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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 February, 1948.

Dated at Melbourne, this
6th day of April, 1948.

RAY. H. BEERS,
Secretary for Labour.

GAS METER BOARD.

Clauses 2 and 11 of the Determination published in *Government Gazette* No. 221 of the 27th March, 1947, shall be replaced by the following clauses:—

2.

Apprentices or Improvers.				Other Employees.			
Wages per Week of 44 Hours.	Weekly Rate.	War Loading.	Total Weekly Wage.	Wages Per Week of 44 Hours.	Weekly Rate.	War Loading.	Total Weekly Wage.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.		£ s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.
1st year—				Loading hand (i.e., one having under his control and being responsible for the work done by two or more men)	8 2 0	6 0	8 8 0
1st six months	26 10	0 9	27 7	Meter makers or repairers	7 1 0	6 0	7 7 0
2nd six months	30 5	0 9	31 2	Propayment meter attachment maker	7 4 8	6 0	7 10 8
2nd year	36 11	1 0	37 11	Caster of gratings and covers	7 4 8	6 0	7 10 8
3rd year	51 10	1 6	53 4	Head tester—			
4th year	75 2	2 3	77 5	(a) where eight or more other testers are employed	8 1 9	6 0	8 7 9
5th year	94 6	3 0	97 6	(b) where four and not more than seven other testers are employed	7 17 4	6 0	8 3 4
PROPORTION (within any place).				Other testers	7 0 8	4 0	7 4 8
Apprentices.				Loading diaphragm tier (where two or more other diaphragm tiers are employed)	7 11 0	6 0	7 17 0
One apprentice to every three or fraction of three workers receiving not less than 116s. per week of 44 hours.				Other diaphragm tiers, including persons banding, crimping, or wiring	6 8 9	3 0	6 11 9
Improvers.				Loading diaphragm cutter, where two or more cutters are employed	7 6 1	4 0	7 10 1
Such number of improvers as shall not, together with apprentices, exceed in the aggregate one to every three or fraction of three workers receiving not less than 116s. per week of 44 hours.				Other diaphragm cutters	6 11 9	3 0	6 14 9
				Rim, disc, or pre-payment meter cash box makers	6 14 11	4 0	6 18 11
				Machinist (power press)	6 9 0	3 0	6 12 0
				Other machinists	6 1 9	3 0	6 4 9
				Assistant machinist	5 17 6	3 0	6 0 6
				All others	5 13 0	3 0	5 16 0

PIECEWORK PRICES.

11. In addition to the piecework prices set out in this clause a pieceworker shall be paid 6s. War Loading for each full week worked or a pro rata amount according to the time actually worked if less than a full week is worked.

The lowest piecework prices payable to any person engaged in the following kinds of work shall be :—

(a) MAKING TIN DRY ORDINARY METERS, "MET" AND "P. AND C." PATTERN, ALSO HIGH CAPACITY METERS, "P. AND C." PATTERN.

	H.C. 1.	H.C. 2.				
	per doz. £ s. d.	per doz. £ s. d.				
Making "Met" pattern meters, i.e., doing any work necessary to complete the meter, including the putting together of all parts; preparing gratings and covers (after leaving the mould); putting on pins and wires, forming long and diaphragm chambers, throat pieces, bridges, and back plates; folding edge; breaking edges of side pipes; making valve plates; oiling, sounding, and fixing up all leaks in diaphragms; setting and grinding valves; and tinning all parts including anti-fraud boxes	15 7 0	17 0 9				
	Lights.					
	2.	3.	5.	10.	20.	
	per doz. £ s. d.	per doz. £ s. d.	per doz. £ s. d.	per doz. £ s. d.	per doz. £ s. d.	
Making "P. and C." pattern meters, i.e., doing any work necessary to complete the meter, including the putting together of all parts, and the making of valve plates; oiling, sounding, and fixing up leaks in diaphragms; setting and grinding valves; preparing gratings and covers (after leaving moulds); putting on pins and wires, and tinning all parts; but not including forming long and diaphragm chambers, throat pieces, bridges, and back plates; punching cock plates; folding edge of same; and breaking edges of side pipes	10 0 6	10 7 11	11 13 6	14 2 10	20 10 1	
	High Capacity Meters.					
Making "P. and C." high capacity meters, i.e., doing any work necessary to complete the meter, including the putting together of all parts, the making of valve plates, soldering in rims, banding on diaphragms, sounding and fixing up leaks in diaphragms, setting and grinding valves, preparing gratings and covers, putting on pins and wires, and tinning all parts, but not including forming long and diaphragm chambers, throat pieces, bridges, back plates, punching cock plates, folding edge of same, breaking edges of side pipes, making up rims or bands for diaphragms, fastening tapes to rims, crimping or fastening discs to diaphragms, and oiling diaphragms; also, bending top arms.	Capacity, 100 cubic feet per hour £11 2s. 7d. per doz. Capacity, 125 cubic feet per hour £12 14s. 10d. per doz.					

(a) MAKING TIN DRY ORDINARY METERS, "P. AND C." PATTERN.

<i>"P. and C." A.V. 2·200 feet per hour. Open Top Pattern Meters.</i> Making up "P. and C." A.V. 2·200 feet per hour Open Top Pattern Meters, i.e., doing the following work necessary to complete the meter, including the putting together of all parts and the making of valve plates, making up case, soldering in rims, banding on diaphragms, sounding and fixing up leaks in diaphragms, setting and grinding valves, preparing gratings and covers, tinning all parts, soldering both back and front of division, soldering flag to roller and pillar unit, soldering in rods and tees and tees and motion wires, soldering on backs and fronts, soldering in bridges, soldering in and fitting index boxes, soldering arms to covers, pinning covers and setting tangents (but not including forming centre tube throat pieces), making up rims and bands for diaphragms, fastening tapes to rims, crimping or fastening discs to diaphragms and oiling diaphragms, assembling of bridges, making up of index complete in pan with stuffing box attached, stuffing index box or drilling, tapping or screwing arms to covers.	£10 19s. 6d. per doz.
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(b) MAKING TIN DRY PREPAYMENT METERS.

Making "P. and C." pattern high capacity prepayment meters, i.e., doing any work necessary to complete the meter, including the putting together of all parts, the making of valve plates, soldering in rims, banding on diaphragms, sounding and fixing up leaks in diaphragms setting and grinding valves, preparing gratings and covers, putting on pins and wires, tinning all parts, soldering prepayment valve seat on bridge, soldering in prepayment valve, soldering top on prepayment valve box, soldering prepayment valve box to meter, soldering stuffing box to prepayment valve box and stuffing same, soldering on lever, soldering on circular box, soldering on prepayment movement and index, soldering on side cash box, soldering hasp to catch piece, soldering catch piece to meter, edging front of money box and attaching same to box, soldering on ring and tab to front of money box, trying coins in circular box, soldering on indicator, soldering bottom to cash box, but not including forming long and diaphragm chambers, throat pieces, bridges, back plates, punching cock plates, folding edge of same, breaking edges of side pipes, making up rims or bands for diaphragms, fastening tapes to rims, crimping or fastening discs to diaphragms, and oiling diaphragms.	Capacity, 100 cubic feet per hour £13 13s. 2d. per doz.
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PIECEWORK PRICES—continued.

(c) MAKING RIMS AND DISCS.

	Lights.							
	2.	3.	5.	10.	20.	30.	50.	60.
	per job of 400 rims and 200 discs. £ s. d.	per job of 620 rims. £ s. d.	per job of 580 rims. £ s. d.	per job of 460 rims. £ s. d.	per job of 240 rims. £ s. d.	per job of 240 rims. £ s. d.	per doz. discs. £ s. d.	per doz. discs. £ s. d.
Making rims and discs ..	7 13 5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Making rims ..	..	7 13 5	7 13 5	7 13 5	7 13 5	7 13 5	..	..
Making discs ..	..	..	..	..	per doz. discs. 6s. 5d.	per doz. discs. 9s. 4d.	1 2 7	1 7 2
Making rims for circular crimped-on diaphragms ..	..	..	per job of 400 rims. 6 16 6	per job of 400 rims. 7 1 8	..	..	..	..

(d) WIRING OR TYING DIAPHRAGMS.

	2, 3, or 5 Lights.	10 Lights.
	per dozen. s. d.	per dozen. s. d.
Wiring or tying diaphragms ..	6 11	8 11

(e) RENEWALS.

	Lights.				
	30.	50.	60.	80.	100.
<i>Ordinary Meters.</i>	per doz.	per job of 6.	per job of 6.	per job of 3.	per job of 3.
Renewing in the following manner ordinary condemned meters from which the top back plate, and back and front have been removed, viz.:— Dissecting and cleaning all parts fit to be re-used and making a new meter therewith by:— Forming diaphragms and long chambers, throat pieces, bridges, back plates; punching cock plate and folding edges; breaking edges of side pipes, any other necessary work ..	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	41 11 4	32 2 5	34 7 5	23 6 0	23 6 0

(f) REPAIRING METERS.

	H.C. 1.	H.C. 2.	Lights.			
			5.	10.	20.	30.
Repairing "Met" pattern meters, i.e., doing such of the following work as may be necessary to restore the meter to good repair, viz.:— Removing back and front; removing cock plate and back plate; cleaning meter; re-grinding valves; re-stuffing centre and side stuffing boxes; re-setting valves and top arms; inserting new diaphragms; removing index; putting in new valve arms, index glass, or new tin work ..	each meter. s. d.	each meter. s. d.	each meter. s. d.	each meter. s. d.	each meter. s. d.	each meter. s. d.
Repairing prepayment slot meters, i.e., doing such of the following work as may be necessary to restore the meter to good repair, viz.:— Cleaning meter; re-grinding valves; re-stuffing boxes; re setting top arms and valves; removing top and back plates; taking off and replacing back and front, and inserting new diaphragms, new valve arms, and index glass; putting in a new cover to shut off valve; putting on staple and spring, and soldering wire along cash box (but not including repairs to handles) ..	..	..	per job of ten meters £ s. d. 8 13 7	..	..	..
Inserting new leather on shut off valve in Parkinson pattern prepayment meter ..	..	..	each meter s. d. 1 11	..	..	..

PIECEWORK PRICES—continued.

(f) REPAIRING METERS—continued.

	Lights.					
	2.	3.	5.	10.	20.	
	each meter. s. d.	each meter. s. d.	each meter. s. d.	each meter. s. d.	each meter. s. d.	
Repairing tin dry ordinary meters in the following manner:—						
(a) Cleaning meter; inserting diaphragms; setting or re-grinding valves; re-stuffing boxes; removing and replacing cock plates and index	7 10	8 9	9 6	10 6	14 4	} With 50-67 per cent. added.
(b) Cleaning meter; cutting discs; oiling diaphragms; setting or re-grinding valves; re-stuffing boxes; removing cock plate and index; taking off and putting in back and front	6 6	6 6	6 6	6 8	9 11	
Repairing tin dry prepayment meters, extra on above (a) and (b):—						
(i) Meters fitted with 1977 movements	2 6	2 6	2 6	2 6	2 6	
(ii) Meters fitted with 1924 and similar movements	3 0	3 0	3 0	3 0	3 0	
(iii) Other meters	2 3	2 3	2 3	2 3	2 3	
NOTE:—14d. to be paid extra for all T. Glover slot repairs with the exception of Parkinson pattern meters—all Cowan H. to F. slots to be subject to this increase.						

(g) EXTRAS.

Article.	Lights.	Price.	Article.	Lights.	Price.
		s. d.			s. d.
Frame and door	2, 3, 5, 10	0 7	Pipes inside inlet	2, 3, 5, 10 to 20	2 0 pair
Bottom and studs	2, 3, 5, 10	1 4	Other pipes	2, 3, 5, 10	1 0 "
	20	1 8		20	2 0 "
Bridge	2, 3, 5, 10	1 0	Galleries	2, 3, 5, 10	1 3 "
	20	1 3		20	1 8 "
Rod arms	2, 3, 5, 10	0 4 pair	Guides	2 to 20	0 4 set
	20	0 8 "	Feet	2, 3, 5, 10	0 4 "
Valve arms	2, 3, 5, 10	0 3 "		20	1 0 "
Valve-box covers	2, 3, 5, 10	0 6 "	Rod stuffing boxes	2, 3, 5, 10	0 5 pair
Divisions	2, 3, 5, 10	2 2	Clean valves and set to zero	2	2 0
Half-valve plate	2	2 3		3 and 5	2 4
	3	2 5		10	2 5
	5	2 7		20	2 11
	10	2 9	Slot meters extra on above		1 2 each
	20	2 11	Taking off and putting on back and front only	2	1 3 pair
New door	2	0 2		3 and 5	1 6 "
Motion wires	2, 3, 5, 10	0 7 pair		10	1 8 "
	20	1 3 "		20	2 3 "
Throat pieces	2, 3, 5, 10	1 0 "	Turn-over backs and fronts	2 to 20	0 5 "
Side chambers	2, 3, 5, 10	0 6 each	Condemning	2	1 3
				3, 5, 10	1 5
New sides	2, 3, 5, 10	4 4 pair		20	1 11
Tees	2, 3, 5, 10	1 0 "	Piecing cases	2 to 20	0 6
	20	1 3 "	Putting in deep rim diap.	3	0 7 pair
				5	0 5 "

NOTE.—(i) "Leaks round grating" and "All crutch leaks" shall be paid for at wages rates.

(ii) All materials for piecework, except that set out in sub-clause (d) of the piecework schedule, supplied to the employee in good order and condition.

Clauses, other than clauses 2 and 11, of the said Determination shall remain in force.