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Factories and Shops Acts.

DETERMINATION OF THE SHOPS BOARD No. 7 (COUNTRY SHOP ASSISTANTS).

NOTE.—This Determination on the 8th May, 1939, applied to the whole of the State *outside and excepting* the following parts of Victoria, namely:—The Metropolitan District as defined in the *Factories and Shops Act 1928* (No. 3677) and the Order in Council thereunder, and such portion of the City of Sandringham as is not included within the said District; the cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Geelong West, and Warrnambool; the town of Newtown and Chilwell; and the boroughs of Eaglehawk 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 person or persons or classes of persons employed in or in connexion with a shop as a shop assistant, packer, storeman, or carter," has made the following Determination, viz. :—

(1) That on the 8th May, 1939, the last Determination of this Board shall be revoked and replaced by this Determination as to the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person employed in or in connexion with a shop as a shop assistant, packer, storeman, or carter, but not including persons subject to the Determinations of the—

Shops Board No. 4 (Butchers, Country),
Shops Board No. 6 (Chemists),
Shops Board No. 13 (Fuel and Fodder, Country), or the
Hotel and Restaurant Board.

(2)

APPRENTICES OR IMPROVERS.

Experience.	WAGES.			PROPORTION. (In or in connexion with any shop.)
	Commencing Age.			
	15 years or under.	16 years.	17 years or over.	
	<i>Males.</i>			
	Per week of 47 hours.			
1st year	13s. 6d.	15s.	17s.	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Apprentices.</i></p> <p>One male apprentice to every three or fraction of three male workers receiving not less than 61s. per week of 47 hours.</p> <p>One female apprentice to every three or fraction of three female workers receiving not less than 36s. 6d. per week of 46 hours.</p> <p>An indenture of apprenticeship prescribed by the Board was approved on 20.12.1923.</p>
2nd "	17s. 6d.	21s. 6d.	25s. 6d.	
3rd "	21s. 6d.	30s. 6d.	39s. 6d.	
4th "	30s. 6d.	39s. 6d.	52s. 6d.	
5th "	39s. 6d.	52s. 6d.	..	
6th "	52s. 6d.	
	<i>Females.</i>			
	Per week of 46 hours.			
1st year	12s.	13s.	15s.	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Improvers.</i></p> <p>One male improver to each male worker receiving not less than 61s. per week of 47 hours.</p> <p>One female improver to each female worker receiving not less than 36s. 6d. per week of 46 hours.</p> <p>Provided that a female improver may be employed in lieu of a male improver, or a male improver in lieu of a female improver.</p>
2nd "	13s. 6d.	16s. 6d.	19s. 6d.	
3rd "	18s. 6d.	20s.	25s. 6d.	
4th "	23s. 6d.	25s. 6d.	33s.	
5th "	28s. 6d.	33s.	..	
6th "	33s.	

OTHER EMPLOYEES.

	WAGES.	
	Males.	Females.
Shop assistant—		
In charge of a shop, i.e., the person for the time being entrusted with the control or superintendence of a shop, notwithstanding he or she may be under the orders of a superior who does not devote his or her whole time to supervising such shop—	Per week of 47 hours.	Per week 46 hours.
(a) working singly	111s.	94s.
(b) in charge of one or more persons	123s. 6d.	100s. 6d.
In charge of a department, i.e., the person for the time being entrusted with the control or superintendence of a department in which are employed two or more other persons, notwithstanding he or she may be under the orders of a superior who does not devote his or her whole time to supervising such department	103s.	62s.
21 years of age	61s.	36s. 6d.
22 " "	70s. 6d.	42s.
Between 23 and 60 years of age	86s.	} 51s. 6d.
60 years of age or over	78s.	
Packer or storeman	79s. 6d.	..
Carters driving horse-drawn vehicles	80s. 6d.	..
Drivers of motor vehicles	85s.	..

- (3) OVERTIME.—The rate of time and a half shall be paid for all time worked—
 - (a) in any week in excess of the number of hours fixed for a week's work;
 - (b) before 8.30 a.m. or after 12.30 p.m. on the day on which the weekly half-holiday is observed.
- (4) TIME WAGES.—Any person employed on time wages for less than the number of hours of an ordinary week's work shall for each hour worked up to one-half the number of hours fixed for an ordinary week's work be paid at the ordinary wages rate with an addition of thirty-three per centum, and for each hour worked beyond the one-half aforesaid shall be paid the ordinary wages rate up to but not exceeding ordinary wages rates for an ordinary week's work.
- (5) SPECIAL RATES.—All work done on Sunday, Good Friday, Easter Saturday (except in localities in which the late trading night is observed on a Saturday), Easter Monday, and the days on which Australia Day, Labour Day, King's Birthday, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, and New Year's Day are observed as public holidays shall be paid for at the rate of double time. Provided that some other working day may be substituted for Labour Day.
- (6) ANNUAL LEAVE.—Any employee who has been in the service of an employer for a period of not less than twelve months shall be granted one week's holiday, exclusive of the holidays mentioned in clause (5), in each year on full pay and such holiday shall be given within three months of the completion of twelve months service, provided that, for the purposes of this clause, any service prior to the 5th April, 1937, shall not be taken into account.
- (7) SICK PAY.—Any employee not attending for duty shall lose his or her pay for the actual time lost unless such employee has had not less than twelve month's service with the same employer, and he or she produces or forwards within twenty-four hours of the commencement of such absence evidence satisfactory to the employer that his or her non-attendance was due to personal ill-health or accident necessitating such absence, but such employee shall not be entitled to payment for non-attendance on the grounds of personal ill-health or accident for more than six days in each year commencing from the 4th July, 1938.
- (8) ALLOWANCE.—Any employee who is required to wear, when at work, a washable coat, the laundering of which is not paid for by the employer, shall be paid 2s. 6d. per week, in addition to the ordinary wage.
- (9) PAYMENT OF WAGES.—Wages shall be paid not later than Thursday in each week, and must be paid during working hours.
- (10) REFERENCE.—An employee, on severing his or her connexion with an employer, shall be entitled to and shall receive from such employer a reference in writing, stating his or her period of service and qualifications.
- (11) TRANSFER OF EMPLOYEE.—Where any employer transfers an employee from one township to another, the employer shall be responsible for and shall pay the whole of the moving expenses, including fares and transport charges, for the employee and his family.
- (12) TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT.—Except in a case where an employee has been guilty of a misdemeanour, seven days' notice of termination of employment shall be given by either employer or worker.
- (13) RENT OF RESIDENCE.—The employer shall not charge any manager or assistant who resides on the premises in connexion with the shop in which the business of such employer is carried on a greater sum as rent for such premises than 10s. 0d. per week.
- (14) TIME AND WAGES RECORD.—The employer shall keep a time and wages record showing the name of each worker, the number of hours worked each week, and the wages and overtime paid each week. Such record shall be open for inspection by a duly accredited representative of the Shop Assistants and Warehouse Employees' Federation of Australia or of the Victorian Storekeepers' Association.

W. W. HARRIS, Chairman.
H. N. JONES, Secretary.

Melbourne, 19th April, 1939.