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**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 February, 1955.

Dated at Melbourne, this
23rd day of June, 1955.

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

DYERS AND CLOTHES CLEANERS BOARD.

Clauses 2 and 3 of the Determination published in *Government Gazette* No. 225 of the 12th April, 1954, shall be replaced by the following clauses:—

(a) WEEKLY WAGES.

2.

Apprentices or Improvers.

| Experience. | Males. | | Females. | | Female Improvers Commencing at the Trade between the Ages of 18 and 21 Years. | | | | |
|-------------------------|---------|----|----------|----|--|---------|----|----|----|
| | £ s. d. | | £ s. d. | | | £ s. d. | | | |
| 1st six months | 3 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 18 | 0 | 6 | 5 | 0 |
| 2nd six months | 3 | 12 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 0 | 6 | 18 | 0 |
| 3rd six months | 4 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 16 | 0 | 7 | 18 | 0 |
| 4th six months | 5 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 10 | 6 | 8 | 16 | 0 |
| 5th six months | 5 | 16 | 0 | 6 | 5 | 0 | .. | .. | .. |
| 6th six months | 6 | 10 | 6 | 6 | 18 | 0 | .. | .. | .. |
| 7th six months | 9 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 18 | 0 | .. | .. | .. |
| 8th six months | 10 | 15 | 6 | 8 | 16 | 0 | .. | .. | .. |
| 9th six months | 12 | 2 | 0 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 10th six months | 12 | 6 | 6 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

And thereafter the minimum weekly wage or piece-work price.

| | Male Juveniles. | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|---|---|
| | £ s. d. | | |
| 16 years of age | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| 17 years of age | 5 | 9 | 0 |
| 18 years of age | 7 | 5 | 0 |
| 19 years of age | 11 | 0 | 0 |
| 20 years of age | 12 | 3 | 0 |

And thereafter the minimum weekly wage or piece-work price.

- (i) The term to be served at the industry by male apprentices or improvers shall be not more than four years.
(ii) The term to be served at the industry by female apprentices or improvers shall be not more than four years.

(b) PROPORTION (IN ANY FACTORY OR PLACE).

Apprentices, Improvers and Juveniles.

- (i) Not more than one male apprentice or improver shall be employed to every two or fraction of two journeymen.
- (ii) Not more than three female apprentices or improvers shall be employed to every journeywomen. Provided that where in respect of any class the same rate is fixed for a journeywomen as is fixed thereby for a journeyman not more than one female apprentice or improver shall be employed to every two journeywomen in any such class.
- (iii) One male juvenile may be employed to every two or fraction of two adults.
- (iv) For the purposes of all clauses relating to apprentices and improvers each class of employee as set out in the weekly wage schedules to this Determination shall be taken separately and each such class shall be deemed to be a distinct section.

PROHIBITION OF EMPLOYMENT OF MALES OVER SEVENTEEN YEARS ENTERING ANY SECTION OF THE INDUSTRY.

(c) No male who is over the age of seventeen years shall enter any section of the industry for which provision is made in this Determination for compulsory apprenticeship according to the Schedule referred to in the indenture of apprenticeship prescribed by this Determination.

FEMALE IMPROVERS OVER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE MAY BE EMPLOYED.

(d) Any female without previous experience who has attained the age of eighteen years may be employed in any section of the industry as an improver, and shall be paid at least the minimum rate prescribed by this Determination for a female of her experience.

PERSONS ELIGIBLE FOR APPRENTICESHIP.

(e) All apprentices shall be indentured in accordance with the form of indenture prescribed by the Board on the 23rd May, 1950, provided that the said person may serve an employer as a probationer for a period not exceeding three months. During the said three months he or she shall be paid at least the minimum rates prescribed by this Determination for the first six months of apprenticeship. If the probationer becomes indentured, his or her indenture shall be taken to have commenced from the commencement of the period of probation.

INDENTURE COMPLETED.

(f) It shall be the duty of the employer to see that the form of indenture of any apprentice is duly completed and to deliver to the apprentice a complete original copy thereof.

COMPLETION OF APPRENTICESHIP.

(g) In the event of the employer to whom an apprentice is bound ceasing to carry on business, such apprentice may be bound to another employer for the remainder of the term to be served, provided that if such apprentice be over the age of seventeen years at the time of the original employer ceasing to carry on business, such apprentice may complete the time to be served as an improver.

APPRENTICES IN ANY GROUP OF THE INDUSTRY ALREADY BOUND.

(h) Within three months of the commencement of this Determination every employer shall, in respect of male or female apprentices already indentured be bound to observe the full terms of the indentures prescribed by this Determination as to the term of apprenticeship, hours, wages, overtime and all other conditions. Where the existing indentures are inconsistent with indentures herein prescribed the existing indentures shall be deemed to be amended accordingly.

TIME SERVED IN ANY GROUP TO COUNT.

(i) (i) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Determination the time served by an apprentice or improver in any occupation for which a classification is prescribed by this Determination in any group of this Determination shall be counted as experience for the purpose of apprenticeship indentures or the continuance of improvership, both as regards wages and the term to be served in respect of the continuation of the employment of such apprentice or improver in the occupation covered by such classification.

(ii) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Determination any person who at the date of the coming into force of this Determination is employed in the industry and whose engagement or continued employment as an improver is by this Determination forbidden shall be entitled to be employed and shall be paid the scale of wages prescribed for an apprentice or improver of like experience.

3. OTHER PERSONS EXCEPT APPRENTICES, IMPROVERS, AND JUVENILE WORKERS.

| | Wages per Week. | | |
|---|-----------------|----|----|
| | £ | s. | d. |
| Dyers, or bleachers, namely males employed dyeing or bleaching articles or materials of any description .. | 15 | 10 | 0 |
| Tailors, namely, males employed repairing and/or altering garments of any description .. | 14 | 18 | 0 |
| Pressers, namely, males employed pressing off any part of articles of wearing apparel of all descriptions .. | 14 | 6 | 0 |
| Female pressers, namely, females operating a machine press or using an iron exceeding 9 lb. in weight .. | 14 | 6 | 0 |
| Female pressers, namely, females employed pressing any part of male outer garments .. | 14 | 6 | 0 |
| Cleaners, namely, males or females employed operating a dry-cleaning machine or cleaning garments or articles by machine .. | 14 | 3 | 0 |
| Other male dry cleaners .. | 13 | 10 | 0 |
| Wet cleaners, dye-vat attendants, steamers, and finishers of garments and/or piece goods, namely, males employed in such processes on garments and articles of any description .. | 13 | 10 | 0 |
| Spotters .. | 13 | 15 | 0 |
| Hat blockers, namely, males employed blocking hats .. | 13 | 18 | 0 |
| Examiners and assemblers, namely, males employed examining and/or matching and/or assembling garments and/or articles of any description .. | 13 | 10 | 0 |
| Sprayers, namely, males employed spraying garments and/or articles of any description with liquid or any other substance .. | 13 | 10 | 0 |
| All other adult males not herein classified .. | 12 | 10 | 0 |

Journeywomen.

(i.e., Journeywomen as defined herein and adult females other than such adult females as are specified in clause 4 of this Determination.)

| | Wages per Week. |
|--|-----------------|
| | £ s. d. |
| Pressers, namely, females employed pressing any garment and/or article and using an iron 9 lb. or less in weight | 10 7 6 |
| Repairers, namely, females employed repairing garments or articles of any description | 10 2 6 |
| Spotters | 10 12 6 |
| Receivers and despatchers, namely, females employed receiving and despatching garments and/or articles of any description | 9 17 6 |
| Feather dressers and/or hat trimmers, namely, females employed as feather dressers and/or hat trimmers | 9 17 6 |
| Examiners and assemblers, namely, females employed examining and/or assembling and/or matching garments and/or articles of any description | 10 7 6 |
| Wet cleaners or steamers, namely, females employed in wet-cleaning processes on garments and/or articles of any description | 10 7 6 |
| All other adult females not herein classified | 9 7 6 |

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

