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Factories and Shops Acts.

DETERMINATION OF THE GAS METER BOARD.

NOTE.—This Determination on the 28th July, 1921, applied to the following parts of Victoria, namely:—The Metropolitan District as defined in the Factories and Shops Acts; the cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, and Warrnambool; the town of Sandringham; and the boroughs of Eaglehawk, Geelong West, Newtown and Chilwell, and Sebastopol.

IN accordance with the provisions of the Factories and Shops Acts, the Wages Board appointed to "determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any persons or classes of persons employed in the process, trade, business, or occupation of making or repairing gas meters" has made the following Determination, namely:—

(1) That on the 28th day of July, 1921, the last and all previous Determinations of this Board shall be revoked and replaced by this Determination.

(2)

Apprentices or Improvers.

WAGES.	Per week of 48 hours. s.	d.
1st year—		
1st six months	20	0
2nd "	22	6
2nd year	27	6
3rd year	36	0
4th year	53	0
5th year	66	0

PROPORTION (within any place).

Apprentices.

One apprentice to every three or fraction of three workers receiving not less than 88s. per week of 48 hours.

Improvers.

One improver to every three or fraction of three workers receiving not less than 88s. per week of 48 hours.

NOTE.—An indenture of apprenticeship prescribed was approved on 24th February, 1914.

Other Employees.

WAGES.	Per week of 48 hours. £	s.	d.
Meter makers or repairers	5	10	0
Prepayment meter attachment maker	5	10	0
Caster of gratings and covers	5	10	0
Head tester (where four or more other testers are employed)	5	19	0
Other testers	5	4	6
Leading diaphragm tier (where two or more other diaphragm tiers are employed)	5	14	6
Other diaphragm tiers, including persons banding, crimping, or wiring	4	19	0
Diaphragm cutter	4	19	0
Rim, disc, or prepayment meter cash-boxmakers	5	3	6
Machinist	4	14	0
Assistant Machinist	4	11	0
All others	4	8	0

	Time of Beginning.	Time of Ending.
(3) TIME OF BEGINNING AND ENDING WORK	7.30 a.m.	12 noon on Saturdays, and
	7.30 a.m.	5.15 p.m. on the other working days of the week.

(4) OVERTIME.—All work done outside the hours fixed as the times of beginning and ending work, or within such hours in excess of 48 hours in any week, shall be paid for at the rate of time and a half.

(5) SPECIAL RATES FOR SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.—All work done on Sunday, Good Friday, Christmas Day, or Eight Hours Day (21st April), shall be paid for at the rate of double time, and on New Year's Day, Foundation Day (26th January), Easter Saturday, Easter Monday, King's Birthday (3rd June), or Boxing Day, at the rate of time and a half, 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.

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PIECE-WORK PRICES.

(6) That the lowest piece-work prices payable to any person engaged in the following kinds of work shall be :—

Making Tin Dry Ordinary Meters.

—	Lights.					
	2.	3.	5.	10.	20.	30.
	per doz. £ s. d.	per doz. £ s. d.	per doz. £ s. d.	per doz. £ s. d.	per doz. £ s. d.	per doz. £ s. d.
Ordinary Meters.						
Making "Met" pattern meters, *i.e.*, doing any work necessary to complete the meter, including the putting together of all parts; preparing gratings and covers (after leaving the mould); putting on pins and wires, forming long and diaphragm chambers, throat pieces, bridges, and back plates; folding edge; breaking edges of side pipes; making valve plates; oiling, sounding, and fixing up all leaks in diaphragms; setting and grinding valves; and tinning all parts	..	8 4 0	9 4 6	11 0 6	..	..
Circular crimped-on diaphragms	..	0 7 9	0 7 9	0 12 9	..	..
Putting circular crimped-on ten-light diaphragms into five-light meters	..	..	0 12 9	..	..	..
Making "P. and C." pattern meters, *i.e.*, doing any work necessary to complete the meter, including the putting together of all parts, and the making of valve plates; oiling, sounding, and fixing up leaks in diaphragms; setting and grinding valves; preparing gratings and covers (after leaving moulds); putting on pins and wires, and tinning all parts; but not including forming long and diaphragm chambers, throat pieces, bridges, and back plates; punching cock plates; folding edge of same; and breaking edges of side pipes	6 19 0	7 3 9	8 1 9	9 16 0	14 4 3	..
Making "T.G." pattern meters, as follows :—						
(*a*) Making the case, *i.e.*, soldering sides to bottom; soldering in partition; soldering in valve plate; soldering boss and stud into pipe; soldering on pipes; putting throat pieces in; putting on bottom studs; soldering side stuffing boxes on; putting on guides; soldering on diaphragms and discs; soldering metal tee to tin tee; sweating tin tee to rod wire and putting them in; sounding leathers; putting in motions; stuffing side boxes; oiling motions and tees; soldering on galleries and backs and fronts; putting on maker's badge	per job of 20. £ s. d. 4 3 9	per job of 20. £ s. d. 4 3 9	per job of 20. £ s. d. 4 18 0	per job of 20. £ s. d. 5 18 6	per job of 10. £ s. d. 4 5 3	..
(*b*) Putting arms on crank; soldering in bridge; soldering center stuffing box into cock plate; soldering cock plate to bridge; stuff-center box; fitting up worm, back stop, and tangent; putting in index, spindle, and step; soldering on door and top arms; cleaning out and buffing gratings and covers; putting on valve nuts and soldering in back plates; topping meter, and putting on inlet badge and seal ring	1 15 0	1 15 0	1 18 9	2 12 0	1 19 0	..

Making Tin Dry Prepayment Meters.

—	Lights.	
	3	5
	per doz. £ s. d.	per doz. £ s. d.
Making "P and C" pattern, *i.e.*, doing any work necessary to complete the meter, including the putting together of all parts, and the making of valve plates; oiling, sounding, and fixing up leaks in diaphragms; setting and grinding valves; preparing gratings and covers after leaving moulds; putting on pins and wires; tinning all parts; soldering prepayment valve seat on bridge; soldering in prepayment valve; soldering top on prepayment valve box; soldering prepayment valve box to meter; soldering stuffing box to prepayment valve box and stuffing same; soldering on lever; soldering on circular box, prepayment movement, and index; soldering on side cash box; soldering hasp to catch piece; soldering catch piece to meter; edging front of money box and attaching same to box; soldering on ring and tab to front of money box; soldering seal cup; soldering in bottom of money box; trying coins in circular box; soldering on direction badge; but not including the following, viz.:— Forming long and diaphragm chambers, throat pieces, bridges and back plates; punching cock plate and folding edge of same; and breaking edges of side pipes	9 1 6	10 9 3

MAKING TIN DRY PREPAYMENT METERS—*continued.*

—	Mark 1, *i.e.*, Meter with Shut-off Valve under Back Plate.	Mark 2, *i.e.*, Meter with Shut-off Valve in Square Box at the Inlet End of Valve Plate.	Mark 3, *i.e.*, Meter with Shut-off Valve on Tin Platform, and enclosed in Angle Box at the Inlet End of Valve Plate.	Mark 4, *i.e.*, Making up 5-light Slot Meters with Second Hand Slot Movements.
	per doz. meters. £ s. d.	per doz. meters. £ s. d.	per doz. meters. £ s. d.	per doz. meters. £ s. d.
Making "Met" pattern, as follows:—				
(a) Preparing gratings after leaving the mould; putting on pins and wires; forming long and diaphragm chambers, throat pieces, bridges, and back plates; punching cock plates and folding edge; and breaking edge of side pipes	9 4 6	9 8 0	9 14 9	9 10 3
Circular crimped-on diaphragms ..	0 7 9	0 7 9	0 7 9	0 7 9
(b) Putting in prepayment fittings, index, and spindle; and putting on index door, outside box, and wires ..	1 4 9	1 4 9	..	..
(c) Putting in prepayment fittings, index, and spindle; putting on index door, outside box, and wires; tinning outside box and handle attachment; and filing slot in bearing	..	..	1 6 0	..

MAKING RIMS AND DISCS.

—	Lights.							
	2.	3.	5.	10.	20.	30.	50.	60.
	per job of 400 rims and 200 discs. £ s. d.	per job of 620 rims. £ s. d.	per job of 580 rims. £ s. d.	per job of 460 rims. £ s. d.	per job of 240 rims. £ s. d.	per job of 240 rims. £ s. d.	per doz. discs. £ s. d.	per doz. discs. £ s. d.
Making rims and discs ..	5 9 3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Making rims	..	5 9 3	5 9 3	5 9 3	5 9 3	5 9 3	..	..
					per doz. discs. £ s. d.	per doz. discs. £ s. d.		
Making discs	..	..	..	—	0 4 6	0 6 9	0 16 0	0 16 0

TESTING METERS.

—	2, 3, 5, or 10 Lights.
	per doz. meters. s. d.
Testing, including sounding, soldering tangents, and pinning arms:—	
Repaired meters	7 3
Other meters	7 3
Testing meters for measurement only	2 8

WIRING OR TYING DIAPHRAGMS.

—	2, 3, or 5 Lights.
	per pair. s. d.
Wiring or tying diaphragms	0 9

MAKING METER CASH BOXES AND HANDLES.

Making prepayment meter cash boxes from cut-out material .. .. 8s. 9d. per hundred.
Making prepayment meter handles .. .. 15s. 9d. per dozen.

RENEWALS.

—	Lights.								
	3.	5.	10.	20.	30.	50.	60.	80.	100.
Ordinary Meters.	per doz. £ s. d.	per doz. £ s. d.	per doz. £ s. d.	per doz. £ s. d.	per doz. £ s. d.	per job of 6. £ s. d.	per job of 6. £ s. d.	per job of 3. £ s. d.	per job of 3. £ s. d.
Renewing in the following manner ordinary condemned meters from which the top back plate, and back and front have been removed, viz.:— Dissecting and cleaning all parts fit to be re-used and making a new meter therewith by :— Forming diaphragms and long chambers, throat pieces, bridges, back plates; punching cook plate and folding edges; breaking edges of side pipes, any other necessary work ..	10 12 6	11 3 0	19 9 6	22 11 0	28 14 0	22 5 6	23 16 9	16 3 0	16 3 0
Circular crimped-on diaphragms	0 7 9	0 7 9	0 12 9	..	..	..	..	..	..
Putting circular crimped-on ten-light diaphragms into five-light meters ..	..	0 12 9	..	..	..	...	..	..	..

NOTE :—

(a) For 3 and 5-light meters all tin work to be supplied by the employer.

(b) For 10, 20, and 30-light meters all tin work to be made by the worker excepting back, front, top, rims, and discs.

(c) For 50 and higher light meters all tin work to be made by the worker except rims and discs.

REPAIRING METERS.

—	Lights.					
	2.	3.	5.	10.	20.	30.
	each meter. s. d.	each meter. s. d.	each meter. s. d.	each meter. s. d.	each meter. s. d.	each meter. s. d.
Repairing "Met" pattern meters, *i.e.*, doing such of the following work as may be necessary to restore the meter to good repair, viz.:—Removing back and front; removing cock plate and back plate; cleaning meter; re-grinding valves; re-stuffing centre and side stuffing boxes; re-setting valves and top arms; inserting new diaphragms; removing index; putting in new valve arms, index glass, or new tin work	10 4	10 4	10 4	12 6	17 6	20 6
Repairing tin dry ordinary meters in the following manner :— (a) Cleaning meter; inserting diaphragms; setting or re-grinding valves; re-stuffing boxes; removing and replacing cock plates and index	8 1	9 1	10 1	11 0	15 0	..
(b) Cleaning meter; cutting discs; oiling diaphragms; setting or re-grinding valves; re-stuffing boxes; removing cock plate and index; taking off and putting in back and front ..	6 9	6 9	6 9	7 0	10 3	..
Repairing prepayment slot meters, *i.e.*, doing such of the following work as may be necessary to restore the meter to good repair, viz.:—Cleaning meter; re-grinding valves; re-stuffing boxes; re-setting top arms and valves; removing top and back plates; taking off and replacing back and front, and inserting new diaphragms, new valve arms, and index glass; putting in a new cover to shut off valve; putting on staple and spring, and soldering wire along cash box	..	per job of ten meters. £ s. d. 6 0 3	per job of ten meters £ s. d. 6 0 3	..	..	..
Altering and re-adjusting handle attachment "Met" pattern prepayment slot meters	..	1 2 0	1 2 0	..	..	...
Repairing and reverting 3-light slot meters to 3-light ordinary meters	..	6 0 3	..	..	...	...

Extras.

—	2 Lights.	3 Lights.	5 Lights.	10 Lights.	20 Lights.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Putting on :—	for ten meters.	for ten meters.	for ten meters.	for ten meters.	for ten meters.
Frame and door (including glass)	6 9	6 9	6 9	6 9	6 9
Bottom and studs	13 7	13 7	13 7	13 7	17 0
Bridge	10 2	10 2	10 2	10 2	13 7
Rod arms	3 5	3 5	3 5	3 5	6 9
Valve arms	2 7	2 7	2 7	2 7	2 7
Valve box covers	5 0	5 0	5 0	5 0	..
Divisions	22 10	22 10	22 10	22 10	..
Half-valve plate	23 9	25 6	27 1	28 10	30 5
New door	1 8	1 8	1 8	1 8	1 8
	for ten pairs.	for ten pairs.	for ten pairs.	for ten pairs.	for ten pairs.
Motion wires	6 9	6 9	6 9	6 9	13 7
Throat pieces	10 1	10 1	10 1	10 1	..
Side chambers	10 1	10 1	10 1	10 1	..
New sides	45 8	45 8	45 8	45 8	..
Tees	10 2	10 2	10 2	10 2	13 7
Pipes	10 2	10 2	10 2	10 2	20 4
Galleries	13 7	13 7	13 7	13 7	17 0
	for ten sets.	for ten sets.	for ten sets.	for ten sets.	for ten sets.
Guides	3 5	3 5	3 5	3 5	3 5
Feet	3 5	3 5	3 5	3 5	10 2
Rod stuffing boxes	4 5	4 5	4 5	..	..
	for ten meters.	for ten meters.	for ten meters.	for ten meters.	for ten meters.
Setting index to zero, taking back plate off, re-stuffing and cleaning valves	20 4	23 9	23 9	25 6	30 5
Taking off and putting on back and front only	13 7	15 5	15 5	17 0	23 9
Turn over backs and fronts ..	4 5	4 5	4 5	4 5	4 5
Opening meter and condemning ..	13 7	15 5	15 5	15 5	20 4
Piecing cases	5 0	5 0	5 0	5 0	5 0

Guillotine or Hand-press Work.

Cutting with guillotine, rolling, and forming with press :—		
Backs	2s. 6d.	per hundred.
Fronts	2s. 6d.	,,
Tops	2s.	,,
Cutting with guillotine and press, and forming :—		
Sides	1s. 6d.	,,
Bottoms	2s.	,,
Valve plates	2s.	,,
Partitions	2s.	,,
Galleries	1s. 9d.	,,
Cutting with guillotine, and pressing (double handed) except by power press—		
Top or bottom rims, 3 and 5 lights	1s. 10d.	,,
Cutting with press, and forming :—		
Money boxes	1s. 11d.	,,
Cutting with guillotine and press :—		
Discs, 10 lights	1s. 3d.	,,

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