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*Labour and Industry Acts.*

## AMENDING DETERMINATION OF THE WATCH CASES BOARD.

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

IN accordance with the provisions of the *Labour and Industry Acts*, the Wages Board appointed to “determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons employed in the trade of manufacturing or preparing watch cases” has made the following Determination, namely:—

1. That as from the beginning of the first pay period to commence in February, 1956, the Determination made on the 1st December, 1954, and published in *Government Gazette* No. 33 of the 4th February, 1955, shall be amended by:—

(i) deleting clause 2 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:—

2. **WAGES PER WEEK OF 40 HOURS.**

(a) *Apprentices.*

	Percentage of Basic Wage.	Total Wage Payable—	
		Within 20 Miles G.P.O., Melbourne; 10 Miles of G.P.O., Geelong; at Warrnambool; and within Mildura and Gippsland Districts.	Other Parts of Victoria.
	Per Week.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
<b>Four and five-year terms—</b>			
1st year .. .. .	39	4 18 0	4 16 6
2nd year .. .. .	50	6 5 6	6 4 0
3rd year .. .. .	58½	7 7 0	7 5 0
4th year .. .. .	89	11 3 6	11 0 6
5th year .. .. .	100 plus 22s.	13 13 0	13 10 0
<b>Four-year terms—Apprentices commencing after the age of 17 years—</b>			
1st year .. .. .	41	5 3 0	5 1 6
2nd year .. .. .	58½	7 7 0	7 5 0
3rd year .. .. .	89	11 3 6	11 0 6
4th year .. .. .	100 plus 22s.	13 13 0	13 10 0

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

PROPORTION (IN ANY PLACE).

One apprentice to every one male worker receiving not less than the minimum wage.  
An indenture of apprenticeship has been prescribed by the Board.

(b) Adult Females, Junior Females, and Junior Males.

	*Percentage of Basic Wage.	Margin.	Total Wage Payable—	
			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.
	Per Week.	Per Week.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
<i>I.—Adult Females.</i>				
Under one month's experience .. .. .	75	.. .. .	9 8 0	9 6 0
All others .. .. .	75	16 0	10 4 0	10 2 0
When employed at work defined in clause 18 (a) as that of a "First Class Watch Case Tradesman" the margin of 16s. and the appropriate wages rates shall be increased by 10s.				
<i>II.—Junior Females.</i>				
		Additional Amount.		
17 years of age and under .. .. .	52	3 6	5 1 6	5 0 0
18 years of age .. .. .	62	4 0	6 0 6	5 19 6
19 years of age .. .. .	72	4 6	7 0 0	6 18 6
20 years of age .. .. .	82	5 0	7 19 0	7 17 6
<i>III.—Junior Males.</i>				
Under 16 years of age .. .. .	24	2 0	3 2 0	3 1 6
16 years of age .. .. .	34	3 0	4 8 6	4 7 6
17 years of age .. .. .	46	4 0	5 19 6	5 18 0
18 years of age .. .. .	58	5 0	7 10 6	7 9 0
19 years of age .. .. .	73	6 0	9 9 0	9 7 0
20 years of age .. .. .	88	7 0	11 8 0	11 5 0

\* The percentages for junior females relate to the female basic wage, (i.e. 75 per cent of the male basic wage) but in all other cases relate to the male basic wage.

The rates shall be calculated to the nearest 6d., any broken part of 6d. in the result not exceeding 3d. to be disregarded.

(ii) deleting clause 3 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:—

3. OTHER EMPLOYEES.

*Wages per Week of 40 Hours.*

	Within a Radius of 50 Miles of G.P.O., Melbourne.	All Other Parts of Victoria.
	Weekly Wage.	Weekly Wage.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Adult males—		
First class watch case tradesman .. .. .	14 11 0	14 8 0
Second class watch case tradesman .. .. .	13 13 0	13 10 0
Leader and/or unloader of annealing furnace .. .. .	13 19 0	13 16 0

LEADING HANDS.

Leading hands in charge of not less than three and not more than ten employees, 15s. per week extra; more than ten and not more than twenty employees, 30s. per week extra; more than twenty employees, 45s. per week extra.

A. V. BARNES, J.P., Chairman.

J. W. RYAN, Secretary.

Melbourne, 18th January, 1956.