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Factories and Shops Acts.

DETERMINATION OF THE SHOPS BOARD No. 14 (FURNITURE DEALERS).

NOTE.—This Determination applies to the following parts of Victoria, namely:—The Metropolitan District as defined in the Factories and Shops Acts and the Orders in Council thereunder; the cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong West, and Warrnambool; the town of Newtown and Chilwell; and the boroughs of Eaglehawk and Sebastopol.

IN accordance with the provisions of the Factories and Shops Acts, the Wages Board appointed to “determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons employed in the business of a seller of furniture or floor coverings,” has made the following Determination, namely:—

1. That as from the beginning of the first pay period to commence on or after the 10th June, 1948, the last previous Determination of this Board shall be revoked and replaced by this Determination.

2.

WAGES PER WEEK OF 40 HOURS.

Apprentices and Improvers.							Other Employees.		
Experience.	Commencing Age.							Within the Metropolitan District.	Outside the Metropolitan District wherever this Determination applies.
	15 years or under.	16 years.	17 years.	18 years.	19 years.	20 years.			
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.		s. d.	s. d.
1st year—							Person in charge of a shop (including a branch shop)	163 0	158 0
1st 6 months	32 6	42 0	46 6	56 0	69 6	79 6	Canvassers, travellers, window dressers, ticket writers, collectors (who, in addition to their duties of canvassing, travelling, or collecting, are in any way connected with the sale of goods), salesmen, or saleswomen	152 0	148 0
2nd 6 months	41 6	46 6	51 0	60 6	79 6	91 6	Storeman or packer (i.e. an adult either working singly or supervising other storemen or packers, who is in charge of a store or floor where goods are received or despatched)	145 0	140 0
2nd year—							Other storemen or packers	135 0	130 0
1st 6 months	52 0	52 0	60 6	69 6	91 6	98 6	All others	135 0	130 0
2nd 6 months	57 0	57 0	69 6	91 6	98 6	115 0			
3rd year ..	66 0	66 0	89 0	115 0	..	..	
4th year ..	89 0	89 0	..	..	..	..
5th year ..	111 0	115 0	..	..	..	..
6th year ..	126 0	..	..	..	..	..

And thereafter the minimum wage.

PROPORTION (within any shop).

APPRENTICES.

One apprentice to every three or fraction of three workers receiving not less than 148s. per week.

IMPROVERS.

One improver to every two or fraction of two workers receiving not less than 148s. per week.

TIME WAGES.

3. Any person employed on time wages for less than the number of hours fixed for an ordinary week's work shall for each hour worked up to one half the number of hours fixed for an ordinary week's work be paid—

- (a) in any week in which two or more public holidays occur At the ordinary wages rate, with an addition of fifty per centum.
- (b) in any other week At the ordinary wages rate, with an addition of thirty-three and one-third per centum

and thereafter the ordinary wage rate up to but not exceeding ordinary wages rates for an ordinary week's work.

4.

TIMES OF BEGINNING AND ENDING WORK.

	Time of Beginning.	Time of Ending.
Saturday	8 a.m.	noon
On the other working days of the week	8 a.m.	5.30 p.m.

MEAL INTERVAL.

5. No employer shall require any employee to take a longer interval than one hour for a meal.

OVERTIME.

6. Outside the hours fixed in clause 4 } Time and a half.
 Within the hours fixed in clause 4 in excess of the number of hours as fixed for an ordinary week's work }

SPECIAL RATE FOR PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

7. Treble time shall be paid within the Metropolitan District and double time elsewhere for all work done on Easter Saturday, and time and a half for all work done on New Year's Day, Australia Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Labour Day, King's Birthday, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, and on Cup Day (Metropolitan District only), and after 12.30 p.m. on Show Day (in localities mentioned in the Twelfth Schedule to the *Public Service Act* 1928 within the area to which this Determination applies). If any other day be by Act of Parliament or Proclamation substituted for any of the above-named holidays, the special rate shall only be payable for work done on the day so substituted.

SUNDAYS.

8. Treble time shall be paid for all work done on Sundays.

TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT.

9. Except in a case where an employee has been guilty of a misdemeanour, seven days' notice of termination of employment shall be given by either employer or employee, or one week's wages paid or forfeited, as the case may be, in lieu thereof.

TEA MONEY.

10. Any employee who is required to work overtime in excess of two hours on any day shall receive an allowance of 2s. as tea money in addition to the rates provided in clause 6.

RATIONING OF EMPLOYEES.

11. Where it is claimed by the employer that the exigencies of trade necessitate the rationing of employees, then such employer shall give at least seven days' notice of such rationing to the employee concerned.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY.

12. The annual holiday 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.

NOTE.—In his or her own interests each employer of labour should obtain a copy of the above Act which may be purchased from the Government Printer, Melbourne, at a cost of 9d., plus postage.

PROVISION OF BICYCLE OR OTHER MECHANICAL CONVEYANCE.

13. Where an employer directs an employee to provide himself with a bicycle or some other mechanical means of transport in order to carry out his duties, such an employee shall be entitled to an allowance (in addition to any other amount to which he may be entitled under this Determination) as follows:—

For provision of a bicycle	2s. 6d. per week.
For provision of a motor cycle	10s. per week.
For provision of a motor car	at the rate of 4d. per mile up to a maximum allowance of £3 per week.

SICK LEAVE.

14. (a) An employee who has been in the service of an employer for not less than twelve months shall be entitled to six days' sick leave of absence with full pay during each subsequent twelve months' service provided he produces satisfactory evidence to his employer that such absence was caused by ill-health or an accident.

(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 18 days, which shall be the maximum amount of leave to which an employee may be entitled in any year of service without deduction of pay.

PAYMENT OF FARES.

15. Where an employee is temporarily transferred from one branch of an employer's business to another, and such transfer necessitates the employee paying a higher fare in proceeding to and from his home, such excess amount shall be paid by the employer.

PAYMENT OF RENT.

16. A shopkeeper shall not charge any employee who is required to reside on the premises in connexion with the shop in which the business of such shopkeeper is carried on a greater sum as rent for such premises than 10s. per week.

REFERENCE.

17. An employee on severing his connexion with an employer shall be entitled to and shall receive a reference stating length of employment, character, and qualifications whilst in such employment.

REST PERIODS.

18. All employees shall be allowed two rest periods of not less than five minutes each on each day, the first between the time of commencing work and the mid-day meal interval, and the second between the mid-day meal interval and the ending of work.

CLOTHING ALLOWANCE.

19 Where any employee is required to wear, whilst at work, a washable outer garment (such as overalls, dust coat, &c.) such outer garment shall be provided and laundered by the employer.

PAYMENT OF WAGES.

20. Payment of wages (including overtime, allowances, fares, &c.) shall be made not later than Thursday in each week.

PERIODICAL ADJUSTMENT OF WAGES.

21. 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 by the same amount and at the same time as such basic wage as prescribed by clause 22. 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 6d., half or less than half of 6d. 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.	
Within the area to which this Determination applies	5 9 0	6 0	5 15 0	Melbourne

ADJUSTMENT OF BASIC WAGE.

22. (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 August, 1948, the amounts of the Basic Wage shall be as prescribed in clause 21.

(c) During each future successive period beginning with the first pay period to commence in an August, a November, a February, or a May, 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, 8th June, 1948.

