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Factories and Shops Acts.

DETERMINATION OF THE ORGAN 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 appointed to “determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person, or classes of persons, employed in the process, trade, or business of a builder of pipe organs,” has made the following Determination, namely:—

1. That as from the beginning of the first pay period to commence in December, 1950, the last previous Determination of this Board shall be revoked and replaced by this Determination.

WAGES.

2. (a) Until the beginning of the first pay period to commence in February, 1951.

Adults or Journeymen.	Within 20 Miles of G.P.O., Melbourne; 10 Miles of G.P.O., Geelong; at Warrnambool, and in the Mildura and Gippsland Districts.	Elsewhere in Victoria.
Group A.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Organ builder	10 9 6	10 6 6
Employee erecting, dismantling or repairing organs	10 9 6	10 6 6
Wood worker	10 9 6	10 6 6
Voicer	10 9 6	10 6 6
Tuner	10 9 6	10 6 6
Metal pipe maker	10 9 6	10 6 6
Polisher	10 9 6	10 6 6
Spray hand	9 12 0	9 9 0
Employee rubbing down and/or filling and/or varnishing and/or staining	9 12 0	9 9 0
Employees not otherwise classified	8 5 0	8 2 0
Group B.		
LEADING HANDS.		
Leading hands in charge of not less than three and not more than ten employees, 9/- per week extra; more than ten and not more than twenty employees, 18/- per week extra; more than twenty employees 27/- per week extra.		

(b) Thereafter the wages of adult males shall be increased by 8s.

EXTRA RATES.

3. (a) Employees engaged as cabinet makers, and carvers shall at the end of each three months of service be supplied by their employer with an order for a sum equivalent to 2/6 a week as a tool allowance.

Provided that this extra rate shall only be paid in respect of each week in which three days or more have been worked.

(b) The extra rates prescribed herein shall not be subject to any premium or penalty additions.

APPRENTICES AND IMPROVERS—RATES OF PAY.

4. The following shall be the rates of pay for apprentices and improvers :—

	Within 20 Miles of G.P.O., Melbourne; 10 Miles of G.P.O., Geelong, at Warrnambool; and in the Mildura and Gippsland Districts.		Elsewhere in Victoria.	
	Until the Beginning of the First Pay Period to Commence in February, 1951.	Thereafter.	Until the Beginning of the First Pay Period to Commence in February, 1951.	Thereafter.
<i>Apprentices.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
Five-year Term—				
1st year's experience	46 0	48 6	45 6	47 6
2nd year's experience	64 0	67 6	63 0	66 0
3rd year's experience	85 6	90 0	84 0	88 6
4th year's experience	135 0	141 6	132 6	139 0
5th year's experience	168 0	176 0	165 0	173 0
Four-year Term—				
1st year's experience	52 6	55 0	51 6	54 0
2nd year's experience	85 6	90 0	84 0	88 6
3rd year's experience	135 0	141 6	132 6	139 0
4th year's experience	168 0	176 0	165 0	173 0
<i>Improvers.</i>				
Under 16 years of age	39 0	41 0	38 0	40 0
16 and under 17	47 6	50 0	47 0	49 0
17 and under 18	64 0	67 6	63 0	66 0
18 and under 19	85 6	90 0	84 0	88 6
19 and under 20	135 0	141 6	132 6	139 0
20 and under 21	167 0	175 0	164 0	172 0

APPRENTICES AND IMPROVERS—PROPORTIONATE NUMBERS.

5. (a) One apprentice shall be allowed to the first three adult workers or fraction thereof, and thereafter one additional apprentice to every three such workers.

(b) One improver shall be allowed to each six adult workers or fraction thereof; provided that at least three adult workers must be employed before an improver can be employed.

(c) The proportion of apprentices or improvers shall be based on the average number of adult workers employed for the preceding six months in each workshop or factory.

(d) The terms "Adult workers" shall mean adults whose wages are prescribed by this Determination and include a proprietor working in his factory; provided that an apprentice shall not be an adult worker until he has completed his term of apprenticeship prescribed by this Determination.

(e) Where an improver becomes indentured to any trade the time spent in such trade as an improver shall count as part of the term of apprenticeship.

(f) A probationary period of three months shall be allowed before a person is indentured for the first time, but the period of probation shall be treated as part of the period of apprenticeship.

APPRENTICESHIP.

Apprenticeship Trades.

6. (a) For the purpose of indentures the following shall be apprenticed trades.

Organ Building.

Organ building and wood working, voicers, metal pipe making, tuning.

Polishing.

Machinist—Instruction and practice in four of the following machines :—

Boult's carver or shaper, moulding machine, band saw, jig saw, circular saw, dovetailer, buzzer, planer, glue jointer, tenoner, copying lathe and automatic lathe.

Term of Apprenticeship.

(b) The term of apprenticeship for those entering apprenticeship trades between the ages of fourteen and seventeen years shall be five years, and for those entering apprenticeship trades in their eighteenth and nineteenth years shall be four years.

General Conditions of Apprenticeship.

(c) (i) The provisions of this Determination governing holidays and for sick pay shall apply to all apprentices whether the apprenticeship was commenced before or after the date of the coming into force of this Determination.

(ii) All present contracts of apprenticeship shall be deemed to include and all future contracts of apprenticeship shall include the following provisions :—

If through lack of orders or through financial difficulties the employer is unable at any time to find employment and training for an apprentice and if a transfer to another employer cannot be arranged, the obligations and duties imposed by the indenture may with the concurrence of the apprentice and his guardian be suspended for a period agreed upon or if no such agreement is arrived at may be cancelled by the employer. The onus of proof of circumstances justifying such cancellation shall be on the employer.

If there occurs a breakdown of power necessitating the standing down of adult employees apprentices may also be stood down over the same period.

Technical Training.

(d) (i) On an apprentice producing a certificate from the Technical College stating that he has a record of 70 per cent. of attendance at the Technical College, his employer shall refund to him his Technical College class fees.

(ii) Every apprentice who obtains, and produces to his employer, a certificate (or statement in lieu of same) of competency issued for any year of his technical education by the Technical College shall be entitled to 2s. 6d. per week in addition to the rates of wages prescribed for the ensuing twelve months. Every apprentice who produces to his employer a series of such certificates relating to each of the three years of his technical education shall be entitled to 5s. per week, in addition to the prescribed rates of wages for the remainder of his term of apprenticeship.

CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT.

7. (i) Except as in this Determination provided, all employees shall be employed by the week. Employees to become entitled to payment of wages prescribed by this Determination 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 by the class of employees affected. Where the majority of the employees of any establishment or of any department of such establishment agree to work part time for any period or to close down for any period on days other than the prescribed holidays, the provisions of the weekly wages shall not apply to any employee of such establishment or department during such periods.

Employment for the first week of service at any time shall be from hour to hour at the weekly rate fixed.

Terminating Employment.

(ii) (a) Employment to be terminated only by a week's notice on either side, and such notice may be given at any time during the week or in lieu thereof payment or forfeiture of a week's wages. This shall not affect the right of the employer to dismiss any employee without notice for malingering, inefficiency, neglect of duty or misconduct, or to deduct payment for any time the employee cannot be usefully employed because of any strike, or through any breakdown of machinery, or any stoppage of work by any cause for which the employer cannot reasonably be held responsible.

(b) An employer shall not terminate the employment of a weekly employee for the purpose of evading payment for the holidays prescribed by this Determination.

(c) Where an employee is dismissed within seven days prior to any such holiday the re-engagement of such employee within seven days after such holiday shall be *prime facie* evidence that the employment was terminated for the purpose of evading payment for such holiday.

(d) Where the employer terminates the employment within one week of a day on which a holiday occurs, the employee shall be paid for such holiday or holidays prescribed by this Determination, provided that such employee had been employed by the employer for a period of at least one week prior to the termination of the employment.

LIMITATION OF EMPLOYMENT.

8. (a) Except as hereinafter provided no weekly employee shall work for more than one employer during any week, nor shall any employee make or assist in the production of goods for sale on his own account.

(b) Employers may, by mutual arrangement between the employers and employees concerned, provide for temporary transfer of employees during the ordinary working hours of the week but, except for this provision, no employer shall employ any person at any time who is already engaged by another employer.

(c) The provisions of this clause shall not affect the right of any employee to transfer from one employer to another after properly terminating his engagement in accordance with the terms of clause 7 hereof.

CASUAL LABOUR.

9. (a) Casual labour at hourly rates may be engaged provided the rates are 10 per centum higher than those prescribed for weekly hands.

(b) "Casual Labour" means labour where an employer does not provide a full week's work, but does not include a weekly hand whose engagement is terminated in the middle of the week.

DEFINITIONS.

10. (a) "A Journeyman" is a person other than an apprentice who :—

(i) has served the time prescribed by this Determination as an apprentice; or

(ii) not being an apprentice, has attained the age of 21 years; or

(iii) at any time within three calendar months prior to this Determination coming into operation was in receipt of at least the minimum weekly wage prescribed for the class of work on which such person is engaged whether on time or piece-work.

(b) "An Apprentice" is a person who is bound by indentures of apprenticeship.

(c) Subject to sub-clauses (a) and (b) hereof "an improver" is a person under the age of 21 years who is not an indentured apprentice or journeyman.

HOURS OF WORK.

11. (a) The ordinary hours of employment per week shall be 40 to be worked in five days of 8 hours per day.

(b) The hours of employment may be worked at any time between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Monday to Friday inclusive.

SHIFT WORK.

12. Shift work may be worked and where such shift work is worked the following conditions shall apply :—

(a) Any afternoon or night shift which does not continue for five successive shifts shall be paid for the rate of time and a half.

(b) Except as herein provided, employees working any afternoon or night shift which has been in operation for five successive shifts or more shall be paid 10 per centum more than the ordinary rates.

(c) Shift workers shall be paid overtime at the rate of time and a half for the first four hours and double time thereafter for all time worked in excess of shift hours.

(d) Employees who during a period of engagement work only on night shifts shall be paid at the rate of time and a quarter.

(e) When employees are called upon to work afternoon and night shifts only they shall change over week and week about and shall be paid ten per cent. above ordinary rates for both shifts.

(f) When employees work day and afternoon shifts only they shall change over week and week about and shall be paid ten per cent. extra for afternoon shifts.

(g) The ordinary hours of actual work or duty exclusive of meal breaks off duty (if any) of employees working on shift shall not exceed :—

(i) 8 in any one day; or

(ii) 44 in any one week; or

(iii) an average of 40 per week during any period of three weeks of such employment upon such shifts.

(h) Employees on shift work shall be paid at the rate of time and a quarter for all work performed between midnight on Friday and midnight on Saturday.

OVERTIME.

13. (a) Except in the case of shift work all time worked :—

(i) before or after the usual times of beginning and ending work;

(ii) in excess of 8 hours per day;

(iii) in excess of 40 hours in any week;

shall be paid for at the rate of time and one half for the first two hours and double time thereafter: Provided that all time worked between the hours of 9 p.m. and 7.30 a.m. shall be paid for at double time.

(b) All work done outside the times of beginning and ending work on any holiday specified in clauses 22 and 23 of this Determination shall be paid for at the rate of double ordinary time.

(c) No person under the age of seventeen years shall be permitted to work more than four hours' overtime in any week.

(d) In computing overtime each day's work shall stand alone.

(e) All work performed on Saturday morning shall be considered as overtime and paid for at the rate of time and a half for the first four hours and double time thereafter.

(f) An employer may require any employee to work reasonable overtime at overtime rates and such employee shall work overtime in accordance with such requirement.

MID-DAY MEAL.

14. An interval of 45 minutes shall be allowed for the mid-day meal between the hours of noon and 2 p.m., but such interval may be reduced to 30 minutes if an employer and the Union mutually arrange for a 30 minutes' break.

MEAL MONEY.

15. All employees required to work beyond the usual finishing time shall be allowed 2s. 6d. tea money in addition to overtime rates as prescribed for in this Determination, when the usual finishing time is exceeded by two hours.

MATERIALS TO BE PROVIDED.

16. Any employee engaged at french polishing shall be supplied with all materials, including rags, brushes and kit-box.

WASHING TIME FOR POLISHERS.

17. Employees engaged in the polishing shop shall be granted five minutes before ceasing time for washing purposes.

TRAVELLING TIME ALLOWANCE AND BOARD.

18. (a) All time reasonably occupied by an employee in travelling to or from work outside the shop and outside ordinary hours and in travelling to and from work in a country district if engaged in any of the capital cities for employment in a country district shall be treated as time of duty and paid for at ordinary rates up to a maximum of eight hours for the journey, except on Sundays, when time and half rates shall be paid up to a maximum of eight hours for the journey. Provided that, where an employee proceeds direct from his home to a job outside the shop, he shall be paid for all time reasonably occupied in travelling to the job in excess of the time usually taken to go from his home to the shop.

(b) All fares and reasonable travelling expenses incurred by an employee in such travelling, including the cost, if any, incurred for meals—together with the reasonable cost of board and lodging if the employee has to be away from his home for a night, shall be paid to the employee.

(c) The fares allowed shall be first class on coastal boats or on interstate boats where there is no second class as distinct from steerage. On trains where the employee has to travel all night in connexion with his employer's business, the fares to be allowed shall be first class. In other cases on trains the fares shall be second class.

(d) The foregoing travelling and accommodation allowances shall be paid additional to the usual rates for the time the employees are working.

(e) When it is more convenient for the employee to go direct to the job from his home he shall do so, and start and cease work at the usual times customary at the shop, provided that any extra expense incurred by him in travelling shall be borne by the employer.

REST PERIOD.

19. When any spell of duty is for more than four hours, an interval of five minutes, to be selected by the employer, shall be allowed in the third hour for refreshment. The interval shall be as part of the time of duty, without deduction of time-work pay. During such rest period the employees may leave their seats, but not the premises.

SEATING ACCOMMODATION.

20. All chairs provided for employees shall be reasonably comfortable.

PAY DAY.

21. (a) All employees shall be paid weekly, not later than Thursday.

(b) No employer shall hold more than two days' pay in hand except under the provisions of clause 24—Loaded Rate.

(c) Any employee kept waiting for his pay on pay day for more than a quarter of an hour after the usual time for ceasing work shall be paid overtime rates for that quarter of an hour and as for a quarter of an hour at the least.

(d) Any employee dismissed during the course of a week shall have any wages due to him paid to him forthwith or posted to him within 24 hours of his dismissal.

(e) Should an employee leave his employment without giving a week's notice as required by this Determination any moneys, due to him after forfeiture of pay to one week's wages, shall be paid to him within one week after he leaves his employment.

HOLIDAYS.

22. The following days shall be observed as holidays for all weekly wage employees—the days observed as New Year's Day, Australia Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Labour Day, Anzac Day, King's Birthday, Melbourne Cup Day, Christmas Day, and Boxing Day and any day generally observed in the locality as a holiday in lieu of the holidays herein mentioned. All work done on the said holidays shall be paid for at ordinary rates in addition to the provisions of sub-clause (b) of clause 24.

PAYMENT FOR WORK ON HOLIDAYS AND SUNDAYS.

23. (a) Any time-work employee who is employed on any holiday provided for herein shall be paid at the rate of the ordinary time in addition to the usual rate.

(b) All work done on Sundays shall be paid for at the rate of double time.

LOADED RATE TO COVER HOLIDAYS, SICK LEAVE AND ANNUAL LEAVE.

24. (a) All weekly wage employees shall be granted their annual leave at Christmas Time. Such leave shall consist of fourteen consecutive days which shall be exclusive of any of the holidays prescribed by clause 22 hereof and if any such holidays falls within the period of annual leave and is observed on a day which would have been an ordinary working day there shall be added to the period of annual leave one working day for each such holiday falling as aforesaid.

The representatives of the parties shall meet not later than three months before Christmas for the purpose of determining the date on which the factories shall close down for the annual leave and Christmas-New Year holidays.

Provided that skeleton staffs may be retained where employers are under contract to service organs in churches or other buildings.

(b) Loaded rate shall provide credits from which payment for holidays, annual leave and sick pay shall be made under the following conditions :—

- (i) Each weekly wage employee shall be credited by the employer with a sum equal to 4 hours' pay for each week of continuous service and shall be continued each year from the beginning of the second week in each year until the end of the fifty-first week in each year.
- (ii) On or before the pay day preceding a holiday, the amount of time that the employee will work short because of the holiday, and the wage equivalent of such time shall be ascertained.
- (iii) If on the pay day following the holiday there is standing to the credit of the employee an amount equal to or exceeding the amount of such wage equivalent the employer shall on that pay day pay to the employee an amount equal to that wage equivalent and the employee's credit shall be reduced by the amount so paid. Provided that in the case of Christmas-New Year holidays any payments due under this paragraph will be made on the day preceding such holidays.
- (iv) If on the pay day following the holiday the amount standing to such credit is less than such wage equivalent the employer shall on that pay day pay to the employee the amount then standing to such credit and the employee's credit shall be reduced by the amount so paid. Provided that in the case of Christmas-New Year holidays any payment due under this paragraph will be made on the pay day preceding such holidays.
- (v) In the event of an employee being absent owing to personal sickness or personal accident arising out of or in the course of his employment the employer shall on or before the pay day following the commencement of such absence ascertain the amount standing to the credit of such employee and shall if there be sufficient standing to the employee's credit to cover him for such absence not in excess of the number of ordinary working hours in a week pay to him such amount and if there be not sufficient for this purpose then the employer shall pay to the employee such amount as is standing to his credit and such credit shall be reduced by the amount paid pursuant to this sub-clause. If the credit is insufficient to cover the employee for his absence through sickness or accident as above stated the employee may at his own request be paid the difference when he has accumulated sufficient credit to cover the necessary amount.
- (vi) On the pay day preceding the Christmas holidays the employer shall pay to the employee such amount as is then standing to the employee's credit plus credits up to the end of the fifty-second week in the year.
- (vii) In the event of an employee being absent for any cause other than statutory holidays, annual leave, personal sickness or personal accident arising out of or in the course of his employment not in excess of the number of ordinary working hours in a week in any year the employer may reduce the amount to be credited to such employee by an amount *pro rata* to such absence.

FIRST-AID OUTFIT AND ATTENDANT.

25. (a) Every factory, shop, or work-shop or place in which power-driven machinery is used shall have a first-aid chest upon the premises, which chest shall contain the following equipment :—

Antiseptic solution 1 bottle; Bandages, cotton and gauze 1 dozen assorted sizes; Castor oil 2 ozs; Iodine, tincture of 2 ozs; Manual, First-aid 1; Petrolatum carbolized 1 jar; Picric acid solution made according to the following recipe or prescription :— $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoonful of powdered picric acid, 3 ozs of absolute alcohol, and 2 pints of distilled water; 1 pint; Pins, safety 1 packet; sal volatile 6 ozs; Scissors 1 pair; Tourniquet 1; Tweezers 1 pair; Gauze, sterilized plain, Cotton absorbent, Lint absorbent, Plaster, adhesive, an adequate assortment.

(b) In factories, shops, workshops, or places where an employer has appointed an employee who holds a certificate issued by the St. John's Ambulance Brigade as a first aid attendant an additional 5s. per week for each week in which 3 days or more have been worked shall be paid to such employee and shall be payable in addition to any amounts paid for annual leave, sick leave and public holidays provided that this allowance shall not be subject to any premiums or penalty additions.

AMENITIES.

26. (a) Each employer shall at some reasonably convenient place on his premises provide a suitable locker for each employee in his workshop or hanging facilities which afford reasonable protection for employees' clothes.

(b) Each employer shall provide proper and sufficient washing facilities.

(c) Each employer shall provide a dining room with adequate table and seating accommodation therein.

(d) The amenities prescribed by sub-clauses (a) (b) and (c) hereof shall be provided not later than the 6th April, 1950, except where an extension of time is approved by the Chief Inspector of Factories.

BOILING WATER.

27. Employers shall make available an adequate and proper supply of boiling water at rest periods and at meal hours.

TIME AND WAGES BOOK OR RECORD.

28. (a) Employers shall provide at each shop, factory or place where work is being carried on, a time book or record which shall contain a correct account written up in the English language of the total hours worked and the wages received by each employee. Such time book or record shall be kept correctly entered up in ink and shall be open for inspection by a duly accredited official of the Federated Furnishing Trade Society of Australasia during the usual office hours at the office or other convenient place.

Provided that no inspection shall be demanded unless the accredited official of the Federated Furnishing Trade Society of Australasia suspects that a breach of this Determination has been or is being committed, and provided also that only one demand for such inspection shall be made in any one fortnight at the same establishment. The official making such inspection shall be entitled to take a copy of entries in any time and wages book relating to the suspected breach of this Determination.

(b) The time occupied by an employee in filling in any time book or cards or in making any records, shall be treated as time of duty; but this clause does not apply to "checking" in or out at beginning or end of duty.

MIXED FUNCTIONS.

29. Where an employee is engaged in any one week for more than half of such week at work in a higher class than he is employed to perform, he shall be paid for the full week at the highest rate payable, for any such work under the Determination; but if he is engaged for more than half of any one day he shall be so paid for the whole day. If the period on the higher class of work is less than half a week or half a day then he shall be paid at the rates fixed for the work he actually performs.

RIGHT OF ENTRY OF UNION OFFICIAL.

30. A duly accredited representative of the Federated Furnishing Trade Society of Australasia shall have the right to enter employers' workshops during the mid-day meal hour for the purposes of interviewing employees on legitimate union business on the following conditions :—

- (a) That he produces his authority to the gatekeeper or such other person as may be appointed by the employer.
- (b) That he interviews employees only at the places where they are taking their meal.
- (c) That not more than one representative in all be in any workshop at any one time.
- (d) That no one representative visit a workshop more than once in each week.
- (e) That if any employer alleges that a representative is unduly interfering with his workshop or is creating disaffection amongst his employees or is offensive in his methods or is committing a breach of any of the previous conditions such employer may refuse the right of entry but the representative shall have the right to bring such refusal before the Chief Inspector of Factories.

SHOP STEWARDS.

31. In cases where shop stewards have been appointed and recognized by the employer, the practice shall continue until the Wages Board otherwise orders. In all other cases where such appointment is approved of by the employer or his representative and the Federated Furnishing Trade Society of Australasia appoints one of the employees for any particular shop or department he shall be allowed the necessary time to interview the employer or his representative at the shop in working hours on any matter affecting employees working in his shop or department.

UNION DELEGATES.

32. Where the appointment of a shop steward is not approved of or recognized by the employer a delegate chosen by and from the employees in the shop or factory concerned shall be allowed the necessary time to interview the employer or his representative at the works in working hours for the purpose of submitting grievances.

NOTICE BOARDS.

33. (a) The employer shall permit notice boards to be erected in his establishment for the purpose of posting any notices thereon in connexion with the meetings of the Federated Furnishing Trade Society of Australasia.

(b) The notice boards shall be in a prominent position.

(c) All notices placed on the board shall be signed by the Branch Secretary of the Federated Furnishing Trade Society of Australasia.

DETERMINATION TO BE POSTED.

34. A copy of this Determination shall be posted in a prominent place in the workroom, factory, store or shop.

WORK TO BE DONE IN FACTORY, SHOP OR PLACE.

35. (a) All work shall be done in a factory, shop or place duly registered under State laws: but this shall not prevent an employer sending employees from his factory, shop or place to any building for the purpose of repairing, completing, fitting or fixing any work covered by this Determination.

(b) For the purposes of this Determination "factory, shop or place" means a place in which one or more persons is or are employed in which articles covered by this Determination are repaired, prepared or manufactured.

(c) No persons shall use, allow or permit to be used as a sleeping place any part of a factory, shop or place.

PIECE-WORK.

36. (a) The employer in conjunction with his employees may fix his own piece-work or task rates, provided such rates enable a journeyman of average capacity working under like conditions to earn at least 10 per centum more than the minimum weekly wage in their respective classes. The same piece-work rates shall be paid to all pieceworkers doing the same operation in the factory or workshop whether they be apprentices or improvers on piece-work or otherwise.

(b) All pieceworkers who are available and ready and willing to work during the ordinary working hours shall be paid in each week:—not less than the base rate.

CONTRACT WORK.

37. An employee working on weekly engagement shall not perform work (except under the prescribed conditions for piece-work in clause 36) by contracting, sub-contracting, sub-letting or other similar systems.

PERIODICAL ADJUSTMENT OF WAGES.

38. The wages rates set out in clause 2 are based upon the following basic wage for adults, and, pursuant to the provisions of section 21 of the *Factories and Shops Act 1934*, shall be automatically adjusted as prescribed by clause 39.

Place.	Basic Wage (Adjustable).	Index Number Set Assigned.
Within 20 miles of G.P.O., Melbourne— Males	£ s. d.	
Within 10 miles of G.P.O., Geelong, same as the contemporaneous basic wage and minimum wage for Melbourne	8 10 0	Melbourne
Warrnambool, same as the contemporaneous basic wage and minimum wage for Melbourne		
Mildura and Gippsland districts, same as the contemporaneous basic wage and minimum wage for Melbourne		
Yallourn, until further order the same amount in excess of Melbourne as at present, viz., 6s. 6d. per week		
Elsewhere, 3s. and 1s. 6d. respectively less than the contemporaneous basic wage and minimum wage for Melbourne		

ADJUSTMENT OF BASIC WAGE.

39. (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 May, 1951, the amount of the basic wage shall be as prescribed in clause 38.

(c) During each future successive period beginning with the first pay period to commence in a May, an August, a November, or a February, 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 103 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.

(d) The rates for pieceworkers shall be increased or decreased in the same proportion as the rate for the journeymen in the respective classes.

(e) The wages of apprentices and improvers shall be the under-mentioned percentages of the basic wage, and in addition thereto the loadings specified calculated to the nearest 6d., 3d. or less than 3d. to be disregarded.

									Percentage of Basic Wage.	War Loading.
									%	s. d.
<i>Apprentices.</i>										
Five-year Term—										
1st year's experience	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28	0 9
2nd year's experience	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	39	1 0
3rd year's experience	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	52	1 6
4th year's experience	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	82	2 3
5th year's experience	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	100 plus 3s.	3 0
Four-year Term—										
1st year's experience	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	32	0 9
2nd year's experience	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	52	1 6
3rd year's experience	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	82	2 3
4th year's experience	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	100 plus 3s.	3 0
<i>Improvers.</i>										
Under 16 years of age	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24	..
16 and under 17 years of age	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	29	0 9
17 and under 18 years of age	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	39	1 0
18 and under 19 years of age	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	52	1 6
19 and under 20 years of age	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	82	2 3
20 and under 21 years of age	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	100 plus 2s.	3 0

P. A. RANGLES, J.P., Chairman.

J. V. WILLOX, Secretary.

Melbourne, 18th January, 1951.

