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## DETERMINATION OF THE BULK GRAIN WORKERS BOARD.

NOTE.—This Determination applies to the whole of the State of Victoria.

IN accordance with the provisions of the Labour and Industry Act 1953, the Wages Board appointed to "determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons (other than persons employed in any trade, process, business, or occupation which is subject to the jurisdiction of any Board heretofore appointed) employed in the trade, process, business, or occupation of receiving, weighing, moving, and despatching grain in bulk or in any work incidental thereto at any seaboard terminal", has made the following Determination, namely:—

1. That as from the beginning of the first pay period to commence in May, 1955, the last previous Determination of this Board shall be revoked and replaced by this Determination.

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### WAGES.

#### (i) Junior Employees.

(a) Subject to sub-clause (c) hereof, junior employees shall be entitled to payment as follows:—

Age.	Percentage of the Minimum Wage Prescribed for "Other Employees".	Weekly Wage.
		£ s. d.
16 years .. .. .	30	4 1 6
17 years .. .. .	40	5 9 0
18 years .. .. .	50	6 16 0
19 years .. .. .	70	9 10 6
20 years .. .. .	90	12 5 0

(b) A junior employee shall be entitled to the same dust allowance as an adult filling a corresponding position.

(c) A junior employee working in the "Track shed" shall be entitled to be paid the appropriate rate prescribed for a classification under the heading "Other Employees" in sub-clause (ii) hereof.

#### (ii) Other Employees.

	Weekly Employment.	Casual Employment.
	per week.	per hour.
	£ s. d.	s. d.
<i>Group 1.</i>		
Employee watching conveyors and elevators for spillage of grain, operating stop buttons if required; sweeping up floors, cleaning building and equipment comprising conveyor supporting steelwork and grain spouts; operating a wheat auger and sweep in a wheat pile; doing general maintenance work, and greasing .. .. .	13 12 0	7 5½
<i>Group 2.</i>		
Employee shifting trucks, removing tarpaulins, opening and closing truck doors, pulling bulk grain out of trucks with rakes, sweeping out trucks; watching and moving trippers over storage when directed, including operating signal switches on indicator boards, opening and closing bin inlet covers; moving distributing spouts when directed, including operating signal switches on indicator boards, removing and replacing bin inlet covers; attending cleaning machines and dust-extraction equipment, placing, filling, removing, sewing, and stacking bags of wheat dust and other impurities; cleaning bin walls and bin floors; bagging weevily wheat from a wheat pile .. .. .	14 4 4	7 9 <sup>32</sup> / <sub>40</sub>
<i>Group 3.</i>		
Employee in charge of track shed board; working as under-working-house operator in charge of conveyor loading during shipping operations; attending 40-ton hopper scales operating garner and scale-discharge valve levers, traversing poise and balancing weighbeam, operating ticket printer, receiving and despatching dockets and weigh tickets, operating signal switches on indicator board; sampling grain; operating buttons at ship-loading spouts whilst loading a ship .. .. .	14 14 2	8 1 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>40</sub>

#### (iii) Leading Hand.

A leading hand in any section shall be paid 3d. per hour more than the rate paid to employees whose work he is required to supervise.

## SEASONAL WORKER'S ALLOWANCE

3. A weekly employee whose employment is terminated by the employer within six successive months of such employment for any cause, other than for dishonesty, misconduct, neglect of duty, or for absence from work without reasonable cause, shall on such termination be entitled to be paid for each week of his period of weekly employment an allowance of five per cent. of the total of—

- (i) so much of his earnings as does not exceed the total basic wage on which each week's earnings were based, and
- (ii) an amount of twenty-five shillings.

## DUST ALLOWANCE.

4. In addition to the wage rate prescribed in clause 2 hereof any person employed at the work described hereunder shall be paid an allowance of 1s. per hour:—

- (i) Track shed employee during wheat receiving operations, employee cleaning out track hoppers, dust-house operator, employee engaged in cleaning bins or garners bagging weevily wheat from a wheat pile.
- (ii) Any employee, other than an employee covered by placitum (i), working in the terminal during wheat handling operations.
- (iii) Any employee working in any portion of the terminal when wheat is not being handled, but when general cleaning down is being effected at the direction of the Superintendent.

## JUNIOR LABOUR.

- 5. (a) No person under the age of 16 years shall be employed at the trade.
- (b) The proportion of junior labour shall not exceed one junior to each eight persons receiving not less than the minimum wage.

## ORDINARY HOURS (OTHER THAN FOR SHIFT WORK).

6. The ordinary hours Monday to Friday, both inclusive, shall (except for shift work) be from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., unless otherwise agreed upon between the employer or his representative and a majority of the employees concerned.

The ordinary hours for a week's work shall be 40 except in the case of any week in which any of the holidays specified in clause 17 occur. In any such week the ordinary hours of work shall be reduced by the number of hours regarded as an ordinary day's work for any day on which any of the said holidays occur.

## OVERTIME (OTHER THAN FOR SHIFT WORK).

- 7. Payment and conditions for all time worked outside ordinary hours shall be as follows:—
  - (a) Between 5 p.m. on an ordinary working day and 8 a.m. on the following day time and a half for the first four hours and double time thereafter, such double time shall continue until the employee is relieved from duty for a period of at least eight consecutive hours;
  - (b) Before noon on Saturday time and a half for the first four hours and double time thereafter;
  - (c) After noon on Saturday double time;
  - (d) Periods of work performed before 8 a.m. and after 5 p.m. on any ordinary working day shall be cumulative and paid for at the rate of time and a half for the first four hours and double time thereafter;
  - (e) Employees other than shift workers shall be entitled to a meal break of one hour without pay after the expiration of four hours on duty, subject, however, to the exception provided in sub-clause (g) hereof;
  - (f) Where an employee is required to work outside ordinary hours he shall be paid the appropriate overtime rate as for a minimum period of one hour and where the work exceeds one hour he shall be paid as for not less than half an hour for each subsequent half hour's work entered upon;
  - (g) Where an employee is called upon to work through a meal break to finish a ship he shall be paid the appropriate rate plus 4s. per hour until such time as work finishes or a meal break is allowed. Provided that the minimum rate payable shall be not less than double time.

## SHIFT WORK.

- 8. (a) The employer shall have the right to require any employee to work in shifts where, in the opinion of the employer, it is not reasonably practicable to carry on the operations of the employer without such shift work.
- (b) The ordinary hours for a shift shall not exceed eight on any day, Monday to Friday inclusive, and any excess shall be paid for at the rate of time and a half for the first four hours and double time thereafter.
- (c) Except as provided in sub-clauses (d) and (e) hereof employees engaged on shift work shall be paid the sum of 12s. 6d. per week in addition to the rates prescribed in clause 2 hereof. Provided that such additional rate shall not apply to employees engaged solely upon day work.
- (d) Employees engaged on afternoon and night shifts only, that is when they are not changed to day shifts, afternoon shifts, and night shifts in regular rotation shall be paid a sum of 18s. 6d. per week in addition to the rates prescribed in clause 2 hereof.
- (e) Employees engaged on day and night shift only shall, for the week in which they are employed on the night shift, be paid a sum of 18s. 6d. per week in addition to the rates prescribed in clause 2 hereof.
- (f) Provided that any employee instructed by his employer to change shifts during any week shall be paid an additional 2s. 6d. for each change but not for the change back again.
- (g) Employees working on shifts shall be allowed crib time not exceeding thirty minutes in each shift at such times as may be fixed by the employer and such crib time shall be counted as time worked.

## SPECIAL RATES FOR PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AND SUNDAYS.

- 9. (a) Double time shall be the rate for all work done on New Year's Day, Australia Day, Easter Saturday, Easter Monday, Anzac Day, Queen's Birthday, and Boxing Day, and all other gazetted or statutory holidays which are observed by the Railways Department so far as goods traffic is concerned in the location where a seaboard grain terminal exists, provided that if any other day be by Act of Parliament or Proclamation substituted for any of the above-named holidays the special rate shall be payable for work done only on the day so substituted.
- (b) Two and a half times the ordinary rate shall be payable for all work done on Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday and the days observed at Geelong as Labour Day and Union Picnic Day, provided that if any other day be by Act of Parliament or Proclamation substituted for any of the above-named holidays the special rate shall be payable for work done only on the day so substituted.

## MIXED FUNCTIONS.

10. An employee engaged for more than half of one day or shift on duties carrying a higher rate than his ordinary classification shall be paid the higher rate for such day or shift. If for less than half of one day or shift he shall be paid the higher rate for the time so worked with a minimum of one hour.

## TIMES AND PLACES OF ENGAGEMENT.

11. Employees may be engaged at a point adjacent to the track shed. The times for engaging labour at such place shall be between the hours of 7.45 a.m. and 8 a.m., Monday to Saturday inclusive. This clause shall not preclude the right of the employer from engaging employees at another place subsequent to 8 a.m. provided there is insufficient suitable labour available at the pick-up point at that hour.

## TERMS OF ENGAGEMENT.

12. (a) Employees are to be engaged as weekly or casual employees. A weekly employee is one engaged by the week and paid by the week and whose engagement shall be terminable by one week's notice on either side, such notice may be given at any time (but not continued from week to week) or one week's wages paid or forfeited as the case may be in lieu thereof.

(b) Except for overtime work as provided for in clauses 7 and 9 hereof, a casual employee shall be guaranteed not less than four hours' engagement on any day provided that should his time of commencement be earlier than 12 noon, he shall, if required to work after the midday meal break, be guaranteed at least four hours' work after such break unless he leaves of his own accord before the completion of such period.

(c) Where a weekly employee is engaged to begin work on any day other than the commencing day of a weekly pay period he shall be entitled to be paid at casual rates for the broken portion of the week worked by him.

(d) A weekly employee to be entitled to the weekly wage shall be available ready and willing to perform his usual work during the days and hours usually worked by such class of employee, and may be summarily dismissed for dishonesty, misconduct, neglect of duty or for absence from work without reasonable cause, and in the event of such dismissal the employee shall be paid only for the time actually worked. Provided that the employer may deduct for time lost during which the employee cannot be usefully employed by reason of any strike, breakdown of machinery, or other cause for which the employer cannot reasonably be held responsible.

Where an employer or his representative is insulting or uses abusive language to an employee, or where an employer or his representative acts violently towards an employee or threatens violence to an employee, then the employee shall be under no obligation to give a week's notice of termination of employment but may leave the employment instantly.

(e) Subject to the provisions of clause 13 hereof any weekly employee not attending for duty shall lose his pay for the actual time lost.

## SICK LEAVE.

13. (a) Any weekly employee who, having had at least three months' service with the employer, is absent from duty as a result of personal ill health or accident shall be entitled to sick pay as follows:—

(i) during the first year—3½ hours' ordinary pay for each complete month of service;

(ii) during any subsequent year of service—40 hours' ordinary pay.

Provided that, in either case such employee produces or forwards within 48 hours of the commencement of such absence evidence satisfactory to the employer that his non-attendance was due to personal ill health or accident necessitating such absence; and provided further that he shall not be entitled to paid leave of absence for any period in respect of which he is entitled to workers' compensation.

For the purpose of administering this sub-clause "year" means a period of twelve calendar months, commencing from the first day of weekly employment of an employee, and commencing from the anniversary of such date in subsequent years.

(b) In the case of an employee who claims to be allowed paid sick leave in accordance with this clause for an absence of one day only such employee if in the year he has already been allowed paid sick leave on more than one occasion for one day only, shall not be entitled to payment for the day claimed unless he produces to the employer a certificate of a duly-qualified medical practitioner that in his, the medical practitioner's opinion, the employee was unable to attend for duty on account of personal illness or on account of injury by accident. Nothing in this sub-clause shall limit the employer's rights under sub-clause (a) hereof.

(c) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-clause (a) hereof an employee suffering injury through an accident arising out of and in the course of his employment (not being an injury in respect of which he is entitled to workers' compensation) necessitating his attendance during working hours on a doctor, chemist, or trained nurse, or at a hospital, shall not suffer any deduction from his pay for the time (not exceeding four hours) so occupied on the day of the accident, and shall be reimbursed by the employer all expenses reasonably incurred in connexion with such attendance.

(d) Where an employee is engaged for broken periods of service in successive years with the same employer, each period including and subsequent to a qualifying period of three months' service shall be added for the purpose of calculating credit of sick leave as prescribed herein.

(e) If the full period of sick leave as prescribed above is not taken in any year such portion as is not taken shall be cumulative from year to year. For the purposes of this sub-clause service prior to the 28th April, 1950, shall be disregarded.

(f) The employer shall not terminate the services of an employee during the currency of any period of sick leave with the object of avoiding his obligations under this clause.

## CASUAL EMPLOYMENT.

14. Subject to the provisions of clause 12 sub-clause (b) hereof, the engagement of any casual employee may be terminated at any moment without notice.

## MEAL ALLOWANCE.

15. (a) An employee called upon to work overtime except as provided in clause 7 sub-clause (g) hereof, shall be paid a meal allowance of five shillings for each meal occurring in the overtime period or provided with a meal not to exceed a cost of five shillings for each such meal.

(b) Provided that when it is necessary to work overtime to clear the line, and the work by mutual consent is carried on through the meal hour and does not exceed one hour's duration, the meal allowance is not to be paid.

## TRANSPORT.

16. (a) Transport if required at the Geelong Grain Terminal will be provided without charge from the terminal to the corner of Moorabool and Ryrie-streets, Geelong for all employees who are required to work overtime at the terminal and who cease work at or after 8 p.m. Provided that where the men concerned cannot be transported from the terminal to the abovementioned point in Geelong in sufficient time to enable them to catch their last trams home from Geelong the men shall be provided with transport, if required, to their homes.

(b) Where work is performed on a Sunday at the Geelong Grain Terminal the employer shall provide transport from and to the Belmont Bridge at Geelong.

## HOLIDAYS.

17. Weekly employees shall be granted the following holidays without deduction of pay:—

New Year's Day, Australia Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Labour Day, Anzac Day, Queen's Birthday, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, Union Picnic Day, and all other gazetted or statutory holidays which are observed by the Victorian Railways Department so far as goods traffic is concerned in the location where a seahoard grain terminal exists. Union Picnic Day shall be observed on a day to be mutually agreed upon between the Federated Storemen and Packers' Union and the employer concerned.

Provided that an employee who fails to attend for work on the working day immediately preceding, and the working day immediately following a prescribed holiday or holidays without reasonable excuse, or without the consent of the employer, shall not be entitled to payment for such holiday or holidays.

## PAYMENT OF WAGES.

18. Wages of employees shall be paid not later than Friday in each week and shall include payment for all time worked up to and including midnight on the preceding Wednesday. Upon termination of his employment all monies due to an employee shall be paid to him on the day of such termination or forwarded to him by post on the next working day provided that, in the case of a casual employee leaving the job before the completion of his engagement, he shall not be entitled to payment until the next succeeding pay day.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY.

19. The annual holiday shall be as prescribed by the provisions of the *Labour and Industry Act 1953*, and any amendments which may be made thereto from time to time.

HOT WATER.

20. The employer shall provide free of charge hot water for the use of employees at the midday meal hour.

SMOKE-OHS.

21. Employees shall be entitled to a smoke-oh of 10 minutes in the morning and afternoon and at intervals of two hours during shift or overtime work.

RIGHT OF ENTRY OF UNION OFFICIAL.

22. A duly accredited representative of the Federated Storemen and Packers' Union of Australia shall have the right to enter employers' establishments during the midday meal hour for the purpose of interviewing employees on legitimate Union business on the following conditions:—

- (i) That he produces his authority to the employer or his representative;
- (ii) That he interviews employees only at the place where they are taking their meal;
- (iii) That not more than one representative in all be in any establishment at any one time;
- (iv) That no one representative visit an establishment more than once a fortnight;
- (v) That if an employer alleges that a representative is unduly interfering with his establishment or is creating dissatisfaction amongst his employees or is offensive in his methods or is committing a breach of any of the previous conditions, such employer may refuse the right of entry.

EMPLOYER TO PROVIDE TOOLS.

23. All tools which employees are required to use in the course of their work shall be provided by the employer.

ORDINARY PAY.

24. For the purposes of this Determination "ordinary pay" shall not include any dust allowance, premium for shift work, overtime pay, or seasonal worker's allowance.

OVERALLS.

25. After three months' continuous service with an employer, an employee shall be supplied with a pair of overalls, and at the conclusion of each subsequent period of six months' continuous service shall be supplied with a further pair. Such clothing shall remain the property of the employer.

CONSTITUENTS OF WAGES RATES.

26. The wages rates prescribed in clause 2 consist of the following:—

	Group 1.	Group 2.	Group 3.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Basic wage .. .. .	11 17 0	11 17 0	11 17 0
Margin .. .. .	1 1 3	1 13 7	2 3 5
Industry loading .. .. .	0 13 9	0 13 9	0 13 9
Total weekly wage .. .. .	13 12 0	14 4 4	14 14 2
Addition for casual work (10 per cent.) .. .. .	1 7 2	1 8 5	1 9 5
Wage for casual work { Weekly .. .. .	14 19 2	15 12 9	16 3 7
{ Hourly .. .. .	7 5½	7 9 <sup>33</sup> / <sub>40</sub>	8 1 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>40</sub>
(i.e. 1/40th of weekly wage.)			

PERIODICAL ADJUSTMENT OF WAGES.

27. The weekly wages rates in clause 2 (ii), "Other Employees", are based upon the following basic wage, and pursuant to the provisions of Section 33 of the *Labour and Industry Act 1953*, the Board determines that such rates shall be automatically adjusted by the same amount and at the same time as such basic wage as prescribed in clause 28. The hourly rates and rates for junior employees shall be adjusted at the same time as the rates for the said "Other Employees" by adopting the following methods:—

(i) Hourly rates.

The amount of the Basic Wage shown in the table in clause 26 is amended to conform with the variations from time to time. Consequential amendments are made to the total wages for weekly and casual employees, and the adjusted hourly rates ascertained as set out therein.

(ii) Junior employees.

The wages of junior employees shall, in accordance with the table set out in clause 2, conform with the percentages of the minimum wage prescribed for "Other Employees" as adjusted from time to time. Such wages shall be calculated to the nearest 6d. half or less than half of 6d. in a result to be disregarded.

Basic Wage.

Place.	Basic Wage (Adjustable.)	Index Number Set Assigned.
	Per Week. £ s. d.	
Within the areas to which this Determination applies .. .. .	11 17 0	Melbourne

ADJUSTMENT OF BASIC WAGE.

28. (a) For the purposes of this Determination, the expression "Commonwealth Statistician's 'all items' retail price index numbers" or any like expression means the numbers stated to be such index numbers in any document purporting and not proved to be wrongly so purporting, to be printed by the Commonwealth Government Printer or to be signed by or on behalf of the Commonwealth Statistician.

(b) Until the beginning of the first pay period to commence in August, 1955, the amount of the Basic Wage shall be as prescribed in clause 27.

(c) During each future successive period beginning with the first pay period to commence in an August, a November, a February, or a May, the amount of the basic wage shall be adjusted by the following method, namely, by multiplying the last published Commonwealth Statistician's "all items" retail price index number by the factor .103 taken to one place of decimals, the resultant whole number being the amount of the basic wage expressed in shillings, but should the decimal number reach .5 or more the basic wage shall be taken to the next higher shilling.

A. V. BARNS, J.P. Chairman.

J. W. RYAN, Secretary.

Melbourne, 4th May, 1955.

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