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Factories and Shops Acts.

DETERMINATION OF THE CEMENT 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 now has power to “determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons employed in the process, trade, business, or occupation of—

- (a) making Portland cement,
- (b) quarrying or preparing the raw materials for Portland cement,
- (c) extracting potash salts from the by-products of Portland cement”

has made the following Determination namely:—

1. That as from the beginning of the first pay period to commence on or after the 13th November, 1947, the last previous Determination of this Board shall be revoked and replaced by this Determination.

2.

WAGES.

APPRENTICES AND IMPROVERS.

	CEMENT WORKS.			QUARRIES.		
	Wages per Week.			Wages per Week.		
	Adjustable Rate.	Plus War Loading (Non-adjustable).	Total Wage.	Adjustable Rate.	Plus War Loading (Non-adjustable).	Total Wage.
Under 16 years of age	s. d. 42 0	s. d. 2 0	s. d. 44 0	s. d. 48 6	s. d. 2 6	s. d. 51 0
“ 17 “ “	53 6	2 9	56 3	59 9	3 0	62 9
“ 18 “ “	61 9	3 3	65 0	70 0	3 6	73 6
“ 19 “ “	75 3	4 0	79 3	82 3	4 3	86 6
“ 20 “ “	85 9	4 3	90 0	92 3	4 9	97 0
“ 21 “ “	98 0	5 0	103 0	103 0	5 3	108 3

PROPORTION (in any factory or place).

Apprentices.

One apprentice to every three or fraction of three workers receiving not less than the minimum wage.

Improvers.

One improver to every five or fraction of five workers receiving not less than the minimum wage.

OTHER EMPLOYEES (MALES).

Cement Works.	Wages per Week.		
	Adjustable Rate.	Plus War Loading (Non-adjustable).	Total Wage.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Cement Burner	138 0	6 0	144 0
Tester on Slurry Controls	134 0	6 0	140 0
Miller (new plant)	132 3	6 0	138 3
Miller (old plant)	129 3	6 0	135 3
Fuller Coal Miller (old plant)	132 3	6 0	138 3
Coal Drier (old plant)	132 3	6 0	138 3
Potash plant attendant	132 3	6 0	138 3
Loader in railway trucks at bagging sheds	136 0	6 0	142 0
Machine Bag Filler	136 0	6 0	142 0
Stacker	120 0	6 0	126 0
Electrostatic Precipitator Attendant (new plant)	129 6	6 0	135 6
Electrostatic Precipitator Attendant (old plant)	123 0	6 0	129 0
Rubber Band Attendant	120 0	6 0	126 0
Slurry Tank Attendant (new plant)	129 0	6 0	135 0
Mammoth Crusher Attendant (new plant)	127 6	6 0	133 6
Truck Cleaner	120 0	6 0	126 0
Truck Tarper	122 0	6 0	128 0
Mill Room Helper	121 9	6 0	127 9
All others	115 0	6 0	121 0

Female testers on slurry controls shall be paid 54 per cent. of the gross male rate.

OTHER EMPLOYEES (MALES)—continued.

Quarries.	Batesford.			Elsewhere.		
	Adjustable Rate.	Plus War Loading (Non-adjustable).	Total Wage.	Adjustable Rate.	Plus War Loading (Non-adjustable).	Total Wage.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Powder Monkey	140 6	6 0	146 6	133 6	6 0	139 6
Jack Hammerman	140 6	6 0	146 6	133 6	6 0	139 6
Platelayer	136 0	6 0	142 0	129 0	6 0	135 0
Bankman	133 0	6 0	139 0	126 0	6 0	132 0
Underground Drainer	171 6	6 0	177 6	..	..	..
Underground Quarryman	145 0	6 0	151 0	..	..	..
Pump Attendant	140 6	6 0	146 6	..	..	..
Signal Attendant	130 6	6 0	136 6	..	..	..
Leverman	127 0	6 0	133 0	..	..	..
Dump Man	127 0	6 0	133 0	..	..	..
All others	122 0	6 0	128 0	115 0	6 0	121 0

RATE FOR SHIFT WORK.

3. Underground Drainers and Underground Quarrymen shall receive 9d. per week in addition to their ordinary wage whilst employed on afternoon or night shift.

For other adult employees the extra rate for afternoon or night shift shall be an additional $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of the "All Others" rate for the section in which they are employed.

EXTRA RATES.

4. (a) Any person in Cement Works who is employed inside kilns or mills to reline same or who is required to work in Cement, Clinker, or Slurry Silos, shall be paid 6d. per hour in addition to the ordinary rate.

(b) Any person employed as an Underground Quarryman shall, when it becomes necessary for him to work in wet conditions, be paid 1s. per day extra.

(c) Any person employed on refractory work on new kilns shall be paid 6s. per week above the minimum wage.

OVERTIME.

5. (a) Until the 31st December, 1947, the ordinary hours shall be 44 per week.

(b) Thereafter the ordinary hours shall be 80 per fortnight, worked in ten shifts of eight hours each, and any shifts worked in excess of such ten shifts per fortnight shall be paid for at time and a half.

Shift workers—All overtime in excess of the number of hours ordinarily worked per shift shall be paid for at the rate of time and a half.

Other workers—All overtime worked in excess of the number of hours ordinarily worked per day shall be paid for at the rate of time and a half for the first two hours and double time thereafter.

EMPLOYMENT FOR LESS THAN FULL WEEK.

6. Employees who work less than 44 hours until the 31st December, 1947, and thereafter 40 hours in any week may be paid the ordinary wages rate calculated pro rata according to the number of hours worked.

SHIFTS.

7. (a) The hour of beginning and the hour of ending each shift shall be as follows:—

	Time of beginning not earlier than:—	Time of ending not later than:—
Day Shift	7.30 a.m.	5 p.m.
Afternoon Shift	4 p.m.	2 a.m.
Night Shift	midnight	8 a.m.

When any of the employees performing the work of a tester on slurry controls is a female the hours of beginning and ending shifts may be varied as required after consultation with the employees concerned.

Provided that the hours of work on Saturday in Cement Works for persons employed continuously on day shift shall be as follows:—

7.30 a.m. noon.

(b) The higher rate to be paid for each hour or fraction of an hour worked by an employee, other than an Underground Drainer, before or after his shift shall be time and a half.

WEEK-END PENALTY RATES FOR SHIFT WORKERS.

7A. Ordinary shift hours worked between midnight on Friday, and midnight on Saturday shall be paid for at the rate of time and a quarter, and all time worked between midnight on Saturday, and midnight on Sunday shall be paid for at time and a half provided that all time worked in excess of eight hours on a Sunday shall be paid for at double time.

COAL HANDLING.

8. Persons employed handling coal at siding shall, be paid at the hourly rate for "All Others" (Cement Works) provided that for the first twenty-four hours of any week, they shall receive an additional 30%.

For the purpose of this clause the week shall consist of seven days commencing on the particular day on which an employee starts work.

SPECIAL RATES.

9. Work done on Sundays by day workers (other than underground drainers) shall be paid for at the rate of time and a half for the first two hours and double time thereafter, and double time shall be the rate payable for work done by all persons on New Year's Day, Australia Day, Labour Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, 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 abovenamed holidays, the special rate shall be payable only for work done on the day so substituted.

HOLIDAYS.

10. Any employee not required to work on any of the public holidays mentioned in clause 9, shall be entitled to be absent without deduction of pay.

ANZAC DAY.

11. Where the incidence of Anzac Day is such as to prevent an employee from working his ordinary normal hours of work, then he shall be paid for the time so lost.

SICK LEAVE.

12. (a) An employee who is absent from his work on account of personal illness, or on account of injury by accident, shall be entitled to leave of absence, without deduction of pay, subject to the following conditions and limitations:—

- (i) He shall not be entitled to paid leave of absence for any period in respect of which he is entitled to workers' compensation.
- (ii) He shall, within 24 hours of the commencement of such absence, inform the employer of his inability to attend for duty and, as far as practicable, state the nature of the injury or illness and the estimated duration of the absence.
- (iii) He shall prove to the satisfaction of his employer (or in the event of dispute the Wages Board) that he was unable on account of such illness or injury to attend for duty on the day or days for which sick leave is claimed.
- (iv) He shall be entitled to sick leave not exceeding 44 hours until the 31st December, 1947, and thereafter 40 hours of working time in any year, provided however, that when employment is commenced subsequent to the 1st day of June in any year, he shall be entitled to sick leave for such year at the rate of 8 hours until the 31st December, 1947, and thereafter 10 hours of working time for each completed two months until the 31st December, 1947, and thereafter three months of continuous employment in such year.
- (b) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-clause (a) hereof, if the full period of sick leave as prescribed above is not taken in any year, such portion as is not taken shall be cumulative from year to year up to a period not exceeding 132 hours until the 31st December, 1947, and thereafter 120 hours of working time, which shall be the maximum amount of leave to which an employee may be entitled in any year of service without deduction of pay.

For the purpose of this sub-clause service prior to the 1st June, 1946, shall be disregarded.

(c) "Year" means the period between the 1st day of June, in each year and the next 31st day of May.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY.

13. (a) The annual holiday for an employee on weekly hiring, or a casual employee, shall be as prescribed by the provisions of the *Factories and Shops (Annual Holidays) Act 1946*, No. 5111, and any amendments which may be made thereto from time to time.

(b) In addition to the above, seven day shift workers, that is shift workers who are rostered to work regularly on Sundays and holidays, shall be allowed for each twelve monthly qualifying period one week's leave including non-working days.

(c) Where an employee with twelve months' continuous service is engaged for part of the twelve-monthly period as a seven day shift worker, he shall be entitled to have the period of two weeks' annual leave prescribed by the said Act increased by one half day for each month he is continuously engaged as aforesaid.

(d) If in any twelve-monthly qualifying period a seven day shift worker lawfully leaves his employment or his employment is terminated by the employer through no fault of the employee, the employee shall be paid, in addition to all other amounts (including any payment in lieu of annual leave as prescribed by sub-clause (a) hereof) due to him, an amount equal to one-fiftieth of his ordinary pay for the period of employment as a seven day shift worker.

RIGHT OF ENTRY OF UNION OFFICIALS.

14. A duly accredited representative of the Australian Worker's Union not more than once a fortnight shall have the right to enter during the midday meal hour, the portion of any employer's establishment in which any of the classes of labour covered by this Determination are employed for the purpose of interviewing employees on legitimate union business.

If any representative is unduly interfering or is creating disaffection amongst the employees or is offensive in his methods, the employer may refuse the right of entry.

PERIODICAL ADJUSTMENT OF WAGES.

15. 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 16. 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.)	Additional Constant Loading.	Total Basic Wage.	Index Number Set Assigned.
Throughout the State	£ s. d. 5 3 0	s. d. 6 0	£ s. d. 5 9 0	Melbourne

ADJUSTMENT OF BASIC WAGE.

16. (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, 1948, the amounts of the Basic Wage shall be as prescribed in clause 15.

(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 needs 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 higher shilling.

A. V. BARNES, J.P., Chairman.

J. W. RYAN, Secretary.

Melbourne, 7th November, 1947.