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Factories and Shops Act 1915.

DETERMINATION OF THE COUNTRY FUEL AND FODDER BOARD.

IN accordance with the provisions of the *Factories and Shops Act* 1915, the Special Board appointed to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons—

(*a*) employed in the business of a hay, corn, or chaff dealer;

(*b*) employed in any business or occupation connected with the preparation of firewood for sale or connected with the sale or distribution of wood, coal, or coke

has made the following Determination, namely:—

1. That the previous Determinations of this Board are hereby amended, and such amendments shall come into force and be operative on and after the 1st day of June, 1916.

2. That the lowest rates of wages to be paid to the following persons shall be—

Firewood Saw-mills, &c.

Benchmen at self-acting benches where only benchman and stacker employed	70s. 6d. per week of	48	hours.
Other benchmen	64s. 6d. „	48	„
Lumpers	64s. 6d. „	48	„
Trolleymen	64s. 6d. „	48	„
Skip loaders	64s. 6d. „	48	„
Truck loaders of wood 4 feet or over	64s. 6d. „	48	„
Waggon or dray loaders	64s. 6d. „	48	„
Wood cutters	58s. 6d. „	48	„
Carters driving one, two, or three horses and 2s. extra per week for every additional horse in excess of three.	58s. 6d. „	54	„
All others	52s. 6d. „	48	„
Foreman.—If any person employed in any of the above capacities has under his control five or more other workers he shall be regarded as a foreman and paid	1s. per day above the ordinary rate.		
Casual hands, *i.e.*, persons employed during any week for not more than one-half the maximum number of hours fixed as a week's work	3d. per hour extra above the ordinary rate.		

Hay, Corn, or Chaff Stores.

Storemen in charge	64s. 6d. per week of	52	hours.
All others	54s. 6d. „	52	„

Wood, Coal, or Coke Yards.

Yardmen	54s. 6d. per week of	50	hours.
Carters driving one horse	52s. 6d. „	52	„
„ „ two horses and 3s. extra per week for every additional horse.	56s. 6d. „	52	„

APPRENTICES AND IMPROVERS.

"Apprentice" means any person under twenty-one years of age bound by indentures of apprenticeship, or any person over twenty-one years of age who, with the sanction of the Minister, is bound by indentures of apprenticeship. (Act 2650, Section 3.)

"Improver" means any person (other than an apprentice) who does not receive a piece-work price or a wages rate fixed by any Special Board for persons other than apprentices or improvers, and who is not over twenty-one years of age, or who being over twenty-one years of age holds a licence from the Minister to be paid as an improver. (Act 2650, Section 3.)

3. That the wages and number of apprentices or improvers shall be—

Wages.	Number.
Under 17 years of age 24s. 6d. per week. 17 „ 29s. 6d. „ 18 „ 34s. 6d. „ 19 „ 39s. 6d. „ 20 „ 47s. „ Apprentices and improvers shall be subject to the number of hours per week as fixed for their respective sections.	APPRENTICES. One apprentice to every three or fraction of three workers receiving not less than 52s. 6d. per week. IMPROVERS. One improver to the first three workers and thereafter one improver to every ten workers receiving not less than 52s. 6d. per week.

OVERTIME.

4. That any employé who in any week works for any time in excess of the hours fixed in this Determination as a week's work shall be paid for such extra time at the rate of time and a half.

SPECIAL RATES FOR SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

5. That time and a half shall be the rate for all work done on—

Sunday,
New Year's Day,
Good Friday,
Easter Monday,
Eight Hours Day (21st April),
Christmas Day,
Boxing Day,

but if any other day be by Act of Parliament or Proclamation substituted for any of the above-named holidays, the special rate shall only be payable for work done on the day so substituted.

PIECE-WORK.

6. That the lowest piece-work prices to be paid to any person for doing work of the description referred to in the following Schedule shall be—

Firewood Saw-mills, &c.

CUTTING AND STACKING OR CUTTING AND LOADING ON TO WAGGONS OR DRAYS—	
Box or ironbark, 6 feet or over	18s. 6d. per truck.
„ „ 4 feet to 6 feet inclusive	2s. 2d. per ton (50 cubic feet) or 25s per truck (Standard I.) loaded to 5 feet.
„ „ 2 feet and under 4 feet	4s. per ton (50 cubic feet).
Mixed wood, *i.e.*, all wood other than box, ironbark, or ti-tree, 4 feet to 6 feet inclusive	1s. 11d. „ „
Mixed wood, 2 feet and under 4 feet	3s. „ „
Stringybark or gum 6 feet or over—	
Where bark has to be removed	16s. 3d. per truck.
Where bark has not to be removed	14s. „
CUTTING—	
Ti-tree	3s. per ton (50 cubic feet).
LOADING WAGGONS OR DRAYS	4s. 4d. per truck (Standard I.).
LOADING AND STACKING BLOCKS—	
If taken off ground within 15 feet of rails and placed in Standard I. truck	4s. 11d. per truck (Standard I.).
TROLLEYING FROM STACK TO BENCH	3s. „ „
TRUCK LOADING—	
5 feet boiler wood	4s. 4d. per truck (Standard I.).
SKIP LOADING—	
7 feet mill wood	5s. 5d. per truck (Standard I.).
STACKING WOOD 6 FEET OR OVER ON END—	
Taken from drays	1s. 1d. per truck (Standard I.).
Taken from waggons	1s. 4d. „ „

PIECE-WORK—*continued.*

MILLING (OTHER THAN BY SELF-ACTING BENCH)—

	Cutting 1 ft. wood.	Cutting 9 in. wood.
Where four men are employed—		
Benching	2s. 6d. per truck (Standard I.).	3s. 1½d. per truck (Standard I.).
Lumping	2s. 2d. ,, ,, ..	2s. 10½d. ,, ,,
Handing up	2s. 2d. ,, ,, ..	2s. 10½d. ,, ,,
Stacking	2s. 2d. ,, ,, ..	2s. 10½d. ,, ,,
Benchman to also sharpen saws. Lumper, hander-up, and stacker to also clean up.		
Where three men are employed—		
Benching and handing up ..	3s. 3d. ,, ,, ..	4s. 2d. ,, ,,
Lumping and handing up ..	3s. ,, ,, ..	3s. 11d. ,, ,,
Stacking	2s. 9d. ,, ,, ..	3s. 8d. ,, ,,
Benchman to also sharpen saws. Lumper and stacker to also clean up.		
Where two men are employed each	4s. 6d. ,, ,, ..	5s. 10½d. ,, ,,
These men to also sharpen saws and clean up.		

MILLING BY SELF-ACTING BENCH—

Where three men are employed—		
Benching	2s. 9d. ,, ,, ..	3s. 7d. ,, ,,
Lumping	2s. 6d. ,, ,, ..	3s. 4d. ,, ,,
Stacking	2s. 3d. ,, ,, ..	3s. 1d. ,, ,,
Benchman to also sharpen saws. Lumper and stacker to also clean up.		
Where two men are employed—		
Benching and lumping	4s. ,, ,, ..	5s. 1d. ,, ,,
Stacking	3s. 6d. ,, ,, ..	4s. 11d. ,, ,,
Benchman to also sharpen saws. Stacker to also clean up.		
Where one man is employed ..	7s. 6d. ,, ,, ..	10s. ,, ,,
This man to also sharpen saws and clean up.		

CARTING OVER FIVE MILES—

Driving 1, 2, or 3 horses on a trip over 5 miles each way	7s. 3d. per trip.
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,, ,, ,, ,, 7 ,, ...	10s. 10d. ,,

provided that when a trip is over 12 miles each way, in addition to the last-mentioned price, 1s. 1d. shall be payable for each mile or fraction after the twelfth mile.

For each additional horse driven over 5 miles	3½d. per trip extra.
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E. NOLEY MOORE, P.M.,
Chairman.

Melbourne, 11th April, 1916.

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