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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 May, 1955.

Dated at Melbourne, this
5th day of July, 1955.

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

PLATE GLASS BOARD.

Clauses 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the Determination made on the 9th February, 1955, and in force as from the beginning of the first pay period to commence in February, 1955, shall be replaced by the following clauses :—

2.

WAGES.

Adults, Journeymen, or Journeywomen.	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.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
PART I.—ADULT MALES.		
<i>Section "A"—Glass.</i>		
Hand painter or designer on or for glass	16 2 0	15 19 0
Pencil hand-embosser	15 4 6	15 1 6
Tradesman, i.e., an employee who has completed an indenture of apprenticeship or an adult employee who has been trained for not less than 4 years as a Beveller, Silverer, Glass Bender, Sand Blaster, Spray Painter, Glazier, Glass Cutter, Scratch Polisher, and Glass Blocker	14 12 0	14 9 0
Trainee Tradesman—		
First year	13 11 0	13 8 0
Second year	13 15 0	13 12 0
Third year	13 19 0	13 16 0
Fourth year	14 8 0	14 5 0
Tradesman's Assistant, i.e., an adult employee other than a tradesman, or trainee who assists a tradesman but does not do a tradesman's work, or is employed in checking, recording, packing, or unpacking glass	13 7 0	13 4 0
Rubber-out embosser	13 7 0	13 4 0
Cementer	13 7 0	13 4 0
Employee turning out lead from mill for leadlight glazier	13 7 0	13 4 0
Silk Screen maker	13 17 0	13 14 0
Silk Screen operator	12 19 0	12 16 0
Assistant to Silverer employed lifting and/or painting and/or cleaning silvered glass	12 15 0	12 12 0

WAGES—continued.

Adults, Journeymen, or Journeywomen.	Within 20 Miles of G.P.O., Melbourne; 10 Miles G.P.O. Geelong; at Warrnambool, and in the Mildura and Gippsland Districts.	Elsewhere in Victoria.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
PART I.—ADULT MALES—continued.		
<i>Section "B"—Safety Glass.</i>		
Cutter	14 12 0	14 9 0
Beveller	14 12 0	14 9 0
Employee in charge of laminating room	14 7 0	14 4 0
Edge grinders (including allowance for wet work)	14 7 0	14 4 0
Autoclave attendant	13 17 0	13 14 0
Furnace operator—		
(a) First three months	13 17 0	13 14 0
(b) After three months' service	14 7 0	14 4 0
Furnace operator's assistant	13 17 0	13 14 0
Employee on cornering	13 17 0	13 14 0
Scratch polisher	13 7 0	13 4 0
Edge workers employed on automatic or semi-automatic machines	13 7 0	13 4 0
Edge sealer	13 7 0	13 4 0
Employee packing, unpacking, or issuing glass	13 7 0	13 4 0
Employee working automatic cutting machine	13 7 0	13 4 0
Employee breaking out after automatic cutting machine	13 7 0	13 4 0
PART II.—ADULT FEMALES.		
<i>Safety Glass.</i>		
Females engaged on scratch polishing machines	9 9 6	9 7 6
Females engaged on inspecting and testing	9 5 6	9 3 6
All other work	9 1 6	8 19 6

Provided that all other adult females employed on work for which a male margin of 40s. or over is prescribed in clause 38 of the Determination published in *Government Gazette* No. 233 of the 12th April, 1954, shall receive a margin equal to 50 per centum of the male margin, but if the male margin was less than 40s., they shall receive a margin equal to 25 per centum of the male margin. Where there is no male margin prescribed for their work they shall be paid a margin of 4s. per week.

PART III.—SAVING.

No employee shall have his or her rate reduced merely as a result of this Determination.

SPECIAL RATES.

3. (a) *Leading Hands.*—In addition to the wages prescribed in clause 2 herein leading hands shall be paid the following allowances:—

1. 9s. per week if in charge of not less than three and not more than ten employees including apprentices;
2. 18s. per week if in charge of not less than ten and not more than twenty employees including apprentices;
3. 27s. per week if in charge of more than twenty employees including apprentices.

(b) In addition to the rates set out in clause 2 herein, the following additional rates shall be paid:—

- (i) 10s. per week to employees in the Glass Section required to work at a height of 50 feet or more above the nearest horizontal plane;
- (ii) 6d. per hour to employees working in confined spaces;
 Confined space means a compartment, space, or place the dimensions of which necessitate an employee working in a stooped or otherwise cramped position or without proper ventilation.
- (iii) 4d. per hour to employees working in any place where clothing or boots become saturated, whether by water, oil, or otherwise. Provided that this extra rate shall not be payable to an employee who is provided by the employer with suitable and effective protective clothing and/or footwear. And provided further that any employee who becomes entitled to this extra rate shall be paid such extra rate for such part of the day or shift as he is required to work in wet clothing or boots;
- (iv) 6d. per hour to employees handling loose slag wool, loose insul wool, or other loose material of a like nature used for providing insulation against heat, cold, or noise.
- (v) 4d. per hour where a foreman and workman shall agree that the work is of an unusually dirty or offensive nature.

In case of disagreement between the foreman and workman, the workman or a shop steward on his behalf shall be entitled within 24 hours, to ask for a decision on the workman's claim by the employers' Industrial Officer, if there be one, or otherwise, by the employer or the executive officer responsible for the management or superintendence of the plant concerned. In such case a decision shall be given on the workman's claim within 48 hours of its being asked for (unless that time expires on a non-working day, in which case it shall be given during the next working day) or else the said allowance shall be paid;

- (vi) 25 per centum to employees working on replacement of surface of urinals and lavatories where structural glass is used.

SPECIAL RATES NOT CUMULATIVE.

(c) Where more than one of the disabilities entitling a workman to extra rates exist on the same job, the employer shall be bound to pay only one rate, namely, the highest rate for the disabilities so prevailing.

RATES NOT SUBJECT TO PENALTY ADDITIONS.

(d) The special rates herein prescribed shall be paid irrespective of the times at which the work is performed, and shall not be subject to any premium or penalty additions.

MIXED FUNCTIONS.

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

APPRENTICES AND IMPROVERS—RATES OF PAY.

5. 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.
<i>Apprentices.</i>		
£ s. d.		
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Five-year Term—		
1st year's experience	3 16 0	3 15 0
2nd year's experience	5 2 0	5 0 6
3rd year's experience	6 8 0	6 6 6
4th year's experience	9 16 6	9 14 0
5th year's experience	12 3 0	12 0 0
Four-year Term—		
1st year's experience	4 0 6	3 19 6
2nd year's experience	6 8 0	6 6 6
3rd year's experience	9 16 6	9 14 0
4th year's experience	12 3 0	12 0 0
<i>Improvers (Males).</i>		
Under 16 years of age	2 17 0	2 16 0
16 and under 17	3 9 0	3 8 6
17 and under 18	4 13 6	4 12 6
18 and under 19	6 4 6	6 3 0
19 and under 20	9 16 6	9 14 0
20 and under 21	12 2 0	11 19 0
<i>Female Apprentices.</i>		
1st year's experience	4 1 6	4 0 6
2nd year's experience	5 17 0	5 15 6
3rd year's experience	7 16 6	7 14 6
4th year's experience	8 18 6	8 16 6
<i>Female Improvers.</i>		
16 years and under	2 18 6	2 18 0
17 years	4 1 6	4 0 6
18 years	5 17 0	5 15 6
19 years	7 16 6	7 14 6
20 years	8 18 6	8 16 6

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

