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Factories and Shops Acts

DETERMINATION OF THE BRICK TRADE BOARD.

NOTE.—(a) This Determination, on the 20th February, 1924, applied to the whole of the State of Victoria.

(b) On 21st February, 1911, the powers of the Brick Trade Board were extended, so that it might fix "the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons employed in the process, trade, or business of sand, lime, or cement brickmaking."

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 person or persons or classes of persons employed in the process, trade, or business of brickmaking (including clay-digging)," has made the following Determination, namely:—

(1) That on the 20th February, 1924, the last previous Determination of this Board shall be revoked and replaced by this Determination.

(2)

Apprentices.		Improvers.		Other Employees.	Wages per week of 48 hours.
WAGES.	Per week of 48 hours.	WAGES.	Per week of 48 hours.	FIREBRICKS.	s. d.
1st year's experience ..	20s.	14 years of age ..	28s.	Burners	92 0
2nd "	26s.	15 " "	29s.	Crusher attendants who also haul ..	90 0
3rd "	32s.	16 " "	31s.	Crusher attendants who do not haul ..	87 6
		17 " "	33s.	Wet pan attendants	90 0
		18 " "	43s.	Machine drivers	87 6
		19 " "	54s.	Drawers or hand moulders	93 0
		20 " "	60s.	Setters	93 0
				Facemen working in a clayhole 25 feet or less in depth where explosives are not used	92 6
				All other facemen	94 6
				Offbearers from wire cut machines ..	90 0
				Wheelers of green bricks on inclined plane 2 feet or over in height at the higher end	89 0
				Clayhole men (employer to provide tools)	92 6
				Pressers	89 0
				All others	87 6
				OTHER BRICKS.	
				Burners	92 0
				Machine drivers, machine riggers, or wet pan attendants	89 0
				Dry pan attendants who do not haul ..	89 0
				Crusher attendants who do not haul ..	89 0
				Crusher or dry pan attendants who also haul	93 0
				Drawers	98 0
				Setters	98 0
				Facemen working in a clayhole 25 feet or less in depth	93 6
				All other facemen	98 6
				Clayhole men (employer to provide tools)	92 6
				Hand moulders, lime grinders, lime crushers, pressers, sand and lime mixers, or silomen	89 0
				All others	87 6

PROPORTION (in any factory or place).

One apprentice to every three or fraction of three workers receiving not less than 87s. 6d. per week of 48 hours.

PROPORTION (in any factory or place).

One improver to every eight or fraction of eight employees receiving not less than 87s. 6d. per week of 48 hours.

(3) **TIME OF BEGINNING AND ENDING WORK.**—For any persons except burners, machine drivers, machine riggers, and pan or crusher attendants—

Time of Beginning.

7 a.m. .. 12 noon on Saturdays, or the day on which the half-holiday is locally observed.
7 a.m. .. 5.30 p.m. on each of the other five working days of the week.

Time of Ending.

(4) **OVERTIME.**—(a) Any employee who works for any time in excess of the maximum number of hours per week fixed by this Determination shall be paid for such extra time at the rate of time and a half.

(b) Any employee (other than a burner, machine driver, machine rigger, or pan or crusher attendant) who works outside the hours fixed in clause 3 shall be paid for such time at the rate of time and a half.

(5) **TIME RATE.**—Any person employed on time wages for less than the number of hours fixed for an ordinary week's work shall for each hour worked up to 24 hours be paid at the ordinary wages rate with an addition of thirty-three per centum.

(6) **SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS.**—All work done on Sundays, New Year's Day, Foundation Day (26th January), Eight Hours Day (21st April), Good Friday, Easter Monday, Christmas Day, and Boxing Day, shall be paid for at the following rates:—

Burners of continuous kilns .. Time and a half.
All other employes .. Time and three-quarters.

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 PRICES FOR BRICKS OTHER THAN FIREBRICKS.

(7) The lowest piece-work prices to be paid for bricks, other than firebricks, shall be—

	In Yards where Railway Trucks are used.		In Yards where Railway Trucks are not used.	
	Ordinary Bricks, per 1,000.	Radial or Culvert or Bull-nosed Bricks, per 1,000.	Ordinary Bricks, per 1,000.	Radial or Culvert or Bull-nosed Bricks, per 1,000.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Drawing, wheeling, and stacking where the distance wheeled commencing from the outside wall of kiln at the wicket from which the bricks are drawn is—				
Not more than 26 yards ..	2 4½	2 7½	2 3½	2 6½
26 to 36 yards ..	2 8½	2 11½	2 7½	2 10½
36 to 46 yards ..	2 10½	3 1½	2 9½	3 0½
Over 46 yards ..	3 4½	3 7½	3 3½	3 6½

Drawing, wheeling, and loading on railway trucks—

	On Level Surface.		On Up-grade Planks.	
	Ordinary Bricks, per 1,000.	Radial or Culvert or Bull-nosed Bricks, per 1,000.	Ordinary Bricks, per 1,000.	Radial or Culvert or Bull-nosed Bricks, per 1,000.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Not more than 26 yards ..	3 5½	3 8	3 8½	3 11
26 to 36 yards ..	3 9½	4 0	4 0½	4 3
36 to 46 yards ..	3 11½	4 2	4 2½	4 5
Over 46 yards ..	4 5½	4 8	4 8½	4 11

Drawing bricks not previously specified in this paragraph the drawer to leave same on barrows outside of wickets ..

2s. 2½d. per 1,000 bricks
Per 1,000 Bricks

Hand-moulding square bricks where material is prepared on the ground within 15 feet of table and offbearing to grass hacks	s. d.
" " " " in sheds	13 10
" " " " from bowling stool and placing on grass hacks (where material is placed on the table)	11 11
" " " " from bowling stool in sheds (where material is placed on the table)	10 2
" " fancy bricks and offbearing to hacks or in sheds	9 5
" " " " from bowling stool	13 10
Setting	12 5
	2 3

PIECE-WORK PRICES WHICH MAY BE FIXED BY AN EMPLOYER.

(8) The Board determines under the provisions of Section 144 of the *Factories and Shops Act 1915* that any employer may fix and pay piece-work prices to any person employed in firebrick making, or as a clayholeman, machine driver, machine rigger, wheeler of green bricks, or trucker, provided that any such employer shall base such piece-work prices on the earnings of an average worker working under like conditions, and such piece-work prices shall be fixed so that an average worker can earn not less than the wages rates that are fixed by the Board for such work.

F. H. BOLTON, J.P.,
Chairman.

A. G. ALLEN,
Secretary.

Melbourne, 5th February, 1924.