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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 August, 1953.

Dated at Melbourne, this
6th day of August, 1953.

RAY H. BEERS,
Secretary for Labour.

NAIL MAKERS BOARD.

Clauses 2, 3 and 4 of the Determination published in *Government Gazette* No. 513 of the 20th June, 1952, shall be replaced by the following clauses:—

2. WAGES PER WEEK OF 40 HOURS.

Classification.	s.	d.
Nail or tack tool maker	272	0
Nail or tack machinist	263	0
Assistant to nail or tack machinist	258	0
Roofing nail heading machinist	263	0
Barbed wire tool maker or machinist	263	0
Assistant to barbed wire machinist	258	0
Clipper or tier-up on concertina barbed wire	257	0
Rumbler	257	0
Galvanizer	268	0
Pickler—Head, or where only one pickler is employed	262	0
Assistant pickler	256	0
Assistant working over metal pot	262	0
Swinger	254	0
Wire-drawing plate setter	261	0
Wire-drawing block operator	257	0
Tack Inspector	257	0
Storeman, packer, or sorter	262	6
Other employees with not less than three months' experience in the metal trades industry	244	0
All others	238	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.

APPRENTICESHIP.

Work to be Taught.

3. (a) An apprentice shall be taught the work of each of the following occupations:—
- (1) Tool making;
 - (2) Setting-up; and
 - (3) Machining.

Contract of Apprenticeship.

(b) 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 Indenture.

(c) If through lack of orders or through financial difficulties an 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 the indenture may with the approval of the Secretary for Labour be determined by the employer. The onus of proving circumstances justifying such determination shall be on the employer.

Proportion.

(d) (i) The proportion of apprentices who may be taken by an employer shall be one to every three or fraction of three 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 tradesmen.

(ii) An employer specially qualified to teach apprentices may, with the consent of the Secretary for Labour, on the recommendation of the Wages Board, employ a greater proportion of apprentices to tradesmen than hereinbefore specified.

Until further order, apprentices so taken shall not be counted in future calculations of the proportion of apprentices to tradesmen authorized by this Determination.

Period of Apprenticeship.

If an apprentice is under the age of 16 years 6 months at the time of commencing—5 years; if 16 years and 6 months or over—4 years.

Probationary Period.

(e) Minors may be taken on probation for three months and if apprenticed such three months shall count as part of their period of apprenticeship.

Wages.

(f) The minimum weekly rates of wages for apprentices shall be the undermentioned percentages of the contemporaneous basic wage prescribed for the area in which they are employed, and in all contracts of apprenticeship hereafter made the employer shall covenant to pay wages of not less than such rates:—

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

(g) *Wages per Week of 40 Hours.*

		Percentage of Basic Wage.	Total Wage Payable.
<i>Four and Five-year Terms.</i>			
		Per Week.	Per Week. £ s. d.
1st year	32	3 15 0
2nd year	43	5 1 0
3rd year	54	6 7 0
4th year	83	9 15 0
5th year	100 + 6s.	12 1 0
<i>Four-year Terms.—Apprentice commencing after the Age of 16 Years 6 Months.</i>			
1st year	34	4 0 0
2nd year	54	6 7 0
3rd year	83	9 15 0
4th year	100 + 6s.	12 1 0

Provided that subject to the sub-clause relating to lost time herein an apprentice on attaining the age of 21 years shall thereafter, until he has completed his apprenticeship, be paid the appropriate tradesman's rate as set out in clause 2.

On the expiration of his apprenticeship an employee who produces satisfactory evidence that he has satisfactorily completed the full term set out in his indentures shall, irrespective of the work on which he may be employed, receive the rate provided for a nail or tack tool maker.

Hours.

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

Overtime and Shift Work.

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

Payment by Results.

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

Lost Time.

(k) 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 in 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.

(l) 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.

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

Annual and Sick Leave.

(n) Apprentices shall be entitled to sick and annual leave in accordance with the provisions of clauses 14 and 15 hereof respectively.

FEMALES, MALE JUVENILE WORKERS, AND IMPROVERS.

4. Female labour may be employed at sorting or packing. The minimum rates of wage for adult and junior females and for juvenile workers and improvers shall be as follows:—

Wages per Week of 40 Hours.

	* Percentage of Basic Wage.	Margin.	Total Wage Payable.
<i>I.—Adult Females.</i>			
Under one month's experience	75	s. d.	£ s. d.
All others	75	16 0	8 16 0 9 12 0
When employed in a classification for which the corresponding margin in clause 23 hereof exceeds 28s. per week, but does not exceed 40s. per week—75 per centum of such margin in lieu of the 16s. herein prescribed.			
<i>II.—Junior Females.</i>			
17 years of age and under	52	3 6	4 15 0
18 years of age	62	4 0	5 13 0
19 years of age	72	4 6	6 11 0
20 years of age	82	5 0	7 9 6
<i>III.—Improvers and Junior Males.</i>			
Under 16 years of age	24	2 0	2 18 6
16 years of age	34	3 0	4 3 0
17 years of age	46	4 0	5 12 0
18 years of age	58	5 0	7 1 6
19 years of age	73	6 0	8 17 6
20 years of age	88	7 0	10 14 0

* The percentages for junior females relate to the female Basic Wage, but in all other cases relate to the male Basic Wage.

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

The proportion of improvers who may be taken by an employer shall be one to every four or fraction of four tradesmen.

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

A female or a junior employee, who on the date of this Determination coming into force, in his or her case was entitled under the previous Determination to a rate higher than that hereby prescribed for an employee of his or her age and experience, shall be paid at not less than the rate prescribed by such previous Determination for an employee of his or her age or experience, as the case may be, until he or she completes the year or experience or of age in respect of which the last-mentioned rate is prescribed. Upon completion of such year the minimum rate of wage in his or her case shall be the rate hereby prescribed.

Clauses, other than clauses 2, 3 and 4, of the said Determination shall remain in force.

