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Labour and Industry Act 1953.

DETERMINATION OF A WAGES BOARD ADJUSTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 33 OF THE LABOUR AND INDUSTRY ACT 1953.

I, Henry Norman Jones, Secretary for Labour and Industry, in pursuance of the powers conferred by the Labour and Industry Act, 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 November, 1954.

Dated at Melbourne, this
24th day of November, 1954.

H. N. JONES,
Secretary for Labour and Industry.

JEWELLERS BOARD.

Clauses 2, 3, and 4 of the Determination published in *Government Gazette* No. 197 of the 12th April, 1954, shall be replaced by the following clauses:—

2.

WAGES PER WEEK OF 40 HOURS.

(a) *Males.*

Classification.	£	s.	d.
Precious gem mounter	14	19	0
Setter of precious gems	14	19	0
Mounter—1st Class	14	6	0
Mounter—2nd Class	13	11	0
Drop hammer operator who sets dies and makes force	14	1	6
Drop hammer operator, other	12	18	0
Setter	13	16	6
Melter and alloyer	13	16	6
Lapper	13	16	6
Polisher	13	4	0
Assembler and solderer	13	4	0
Solderer, other	12	18	0
Die setter	13	0	0
Engine turner	12	16	0
Press operator	12	16	0
Process worker (as defined)	12	16	0
Carder	12	7	0
Pinner up	12	7	0
Other employees with not less than three months' experience in this industry	12	3	0
All others	11	17	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.

(b) *Females.*

	£	s.	d.
Under one month's experience	8	15	6
*All others	9	11	6

* When employed in a classification for which the corresponding margin in clause 24 hereof exceeds 28s. per week, but does not exceed 40s. per week, the last-mentioned rate shall be increased by the difference between 16s. and 7s. per cent. of the said corresponding margin.

APPRENTICESHIP.

Contract of Apprenticeship.

3. (a) 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.

(b) Subject to the approval of the Secretary for Labour and Industry, but not otherwise, an indenture of apprenticeship may be suspended or cancelled—

- (i) by mutual consent;
- (ii) if through lack of orders or financial difficulties an employer is unable to find suitable employment for an apprentice and a transfer to another employer cannot be arranged;
- (iii) if, in the opinion of the Secretary for Labour and Industry, circumstances exist which render such suspension or cancellation necessary or desirable.

Any covenant in an indenture inconsistent with the provision of this clause shall be null and void and of no force or effect while this Determination remains in force and applies to the parties to the indenture.

Proportion.

(c) The proportion of apprentices who may be taken by an employer shall not exceed one apprentice 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 journeymen.

An employer may with the consent of the Wages Board and upon satisfying that authority that he has the plant, equipment and staff necessary for the proper tuition of each apprentice concerned take apprentices in excess of the proportion herein prescribed. Until further order apprentices so taken shall not be counted in future calculations of the proportion of apprentices to journeymen authorized by the Determination.

Period of Apprenticeship.

(d) If the apprentice, when indentured, is under the age of seventeen years—five years; if over the age of seventeen—four or five years, at the option of the contracting parties.

Adult Apprentices.

(e) Any apprentice who cannot complete his full term of apprenticeship before reaching his 22nd birthday may, by agreement with his master, serve as an apprentice until he reaches the age of 23 years.

Probationary Period.

(f) Minors may be taken on probation for three months, and if apprenticed such three months shall count as part of their period of apprenticeship. An employer shall within fourteen days of employing a probationer notify the appropriate apprenticeship authorities of the employment of such probationer to any of the trades mentioned herein.

Wages.

(g) The minimum weekly rates of wage for apprentices shall be the under-mentioned percentages of the basic wage, and in addition thereto the war loadings specified, and in all contracts of apprenticeship hereafter made the employer shall covenant to pay wages of not less than such rates.

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

3. (h) *Wages per Week of 40 Hours.*

	Percentage of Basic Wage.	Total Wage Payable.
	Per Week.	£ s. d.
Four and five-year terms—		
1st year	32	3 15 0
2nd year	43	5 0 6
3rd year	54	6 6 6
4th year	83	9 14 0
5th year	100 + 6s.	12 0 0
Four-year terms—Apprentice commencing after the age of 17 years—		
1st year	34	3 19 6
2nd year	54	6 6 6
3rd year	83	9 14 0
4th year	100 + 6s.	12 0 0

An employee who is under 21 years of age on the expiration of his apprenticeship and thereafter works as a minor in occupation to which he has been apprenticed shall be paid at not less than the adult rate prescribed for that classification.

Hours.

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

Overtime and Shift Work.

(j) No apprentice under the age of 18 years shall be required to work overtime or shift work unless he so desires.

Payment by Results.

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

Lost Time.

(l) 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.

(m) 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.

Annual and Sick Leave.

(n) Apprentices shall be entitled to sick and annual leave in accordance with the provisions of clauses 13 and 14 hereof respectively.

UNAPPRENTICED JUNIORS.

4. (a) The minimum rates of wage for unapprenticed juniors shall be as follows :—

Wages per Week of 40 Hours.

	* Percentage of Basic Wage.	Additional Amount.	Total Wage Payable.
	Per Week.	Per Week. <i>s. d.</i>	£ <i>s. d.</i>
<i>I.—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 0
<i>II.—Junior Males.</i>			
Under 16 years of age	24	2 0	2 18 0
16 years of age	34	3 0	4 2 6
17 years of age	46	4 0	5 11 6
18 years of age	58	5 0	7 0 6
19 years of age	73	6 0	8 17 0
20 years of age	88	7 0	10 13 0

* The percentages for junior females relate to the female Basic Wage, and for junior males 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.

(b) 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 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.

Prohibited Occupations.

(c) Junior employees shall not be employed :—

- (i) if under the age of 16 years—
on oil or gas burners or fires used for heating of small articles;
- (ii) if under 18 years of age—
die setting on power presses.

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



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Dated at Melbourne, this
24th day of November, 1954.

H. N. JONES,
Secretary for Labour and Industry.

LEATHER-GOODS BOARD.

Clauses 2, 4, 5 and 6 of the Determination published in *Government Gazette* No. 91 of the 1st March, 1954, shall be replaced by the following clauses:—

2.

WAGES PER WEEK.

	Within 20 Miles of G.P.O., Melbourne; 10 Miles of G.P.O., Geelong; at Warrnambool and within Mildura and Gippsland Districts.	Other Parts of Victoria.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Journeyman engaged in the manufacture or repair of machine belting, gaskets and pump washers or similar articles	13 8 0	13 5 0
All other Journeymen	13 14 0	13 11 0
Journeywomen engaged in the trimming of gloves, cutting out forecetts and quirks, or cutting cotton ends	9 6 0	9 3 6
Other Journeywomen	9 11 6	9 9 0

NOTE:—Females working on large machines (7-5, 45K, 7-27, or any similar class of machine, and Grummet) shall be paid 3s. 6d. per week extra.

APPRENTICES—MALES.

4. (a) The probationary period of trainee apprentices or apprentices shall not exceed three months.
 (b) The minimum rates of wage to be paid to apprentices or probationers shall be not less than the following:—

	Wages Per Week.	
	Within 20 Miles of G.P.O., Melbourne; 10 Miles of G.P.O., Geelong; at Warrnambool and within Mildura and Gippsland Districts.	Other Parts of Victoria.
Five year terms—	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
First year's experience	70 0	69 6
Second year's experience	82 0	81 0
Third year's experience	117 0	115 6
Fourth year's experience	187 0	185 0
Fifth year's experience	234 0	231 0
Four year terms—		
First year's experience	70 0	69 6
Second year's experience	117 0	115 6
Third year's experience	187 0	185 0
Fourth year's experience	234 0	231 0

(c) Experience in this clause means actual experience whether as an apprentice or otherwise, in any one or more of the operations provided as apprenticeship operations.

(d) Except as otherwise provided minors may be engaged in the following occupations under contracts of apprenticeship or trainee apprenticeship framed in conformity with this Determination:—

- Cutting or clicking;
- Trunks, and/or leather bag and case maker;
- Fibre, veneer, canvas or other case maker;
- Machine belt maker;
- Sporting goods maker of leather;
- Ladies' hand bag, wallet and purse maker;
- Leather goods maker;
- Glove maker (other than sporting goods);
- Leather coats, hats or caps maker.

(e) The period of apprenticeship shall not exceed four or five years, including any period of experience in the occupation to which the minor is being apprenticed prior to entering into the indenture of apprenticeship.

(f) An employer especially qualified to teach apprentices may, with the consent of the Wages Board, employ a greater proportion of apprentices to tradesmen than herein specified.

(g) Until further order any contract of apprenticeship may contain the following provision:—

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.

(h) Any apprentice who cannot complete his full term of apprenticeship before reaching his twenty-second birthday may by agreement with his master serve as an apprentice until he reaches the age of twenty-three years.

(i) All wages shall be paid without deduction for specified holidays or for unavoidable absences through sickness to the number of 40 hours of working time per annum.

(j) 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.

(k) The ordinary hours of employment of apprentices shall be the same in each workshop as those of the journeymen.

(l) An apprentice under the age of eighteen years shall not be liable to work overtime unless he so desires.

(m) An apprentice shall not work under any system of piecework.

(n) 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.

(o) *Tools of Trade*:—All tools of trade necessarily required by an apprentice in the learning of his trade shall be supplied by the employer of the apprentice. Such tools of trade shall remain the property of the apprentice on completion of his indenture.

JUNIOR WORKERS—MALES.

5. (a) Junior workers may be employed at the following rates of pay:—

Age.	Wages Per Week.	
	Within 20 Miles of G.P.O., Melbourne; 10 Miles of G.P.O., Geelong; at Warrnambool and within Mildura and Gippsland Districts.	Other Parts of Victoria.
	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
Under 16 year of age	70 0	69 6
16 and under 17 years of age	93 6	92 6
17 and under 18 years of age	117 0	115 6
18 and under 19 years of age	140 6	138 6
19 and under 20 years of age	187 0	185 0
20 and under 21 years of age	234 0	231 0

(b) The proportion of Junior Workers and apprentices allowed shall be :—

Male Employee receiving at least Adult Male Basic Wage.	Junior Workers including Apprentices.
1	1
2 to 20	1 for every 2 such male employees
Over 20	A further 1 for every 3 such male employees over 20

In computing the proportion under this sub-clause the number of such male employees employed for the whole of the previous six months shall be taken.

Notwithstanding anything contained herein employers engaged in the manufacture of laminated belting may employ in the exclusive manufacture of such belting three male juniors to each adult employee employed in the manufacture of laminated belts.

JUNIOR WORKERS—FEMALES.

6. (a) Female junior workers may be employed at the following rates of pay :—

Age	Wages Per Week.	
	Within 20 Miles of G.P.O., Melbourne; 10 Miles of G.P.O., Geelong; at Warrnambool and within Mildura and Gippsland Districts.	Other Parts of Victoria.
	s. d.	s. d.
Under 16 years of age	70 0	69 0
16 and under 17 years of age	87 6	86 6
17 and under 18 years of age	100 0	98 6
18 and under 19 years of age	112 6	110 6
19 and under 20 years of age	123 0	121 0
20 and under 21 years of age	152 6	150 6

and thereafter the minimum wage prescribed for adult females as adjusted from time to time for the class of work which they are doing, provided, however, that a junior female, after four years' experience in the industry covered by this Determination shall be paid the full adult female rate prescribed in clause 2.

(b) For the purposes of this clause "experience" shall mean any form of employment in this industry.

(c) Employers who wilfully employ juniors without taking into account previous experience shall be guilty of a breach of this Determination.

(d) The proportion of female apprentices and/or junior workers shall not exceed two to one adult female receiving the minimum wage.

Clauses, other than clauses 2, 4, 5 and 6, of the said Determination shall remain in force.

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