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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 May, 1955.

Dated at Melbourne, this
1st day of July, 1955.

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

PLASTIC MOULDING BOARD.

Clauses 2, 3, 4 and 5, of the Determination published in *Government Gazette* No. 762 of the 26th August, 1953, shall be replaced by the following clauses:—

2.

APPRENTICES OR IMPROVERS.

	Wages per Week of 40 Hours.		
	Males.	Females.	
	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	
Under 16 years of age	74 0	62 0	No junior shall be employed until he or she attains the age of fifteen years
16 years of age	98 0	74 0	
17 years of age	121 6	86 0	
18 years of age	157 0	109 6	
19 years of age	180 6	121 6	
20 years of age	204 6	133 6	
And thereafter the minimum wage			

Proportion.

MALE APPRENTICES.

One male apprentice to every three or fraction of three adult male workers receiving not less than 250s. per week of 40 hours.

MALE IMPROVERS.

Such numbers of improvers as shall not together with apprentices exceed, in the aggregate, one to every three or fraction of three adult male workers receiving not less than 250s. per week of 40 hours.

FEMALE APPRENTICES.

One female apprentice to each adult female worker receiving not less than 185s. 6d. per week of 40 hours.

FEMALE IMPROVERS.

Such number of improvers as shall not together with apprentices exceed, in the aggregate, one to each adult female worker receiving not less than 18s. 6d. per week of 40 hours.

(a) The number of adult females or adult males respectively employed at any given time shall be deemed to be the weekly average number employed during the immediately preceding period of twelve calendar months. For the purpose of ascertaining the proportion of improvers to male or female adults, there shall be a weekly count, and any union official making an inspection of the books to ascertain such proportion shall take the weekly average number of such male or female adults as the case may be, and the average number of male or female improvers employed during the week in which the inspection is made.

(b) Notwithstanding anything herein contained, juniors receiving the adult wage prescribed for the class of work being performed by them, shall be counted as adults in calculating the proportion of juniors but in calculating such wage, bonuses shall not be considered as part of the wage. Provided however that a junior classified by an employer as an adult shall thereafter continue to be so classified both in his present or future employment by the said employer and shall be entitled to the adult rate of payment prescribed by this Determination.

3.

PLASTIC SECTION.

	Wages per Week of 40 Hours.
<i>Adult Males.</i>	<i>£ s. d.</i>
1. Employee engaged on any operation other than those set out hereunder	12 10 0
2. Weigher and/or assembler of compounds for mixing, calendaring, &c.	12 17 0
3. Bruan machine operator	12 16 0
4. Silk screen operator	12 16 0
5. Wire winding machine operator	12 14 0
6. Bunching machine operator	12 14 0
7. Spark testing machine operator	12 16 0
8. Lacquering machine operator	12 16 0
9. Examiner of materials—part finished or finished products	12 16 0
10. Operator employed on spreading machine	12 17 0
11. Operator of embosser, plate or roller machine	12 18 0
12. Assistant operator of embosser, plate or roller machine	12 10 0
13. Person employed on heat sealing of plastics by any means and/or bench hands engaged in the manufacture of flexible fabricated products	12 16 0
14. Plastic injection press operator	12 19 0
15. Operator on clicking press and/or mechanically operated punching press	12 10 0
16. Operator using a spray gun	12 16 0
17. Operator on warming and/or masticating mill	12 16 0
18. Operator on mixing mill	13 3 0
19. Operator in charge of forcing or extruding machine	12 18 0
20. First assistant on calender, 48 inches and over	13 0 6
21. First assistant on calender under 48 inches	12 14 0
22. Operator in charge of calender, 72 inches and under	13 12 0
23. Operator in charge of calender, over 72 inches	13 17 0
24. Plastic press operator, i.e., an operator of a press who is required to exercise a discretion as to all or any of the following matters, viz., kind of quantity of powder, pressure, temperature, and time of curing	13 14 0
25. Plastic press operator, other	13 1 0
26. Process worker, i.e., a person employed— (a) as operator of mixing machines other than in classification numbered 18 hereof, ball and grinding machines, laminating and impregnating machines, pelleting machines, polishing and buffing machines, blowing machines, cutting machines of all types and paste moulding operators	12 19 0
(b) in the powder room	12 19 0
<i>Adult Females.</i>	
All classifications	9 5 6
<i>CASEIN SECTION.</i>	
<i>Adult Males.</i>	
27. Machinist, i.e., a person who is partly or wholly engaged in setting up and operating a lathe	13 14 0
28. Plastic press operator, i.e., an operator of a press who is required to exercise a discretion as to all or any of the following matters, viz., pressure, temperature, and time of curing	13 14 0
29. Plastic press operator, other	13 1 0
30. Process worker, i.e., a person engaged in the drying room on acid or formaldehyde baths, on all classes of cutting machines, drum sanding machines, trapping machines, polishing machines, grinding machines or injection machines	12 19 0
31. Employee engaged in any operation not set out above	12 10 0
<i>Adult Females.</i>	
All classifications	9 5 6

SPECIAL RATES.

4. (a) Employees handling carbon black before processing, and employees engaged in processing free carbon black shall be paid the sum of 3s. per day in addition to the rate herein fixed for the class of work performed.

(b) Employees whilst required to work in a "confined space" as defined shall be paid the sum of 6d. per hour in addition to the rate herein fixed for the class of work performed.

SHIFT RATES.

5. (a) Male employees engaged on continuous work shifts shall be paid an additional 4s. per shift on afternoon and night shift.

(b) Male employees, not engaged on continuous work shifts, working on night shift as defined in clause 6 of this Determination shall be paid an additional 4s. per shift.

(c) Females employed on continuous or rotating shifts shall be paid the following shift allowances:—

Continuous Shifts—

										s.	d.
Morning shift ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	0
Afternoon shift ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	0
Night shift ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	0

Rotating Shifts—

Afternoon shift ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	0
Night shift ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	0

(d) Employees working shifts shall for work performed between midnight on Friday and the ordinary ceasing time on Saturday, be paid at the minimum rate of time and a quarter.

(e) An employee (not having requested his employer to so work) who—

(i) during a period of engagement on shift works night shift only; or

(ii) remains on night shift for a longer period than four consecutive weeks; or

(iii) works on a night shift which does not rotate or alternate with another shift or with day work so as to give him at least one-third of his time off night shift in each three-shift cycle,

shall, during such engagement, period, or cycle, be paid at the rate of time and a quarter for all time worked during ordinary working hours. The request referred to herein shall be in writing and shall specify the period the employee desires to remain on night shift and during such period the employee shall be entitled only to the payments specified in sub-clauses (a), (b), (c) or (d) hereof.

Clauses, other than clauses 2, 3, 4 and 5, of the said Determination shall remain in force.

