employees, 18s. per week extra; more than twenty employees, 27s. per week extra.

Provided that an employee in an electric supply undertaking detailed to act as leading hand in charge of two other adult employees working away from power station or workshop (one of whom is of the same classification as himself) shall be paid 6s. per week extra.

## Tradesmen in Large Power Houses.

Tradesmen and/or welders and their assistants employed in large operating power houses (i.e., power houses developing more than 8,000 kilowatts) other than those not on the regular staff engaged on new construction work shall be paid 6s. per week extra, and other apprentices and unapprenticed juniors 3s. per week extra; such amount shall be deemed to include all special rates prescribed in clause 5. This allowance shall continue to be payable to tradesmen attached to the staffs of such power houses while carrying out repairs or maintenance in rotary converter sub-stations which are in regular operation.

## Ship Repairing.

Employees engaged on ship repairs shall be paid the following additional margins:—

	s. d.
Tradesmen .. .. .	4 6 per week.
All other labour .. .. .	3 0 „ „

## 3.

## APPRENTICESHIP.

(Other than those covered by the Apprenticeship Commission.)

## Apprenticeship Trades.

(a) An employer shall not employ minors in the following trade or occupations otherwise than under a contract of apprenticeship as hereinafter provided:—

Boilermaker and/or structural steel tradesman and/or welder—first class.

## Period of Apprenticeship.

(b) If the apprentice when indentured is under the age of seventeen years—five years; if over the age of seventeen years—four or five years, at the option of the contracting parties.

## Contract of Apprenticeship.

(c) Every contract of apprenticeship hereinafter made shall contain—

- (i) the names of the parties;
- (ii) the date of birth of the apprentice;
- (iii) a statement of the trade or trades to which the apprentice is to be bound and which he is to be taught during the course and for the purpose of the apprenticeship;
- (iv) a covenant by the master to teach and instruct or cause the apprentice to be taught or instructed in the trade to which the apprentice is bound;
- (v) the date at which the apprenticeship is to commence or from which it is to be calculated;
- (vi) all other conditions of apprenticeship.

*Cancellation or Suspension of Indentures.*

(d) Subject to the approval of the Wages Board but not otherwise, an indenture of apprenticeship may be suspended or cancelled—

- (i) by mutual consent;
- (ii) if through lack of orders or financial difficulties an employer is unable to find suitable employment for an apprentice and a transfer to another employer cannot be arranged;
- (iii) if in the opinion of the Wages Board circumstances exist which render such suspension or cancellation necessary or desirable.

Any covenant in an indenture inconsistent with the provisions of this clause shall be null and void and of no force or effect while this Determination remains in force and applies to the parties to the indenture.

*Instruction in Welding.*

(e) The training of apprentices to boilermaking or structural steel work shall include instruction in electric welding and or oxy-acetylene welding as far as is practicable with the facilities available in the shop in which they are trained.

*Proportion.*

(f) (i) The proportion of apprentices who may be taken by an employer shall not exceed one apprentice for every two or fraction of two tradesmen.

For the purpose of ascertaining the number of apprentices, the number of tradesmen shall be deemed to be the average number working during the immediately preceding six months, and, in ascertaining such proportion an employer actually working in any workshop shall be deemed to be a tradesman.

A person who is, for a term not exceeding two years, taking practical training in a workshop in continuance of a course of training for professional work shall not be taken into account in calculating the proportion of apprentices to journeymen.

(ii) Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore provided in the trade of boilermaker, an employer may with the consent of the Apprenticeship Commission and upon satisfying that authority that he has the plant, equipment and staff necessary for the proper tuition of each apprentice concerned take apprentices in excess of the proportion herein prescribed. Until further order apprentices so taken shall not be counted in future calculations of the proportion of apprentices to journeymen authorized by this Determination.

*Adult Apprentices.*

(g) Any apprentice who cannot complete his full term of apprenticeship before reaching his twenty-second birthday may by agreement with his master, serve as an apprentice until he reaches the age of 23 years.

*Probationary Period.*

(h) Minors may be taken on probation for three months, and if apprenticed such three months shall count as part of their period of apprenticeship. An employer shall within fourteen days of employing a probationer notify the apprenticeship authorities of the employment of such probationer to any of the trades mentioned herein.

*Wages.*

(i) The minimum weekly rates of wage for apprentices shall be the under-mentioned percentages of the contemporaneous needs basic wage prescribed for the area in which they are employed, and in addition thereto the constant and war loadings specified, and in all contracts of apprenticeship hereafter made the employer shall covenant to pay wages of not less than such rates:

*Wages per Week of 40 hours.*

	Percentage of Needs Basic Wage.	Constant Loading.	War Loading.	Within 20 miles of G.P.O., Melbourne, 10 miles of G.P.O., Geelong, or at Warrnambool, and within Mildura and Gippsland Districts.	At Yallourn.	Other Parts of Victoria.
<i>Four and Five-year Terms.</i>						
		<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
1st year .. ..	25	..	0 9	29 0	31 0	28 6
2nd year .. ..	33	1 0	1 0	39 6	42 0	38 6
3rd year .. ..	50	1 6	1 6	60 0	63 0	58 6
4th year .. ..	83	2 0	2 3	99 0	104 6	96 6
5th year .. ..	100 plus 6s.	2 0	3 0	125 0	131 6	122 0
<i>Four-year Terms.—Apprentices commencing after the Age of 17 Years.</i>						
1st year .. ..	29	..	0 9	34 0	35 6	33 0
2nd year .. ..	50	1 0	1 6	59 6	62 6	58 0
3rd year .. ..	83	2 0	2 3	99 0	104 6	96 6
4th year .. ..	100 plus 6s.	2 0	3 0	125 0	131 6	122 0

An employee who is under 21 years of age on the expiration of his apprenticeship and thereafter works as a minor in the occupation to which he has been apprenticed shall be paid at not less than the adult rate prescribed for that classification.

*Hours.*

(j) The ordinary hours of employment of apprentices shall not in each workshop exceed those of the journeymen.

*Overtime and Shift Work.*

(k) No apprentice under the age of eighteen years shall be required to work overtime or shift work unless he so desires.

No apprentice shall except in an emergency work or be required to work overtime or shift work at times which would prevent his attendance at technical school as required by any statute, determination, or regulation applicable to him.

*Payment by Results.*

(l) An apprentice shall not work under any system of payment by results.

*Lost Time.*

(m) The apprentice at the end of the calendar period of any year in which he has actually given service to the master upon less than the ordinary working days prescribed in this Determination, or on which he has unlawfully absented himself without the master's consent shall, for every day short of the said number of working days, and for every day of such absence, serve one day, and the calendar period of the succeeding year of his service shall not be deemed to begin until the said additional day or days shall have been served. Provided that in calculating the extra time to be so served the apprentice shall be credited with time which he has worked during the relevant year in excess of his ordinary hours.

*Prohibition of Premiums.*

(n) An employer shall not, either directly or indirectly, or by any pretence or device receive from any person or require or permit any person to pay or give any consideration in the nature of a premium or bonus for the taking or binding of any probationer or apprentice.

*Attendance at Technical Schools.*

(o) Apprentices attending technical colleges or schools and presenting reports of satisfactory conduct shall be reimbursed all fees paid by them.

*Annual and Sick Leave.*

(p) Apprentices shall be entitled to sick and annual leave in accordance with the provisions of clauses 16 and 17 hereof respectively.

## UNAPPRENTICED MALE JUNIORS.

4. (a) Subject to the exceptions hereinafter provided, the minimum rates of wage for unapprenticed male juniors employed in occupations for which apprenticeship is not provided by this Determination shall be the undermentioned:—

*Wages per Week of 40 hours.*

—	Percentage of Needs Basic Wage.	Constant Loading.	Further Additional Loading.	Total Wage Payable.		
				Within 20 Miles of G.P.O., Melbourne. 10 Miles of G.P.O., Geelong, or at Warrnambool, and within Mildura and Gippsland Districts.	At Yallourn.	Other Parts of Victoria.
Junior Males.						
Under 16 years of age	25	s. d. 0 6	s. d. 2 0	s. d. 31 0	s. d. 32 6	s. d. 30 0
16 years of age	35	0 9	3 0	43 6	46 0	42 6
17 years of age	47½	1 0	4 0	59 0	62 0	57 6
18 years of age	60	1 0	5 0	74 6	78 6	72 6
19 years of age	75	2 0	6 0	93 6	98 6	91 0
20 years of age	90	2 0	7 0	111 6	117 6	109 0

Provided that the rate payable to any employee shall not, excluding the constant loading, be less than 20s.

The total wage shall be calculated to the nearest sixpence, any broken part of sixpence in the result not exceeding threepence to be disregarded.

A junior employee of eighteen years or more shall be paid 3s. per week in addition to the rates prescribed herein while he is employed as a furnaceman or assistant to a furnaceman.

(b) The minimum rate payable to a junior employee of eighteen years or more with less than six months' experience under this Determination shall, until he has had such six months' experience, be 10 per cent. less than the amount represented by the percentage of the needs basic wage hereby prescribed for a junior employee of his age and in addition thereto the constant loading prescribed for such an employee.

(c) Junior employees employed on the following machines or operations shall be paid at not less than the appropriate adult minimum rates:—

- (i) Angle-iron cropping where the material weighs more than 3½ lb. per foot and is not clamped.
- (ii) Assisting steel furnace ladleman other than in daubing or repairing ladles.
- (iii) Assisting storemen racking and/or loading and/or unloading off vehicles of heavy steel plates, bars or sections.
- (iv) Breaking up pig iron.
- (v) Carry material to or from cupola forge or electric steel furnace or using the slicer or hanging on to end of a bloom. This shall not apply in the case of junior moulders.
- (vi) Cutting out and punching rivets on plates.
- (vii) Cutting plates by means of hammer and cold set.
- (viii) Holding up rivets over ½ in. diameter.
- (ix) Passing hot rivets in confined spaces.
- (x) Plate edge planers in structural steel or shipbuilding yards where the operator travels on the machine.
- (xi) Punching machines handling plates weighing more than 84 lb.
- (xii) Shearing machines other than guillotine plate shearers, handling plates weighing more than 84 lb.

(d) Junior employee shall not be employed—

- (i) if under the age of 16 years—  
on oil or gas burners or fires used for heating of small articles: or  
using electric arc or oxy-acetylene blow-pipe, or
- (ii) if under 18 years of age—  
die setting on power presses;  
as furnaceman or assistant to furnacemen; or  
as operators of power-driven guillotines.

Clauses, other than clauses 2 to 4 inclusive, of the said Determination shall remain in force.