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Labour and Industry Acts.

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 Acts, 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, 1956.

Dated at Melbourne, this
25th day of May, 1956.

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

GAS METER BOARD.

Clause 2 of the Determination published in *Government Gazette* No. 198 of the 2nd February, 1956, shall be replaced by the following clauses:—

2. WAGES PER WEEK OF 40 HOURS.

(a) Makers and/or repairers of gas meters which are assembled by the use of screws, bolts, or rivets.

						Total Wage Payable.
						£ s. d.
(i) Adults.						
Tester other than sound tester	..	..	..	..	..	15 0 0
Sound tester	..	..	..	..	..	15 0 0
Spray and other painter	..	..	..	..	..	15 0 0
Valve grinder other than loose grinder	..	..	..	..	..	15 0 0
Assembler and/or repairer	..	..	..	..	..	15 0 0

(ii) Junior Employees.

						Percentage of Basic Wage.	Additional Amount.	Total Wage Payable.
							s. d.	£ s. d.
Under 16 years of age	..	..	..	..	..	24	2 0	3 3 6
16 years of age	..	..	..	..	..	34	3 0	4 10 0
17 years of age	..	..	..	..	..	46	4 0	6 2 0
18 years of age	..	..	..	..	..	58	5 0	7 13 6
19 years of age	..	..	..	..	..	73	6 0	9 13 0
20 years of age	..	..	..	..	..	88	7 0	11 12 6

(b) Makers and/or repairers of other gas meters.

APPRENTICES OR IMPROVERS.

Five Year Term (Apprentices or Improvers).			Four Year Term (Apprentices Only).		
	Percentage of Basic Wage.	Weekly Wage.		Percentage of Basic Wage.	Weekly Wage.
		£ s. d.			£ s. d.
1st year	39	5 0 0	1st year	41	5 5 0
2nd year	50	6 8 0	2nd year	58½	7 10 0
3rd year	58½	7 10 0	3rd year	89	11 8 0
4th year	89	11 8 0	4th year	100	13 18 0
5th year	100	13 18 0		plus 22s.	
	plus 22s.				

PROPORTION (WITHIN ANY PLACE).

Apprentices.

One apprentice to every three or fraction of three workers receiving not less than £12 19s. per week of 40 hours.

Improvers.

Such number of improvers as shall not, together with apprentices, exceed in the aggregate one to every three or fraction of three workers receiving not less than £12 19s. per week of 40 hours.

OTHER EMPLOYEES.

	Weekly Wage.
	£ s. d.
Meter maker or repairer	16 6 0
Prepayment meter attachment maker	16 3 6
Caster of gratings and covers	16 3 6
Head tester—	
(a) where eight or more other testers are employed	17 17 0
(b) where four and not more than seven other testers are employed	17 7 8
Other tester	15 6 0
Leading diaphragm tier (where two or more other diaphragm tiers are employed)	14 16 6
Other diaphragm tier, including persons banding, crimping, or wiring	14 10 5
Leading diaphragm cutter, where two or more cutters are employed	16 4 7
Other diaphragm cutter	14 17 2
Rim, disc, or prepayment meter cash box maker	15 3 1
Machinist (power press)	14 11 8
Other Machinist	13 17 4
Assistant machinist	13 8 9
All others	12 19 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.

Clause 2, other than clause 2 of the said Determination shall remain in force, provided that the earnings of each pieceworker shall be increased by 3·165 per cent. which is the percentage increase in the wage rate of a meter maker or repairer in consequence of an increase in the Basic Wage from a base of £12 6s. to £12 16s.