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*Factories and Shops Act 1928 (No. 3677).*

## DETERMINATION OF THE PLUMBERS BOARD.

NOTES.—(1) This determination, on the 10th April, 1931, applied to the whole of the State of Victoria.

(2) Plumbing and Gasfitting were proclaimed on 10th October, 1928, as Apprenticeship Trades under the *Apprenticeship Act 1928* for the Metropolitan District.

Full particulars of the Apprenticeship regulations for these trades may be obtained on application to the Secretary, Apprenticeship Commission, 61 Spring-street, Melbourne (price 3d.)

**I**N accordance with the provisions of the *Factories and Shops Act 1928 (No. 3677)*, the Wages Board appointed to "determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons—

(a) employed either inside or outside a factory or workroom in the process, trade, or business of a plumber or gasfitter;

(b) wheresoever employed in any plumbing work (including electrical or gas fittings), in connexion with the erection or repairing of buildings,"

has made the following Determination, namely:—

(1) That on the 10th April, 1931, the last previous Determination shall be revoked and replaced by this Determination.

(2)

Apprentices.*		Improvers.*		Other Employees.	
WAGES.		WAGES		WAGES.	
Per week of 44 hours.		Per week of 44 hours.		Per hour.	Per week of 44 hours.
s. d.		s. d.		s. d.	£ s. d.
1st year	12 6	1st year	19 9	Persons employed—	
2nd "	18 0	2nd "	24 9	(a) Where the artificial temperature	
3rd "	22 3	3rd "	33 0	is—	
4th "	32 3	4th "	44 0	Over 130° F. . . . . 4 2½ 9 6 1	
5th "	46 0	5th "	60 6	115° F., but not exceeding	
6th "	65 0	6th "	82 6	130° F. . . . . 3 10 8 8 8	
and thereafter the minimum wage.		and thereafter the minimum wage.		50° F. or lower . . . . . 4 2½ 9 6 1	
PROPORTION (within any factory or place).		PROPORTION (within any factory or place).		(b) In connexion with ammonia coils in an artificial temperature of 45° F. or lower . . . . . 3 4½ 7 8 6	
One apprentice to every two or fraction of two workers receiving not less than £5 4s. per week of 48 hours.		One improver to four		(c) Lead burning or at lead work connected therewith . . . . . 2 11 6 8 4	
An indenture of apprenticeship prescribed by the Board, as amended by the Court of Industrial Appeals, was approved on 7th September, 1923.		Two improvers to fifteen		(d) On old ships, i.e., ships that have done one trip or more . . . . . 2 8 5 17 4	
		Three improvers to thirty		(e) On any other ship plumbing . . . . . 2 6½ 5 11 10	
		and thereafter one additional improver to every seven additional		(f) On swing scaffold, swing seat, or rope . . . . . 2 7½ 5 14 7	
				(g) On cast or wrought iron pipe fitting or jointing (except electrical conduit, and except any gas main and service layers) . . . . . 2 5 5 6 4	
				Any other plumber or gasfitter . . . . . 2 5 5 6 4	
				Per hour. Per week of 48 hours.	
				Persons employed solely as gas main or service layers . . . . . 2 2 5 4 0	

\* Not covered by the Apprenticeship Act 1928. (See Note 2 above.)

(3) **TIMES OF BEGINNING AND ENDING WORK—**  
Times of Beginning. Times of Ending.

Gas Main or Service Layers	{ 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.
Other Persons	{ 7.45 a.m. .. .. 12 noon on Saturdays, and
	{ 7.45 a.m. .. .. 5.15 p.m. on the other working days of the week.

(4) **OVERTIME.**—The following rates shall be paid for all work done during the times specified hereunder, viz.:—

*Gas Main or Service Layers.*

- (A) Within the hours fixed in Clause (3) in excess of the number of hours determined for a week's work in any week—
  - First two hours .. .. Time and a half
  - Thereafter .. .. Double time
- (B) Outside the hours fixed in Clause (3)—
  - (a) On Saturday or the day on which the half-holiday in the trade is locally observed—
    - Between 12 noon and 2 p.m. .. .. Time and a half
    - And thereafter till midnight .. .. Double time
  - (b) On the other working days of the week—
    - Between 5.15 p.m. and 7.15 p.m. .. .. Time and a half
    - And thereafter till midnight .. .. Double time
  - (c) Between midnight and the time of beginning work .. .. Double time

*All Others.*

- (A) Within the hours fixed in Clause (3) in excess of the number of hours determined for a week's work in any week—
  - First hour .. .. Time and a half
  - Thereafter .. .. Double time
- (n) Outside the hours fixed in Clause (3)—
  - (a) On Saturday or the day on which the half-holiday in the trade is locally observed—
    - Between 12 noon and 1 p.m. .. .. Time and a half
    - And thereafter till midnight .. .. Double time
  - (b) On the other working days of the week—
    - Between 5.15 p.m. and 6.15 p.m. .. .. Time and a half
    - And thereafter till midnight .. .. Double time
  - (c) Between midnight and the time of beginning work .. .. Double time

(5) **SPECIAL RATES FOR SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.**—Double time shall be the special rate for all work done on Sundays, New Year's Day, 26th January (Foundation Day), Good Friday, Easter Monday, 21st April (Eight Hours Day), Anzac Day (by persons not subject to *Anzac Day Act 1928*), 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 rates shall only be payable on the day so substituted.

(6) **ALLOWANCES.**—The following allowances shall be paid to persons (other than persons employed by the gas companies) employed on work away from the centre (the centre meaning the employer's usual place of business or the employee's residence, whichever is the nearer to the work):—

- (i) The fares necessarily expended in going from and to the centre to and from his work.
- (ii) For time necessarily occupied in travelling from and to the centre to and from his work:—
  - (a) During usual working hours .. .. Ordinary rates.
  - (b) Outside usual working hours—
    - Time in excess of a total of 1½ hours occupied in going from and to the centre to and from his work .. .. Ordinary rates.
- (iii) For work done at a distance from the centre, if the employee is unable to return to his home the same night, and suitable board and lodging has not been provided by the employer .. .. 9½d. per hour extra.

(7) **TOOLS AND APPLIANCES.**—That if any employee is required to provide any or all of the following tools or appliances:—  
Caulking-irons, drilling frame and chain, tap key, chain wrenches, files, grips or tongs of over 12 inches in length, hacksaw frame or blades, mandrills, dummies, metal pots, pipe cutters, plumbing irons, ratchets, stocks, dies, drills for stone, taps and drills for brass or iron threads, or vyces.

1s. per hour in addition to the ordinary rates fixed by this Determination shall be paid by the employer.

(8) **MEAL INTERVAL.**—Persons employed as gas main or service layers shall not be called upon to work for a longer period than five hours continuously without an interval of one hour for a meal. Such provision shall only apply to persons employed within the hours fixed as the times of beginning and ending work as set out in Clause (3) of this Determination.

(9) **CASUAL LABOUR.**—Casual employees (i.e., persons employed during the week for not more than one-half the maximum number of hours fixed in this Determination as a week's work) shall be paid at the rate of 1½d. per hour extra.

(10) **PIECE-WORK PRICES.**—That the lowest piece-work prices which may be paid for the undermentioned work shall be—

Description of Work.	Piece-work Prices.
<i>Roof Work.</i>	
Angles, spouting, sheet iron—making .. ..	2s. 1d. each
Down pipes, sheet-iron—fixing, or soldering and fixing .. ..	5½d. per foot
<i>Flashings—fixing—</i>	
(a) parapet .. ..	5½d. per lineal foot
(b) step .. ..	9½d. " "
(c) apron on an iron or slate roof .. ..	8½d. " "
(d) of any kind on a tile roof .. ..	1s. 0½d. " "
(e) chimney, single (including gutter) .. ..	14s. 2d. each
(f) chimney, double (including gutter) .. ..	17s. 8d. " "
(g) skylight or manhole (including gutter) .. ..	14s. 2d. " "
Flats, sheet-iron—fixing, or making and fixing .. ..	8½d. per square foot
Gutters—fixing, or soldering, riveting and fixing .. ..	9½d. per lineal foot
Gutters, valley—fixing .. ..	5½d. " "
<i>Iron, roofing, corrugated—fixing—</i>	
(a) 28 gauge or lighter .. ..	3s. 11d. per hundred square feet
(b) 24 gauge or heavier .. ..	4s. 7d. " "
(c) verandah .. ..	1s. 4½d. per foot at spout line
Ridging—fixing .. ..	4½d. per foot
Spouting, sheet-iron—fixing, or soldering, riveting and fixing .. ..	6½d. " "
<i>Vents, room—fixing, through roof—</i>	
(a) Not exceeding 8 inches in diameter .. ..	21s. 3d. each
(b) Over 8 inches and up to 12 inches in diameter .. ..	28s. 4d. " "

*Sanitary Work.*

		<i>Piece-work Prices.</i>			
		Without flashing.	With flashing.		
<b>Bath, not requiring vent by M. and M.B.W. by-law—fixing—</b>					
On ground floor	.. .. .	28s. 4d.	49s. 7d.		
Above ground floor	.. .. .	42s. 6d.	63s. 8d.		
<b>Basin, lavatory, including vent—fixing</b> .. .. . 42s. 6d. each basin					
<b>Lead floor-covering, including fixing floor waste pipe up to 2 feet in length</b> .. .. . 1s. 4½d. per square foot					
<b>Lead safe, not exceeding 8 square feet—fixing</b> .. .. . 14s. 2d. each safe					
<b>Soil pipe, cast-iron—fixing</b> .. .. . 3s. 6½d. per foot					
<b>Troughs, on ground floor, fixing waste pipe to, including flashings—</b>					
Trough, with two sections	.. .. .	42s. 6d. per trough			
Each additional section	.. .. .	7s. 1d.			
<b>Vent pipes—fixing—</b>					
(a) educt or induct	.. .. .	1s. 0½d. per foot			
(b) all others	.. .. .	1s. 9d. "			
<b>Vent pipes—staying</b> .. .. . 21s. 2½d. each					
<b>Waste pipe, in excess of the length allowed by M. and M.B.W. by-law, without vent—fixing</b> .. .. . 1s. 9d. per foot					
		<b>If other than lead flush pipe be used.</b>	<b>If lead flush pipe be used.</b>		
<b>Water closet—fixing fittings to—</b>					
External (not including water supply)	.. .. .	28s. 4½d. each	42s. 6d. each		
<b>Internal (not including water supply, but including floor waste pipe up to 2 feet long)—</b>					
Unvented	.. .. .	56s. 7½d. "	70s. 9½d. "		
Vented	.. .. .	70s. 9½d. "	85s. 0d. "		
<i>Gas Fittings, &amp;c.</i>					
<b>Fixing—</b>					
Fittings, gas, and pipes for same	.. .. .	10s. 7d. per point			
Heater, water, with flue pipe	.. .. .	38s. 5d. each			
Hood, with flue pipe	.. .. .	28s. 4d. "			
Piping, gas, to stoves, bath heaters, coppers, or other apparatus	.. .. .	8½d. per foot			
		<b>¼-in. or ½-in. piping per ft.</b>	<b>1-in. piping per ft.</b>	<b>1½-in. piping per ft.</b>	<b>1½-in. or 2-in. piping per ft.</b>
<b>Piping, water—fixing or cutting, screwing and fixing—</b>					
(a) outside building line	.. .. .	1s. 4½d.	1s. 9d.	2s. 1d.	2s. 6d.
(b) within or on building	.. .. .	8½d.	1s. 0½d.	1s. 4½d.	1s. 9d.
(c) within building line, but not on building	.. .. .	5½d.	6½d.	8½d.	1s. 0½d.
<i>Meters and Stand-pipes.</i>					
<b>Meters—fixing—</b>					
(a) to existing service	.. .. .	28s. 4d. each			
(b) with and in addition to new service	.. .. .	14s. 2d. "			
<b>Stand-pipe—fixing to existing service</b> .. .. . 7s. 1d. "					
<i>Bells.</i>					
<b>Bells—fixing</b> .. .. . 10s. 7d. per point					

H. J. RICHARDSON, J.P., Chairman.  
GEO. E. PARR, Secretary.

Melbourne, 20th March, 1931.

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