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Factories and Shops Acts.

## DETERMINATION OF THE COUNTRY AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS BOARD.

NOTE.—This Determination applies 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 Acts and the Order in Council thereunder; the cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Geelong West, Sandringham, and Warrnambool; the town of Newtown and Chilwell; the boroughs of Eaglehawk and Sebastopol; and such portion of the shire of Braybrook as is NOT included in the Metropolitan District.

IN accordance with the provisions of the Factories and Shops Acts, the Wages Board which since the 23rd July, 1934, has had the power "to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons employed in—

- (1) The process, trade, or business of a maker of—
  - (a) agricultural machinery or implements;
  - (b) parts of agricultural machinery or implements;
  - (c) bag-filling machinery, bone-crushers, butter-making machinery, chaffcutters, corn-crushing machinery, cream separators, hay presses, horse works, iron feeding troughs, lawn mowers, machinery for treating flax or hemp, maize shellers, windmills; or
  - (d) garden tools or implements or parts thereof.
- (2) Assembling or putting together any parts of machinery or implements of classes or kinds (whether the same have been made inside or outside the State) same or similar to those mentioned in paragraph (1) "—

as made the following Determination, namely:—

(1) That on the 14th February, 1940, the last previous Determination of this Board shall be revoked and replaced by this Determination.

(2)	*Wages per Week of 44 Hours.						*Wages per Week of 44 Hours.		
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		
Implement smiths .. .. .	4	18	0	1st class .. .. .	5	5	0		
Bulldozers .. .. .	4	10	0	2nd class .. .. .	4	16	0		
Blacksmiths' strikers .. .. .	4	4	0	3rd class .. .. .	4	10	0		
Blacksmiths' strikers (on double fires) .. .. .	4	6	0	Drillers .. .. .	4	6	0		
Carpenters engaged on agricultural implement making (including tool allowance) .. .. .	4	18	0	Die setters and machine setters .. .. .	4	8	0		
Agricultural implement fitters and comb fitters .. .. .	4	13	0	Machinists coming within the definition of process workers .. .. .	4	4	0		
Agricultural implement fitters and comb fitters (after two years' experience) .. .. .	4	16	0	<i>Welders.</i>					
Pattern fitters and finishers .. .. .	4	16	0	1st class .. .. .	5	8	0		
Plough fitters .. .. .	4	11	0	2nd class .. .. .	4	10	0		
Assemblers .. .. .	4	5	6	3rd class .. .. .	4	6	0		
Assemblers (after two years' experience) .. .. .	4	9	0	Tack welders .. .. .	4	8	0		
Windmill erectors .. .. .	4	13	0	<i>Sheet Metal Workers.</i>					
Windmill makers other than fitters .. .. .	4	12	0	1st class bench hand .. .. .	5	3	0		
Wheel rimmers .. .. .	4	13	0	2nd class bench hand .. .. .	4	16	0		
Furnacemen on small rivet heating or bolt heating .. .. .	4	6	0	<i>Wood Mill Section.</i>					
Furnacemen's assistants .. .. .	4	4	0	Saw doctors .. .. .	5	8	0		
Dressers and fettlers .. .. .	4	6	0	Casemakers .. .. .	4	10	0		
Grinders and emery-wheel attendants .. .. .	4	6	0	Shaper machinists (wood) .. .. .	4	19	0		
Grinders (using portable machine) .. .. .	4	8	0	Turners .. .. .	4	19	0		
Heaters .. .. .	4	4	0	Moulding machinists (where the machinists set up their machines and grind their knives or cutters) .. .. .	4	16	0		
Picklers .. .. .	4	1	0	Moulder machinists (where the machinists set up their machines only) .. .. .	4	10	0		
Hammer drivers .. .. .	4	6	0	Buzzer machinists (using straight irons and setting up machines and grinding knives and cutters) .. .. .	4	13	0		
Wire weavers .. .. .	4	4	0	Buzzer machinists (only operating or feeding machines) .. .. .	4	4	0		
Painters (brush hand) .. .. .	4	4	0	Thicknesser machinists .. .. .	4	4	0		
Spray painters .. .. .	4	8	0	Tenoning machinists (only operating or feeding machines) .. .. .	4	4	0		
Paint dippers and mixers .. .. .	4	1	0	Tenoning machinists (using straight irons and setting up machines and grinding knives and cutters) .. .. .	4	13	0		
Writers and liners .. .. .	4	13	0	Boring and drilling machinists .. .. .	4	4	0		
Wire drawers .. .. .	4	4	0	Bending machinists .. .. .	4	8	0		
Chippers .. .. .	4	4	0	Mortising machinists .. .. .	4	4	0		
Sand and shot blast dressers .. .. .	4	8	0	Sanding machinists .. .. .	4	8	0		
Dismantlers .. .. .	4	4	0	Timber markers .. .. .	4	4	0		
Checkers .. .. .	4	6	0	Pulling-out machinists .. .. .	4	4	0		
Inspectors .. .. .	4	6	0	Band sawyers .. .. .	4	10	0		
Storemen and packers .. .. .	4	1	6	Circular sawyers .. .. .	4	8	0		
Process workers .. .. .	4	4	0	Crosscut sawyers .. .. .	4	4	0		
Patternmakers .. .. .	5	14	0	Casemaking sawyers .. .. .	4	4	0		
All others .. .. .	3	18	0	Stackers .. .. .	4	4	0		

\* HOURLY HIRING.—For conditions regarding hourly hiring see clause 12 (b).

## (3) UNAPPRENTICED MALE JUNIORS AND FEMALES.

	Weekly Hiring.	Hourly Hiring.
<i>Junior Males.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
In blacksmithing, bulldozing, and work associated therewith: furnace work and heating—		
Under 16 years of age ..	17 0	18 3
16 and under 17 years of age ..	26 3	27 11
17 and under 18 years of age ..	46 6	49 6
18 and under 19 years of age ..	58 9	62 6
19 and under 21 years of age ..	70 9	75 3
In all occupations except blacksmithing, bulldozing, and work associated therewith—		
1st year's experience ..	15 6	16 8
2nd year's experience ..	23 6	25 0
3rd year's experience ..	32 3	34 4
4th year's experience ..	43 6	46 4
5th year's experience ..	55 6	59 1
6th year's experience ..	68 6	72 11
<i>Adult Females.</i>		
If of less than twelve months' experience ..	50 3	53 5
If of twelve months' experience or more ..	57 0	60 7
<i>Junior Females.</i>		
1st year's experience ..	14 0	15 0
2nd year's experience ..	18 9	20 1
3rd year's experience ..	29 6	31 5
4th year's experience ..	37 0	39 5
5th year's experience ..	42 6	45 3
Thereafter until reaching the age of 21 years ..	47 6	50 6

## HOURS OF EMPLOYMENT.

(4) The ordinary hours of employment shall be 44 per week, to be worked, except as to shift workers, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. on Monday to Friday inclusive, and 7 a.m. to noon on Saturday: Provided that the spread of hours herein prescribed may be altered by mutual agreement between an employer and his employees, and also that the weekly hours may be worked in five days.

## SHIFT WORK.

(5) For any afternoon or night shift which has been in operation for five nights consecutively and for less than one month 10 per cent. more than ordinary rates shall be paid, and after such shifts have continued for more than one month 5 per cent. more than the ordinary rates shall be paid. Shifts which do not continue for five consecutive nights shall be regarded as overtime.

## OVERTIME.

(6) (a) For all work done outside ordinary hours the rate of wage shall be time and a half for the first four hours and double time thereafter.

(b) In computing overtime each day's work shall stand alone.

(c) An employee recalled after leaving his workshop to work overtime shall be paid for a minimum of three hours' work at the appropriate rate.

(d) An employee occasionally required to hold himself in readiness to work after ordinary hours shall until released be paid standing by time at ordinary rates from the time from which he is to hold himself in readiness. But any custom now prevailing under which an employee is required to regularly hold himself in readiness for a call back shall continue.

(e) An employee (other than on shift) who has worked up to or beyond midnight shall not be bound to continue work on the following day.

(f) For all work done during meal hours and thereafter until a meal hour break is allowed time and a half rate shall be paid. An employee shall not be compelled to work for more than 6 hours without a break for a meal.

(g) An employee working overtime shall be allowed a crib time of twenty minutes without deduction of pay after each four hours of work, but this provision shall not prevent any arrangement being made for the taking of a longer meal period without pay.

(h) Before starting overtime after working ordinary hours, a meal break of at least 45 minutes shall be allowed, unless the period of overtime is less than one and a half hours. An employee and his employer may mutually agree to any variation of this sub-clause to meet the circumstances of the work in hand.

(i) An employee being required to work overtime for more than two hours without being notified the day before that he will be required so to work, shall either be supplied with a meal by the employer or paid 1s. 6d., or if work extends into a second meal hour 2s. 6d. for the two meals, but such payment need not be made to employees who live in the same locality as their workshop, and who can reasonably return home for meals.

If an employee, pursuant to notice, has provided a meal or meals, and is not required to work overtime, he shall be paid for each meal so provided.

(j) Subject to the provisions of the second part of sub-clause (f) of this clause, an employee shall work during meal breaks at the ordinary rates herein prescribed whenever instructed so to do for the purpose of making good break downs of plant, or upon routine maintenance of plant which can only be done while such plant is idle.

(k) When an employee working overtime finishes work at a time when reasonable means of transport is not available, the employer shall provide him with a conveyance, or pay him ordinary wage rates for the time occupied in reaching his home.

## MIXED FUNCTIONS.

(7) An employee engaged on any day on different grades of work shall be paid at the rates prescribed for time actually worked in each grade.

## HOLIDAYS AND SUNDAY WORK.

(8) (a) Employees shall be entitled to the following public holidays (without pay except as hereinafter provided):—New Year's Day, Foundation or Anniversary Day, Good Friday, Easter Saturday, Easter Monday, Eight Hours Day (or Labour Day), Anzac Day, King's Birthday, Christmas Day, and Boxing Day.

By an agreement between an employer and his employees other holidays may be substituted for the said days, or any of them, as to such employer's undertaking.

(b) Employees shall be paid at the rate of double ordinary time for work done on Sundays and public holidays, such double time to continue until the employee has been relieved from duty at least eight hours. Provided that the employee shall not be paid for the time he is resting.

Provided further that employees engaged in repairs or renewals of their employer's plant and machinery necessary for resumption of work the next following working day (not including the installation of new machinery) shall on Sundays or holidays be paid at the rate of time and a half.

## PIECEWORK RATES.

(9) Subject to the minimum wages herein prescribed, an employer may remunerate any of his employees under any system of payment by results based on rates which will enable workers of average capacity to earn at least 10 per cent. in excess of their prescribed hourly or weekly rates.

## EXTRA RATES NOT CUMULATIVE.

(10) Extra rates prescribed in this determination are not cumulative so as to exceed the maximum of double the ordinary rates.

## PAYMENT OF WAGES.

(11) (a) Wages shall be paid weekly. Where the services of an employee are dispensed with, wages shall be paid to him on the day of dismissal, or forwarded to him by post on the following day.

(b) An employee kept waiting for his wages on pay day for more than a quarter of an hour after the usual time for ceasing work shall be paid at overtime rates after that quarter of an hour, with a minimum of a quarter of an hour.

## CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT.

(12) (a) With the exceptions hereinafter stated, employment may be by the week or by the hour. If by the week it shall be terminable on either side by one week's notice given on any day, or (if the employer terminate it without such notice) by payment of one week's wages.

A contract for weekly employment may be terminated by an employer, without liability to pay for more than time actually worked, for misconduct, or absence from work without reasonable excuse. If any employee engaged by the week absents himself from duty, except on public holidays, or for days for which he produces a certificate from a medical practitioner, or other proof satisfactory to his employer of sickness (aggregating four days' sickness in each year), a sum proportionate to his

time of absence may be deducted from his pay, i.e., one-sixth of the weekly wage for each day of absence, including Saturdays, in shops working six days, and one-fifth in shops working five days per week. Provided that only time actually lost shall be deducted when an employee is absent, with leave, on a Saturday.

(b) If the contract for employment is for hourly hiring, the total amount of the rates prescribed in clause 2 hereof shall be increased by 5s. per week, but such amount shall not be taken into account in computing overtime, Sunday, and holiday rates.

(c) An employee starting work on hourly hiring shall be entitled to a minimum of four consecutive hours' work, or to four hours' pay for the job—such hours may be deemed to be consecutive if worked in ordinary hours at the end of a day and the beginning of the next succeeding day.

#### MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

(13) (a) *Tools*.—The employer shall provide for each employee such tools as were customarily provided at the time of the making of this Determination, and for sheet metal workers snips used in the cutting of stainless steel, Monel metal, and similar hard metal. The employee shall replace or pay for any tools so provided if lost through his negligence.

(b) (1) Suitable asbestos sheet and coloured glasses or suitable hoods shall be provided by employers for the protection of electric arc and oxy-acetylene operators and their assistants, and suitable mica or other goggles for emery-wheel operators.

(2) Suitable leather or canvas gloves shall be provided by employers for the operators of pneumatic tools and/or punch and shearing machines.

(c) Patternmakers, at the conclusion of their employment, shall be allowed one hour for grinding tools.

(d) Employers shall provide proper washing and sanitary conveniences.

#### TIME AND WAGES BOOK.

(14) Each employer shall keep a time and wages book showing the name of each employee and his occupation, the hours worked each day and the wages and the allowances paid each week.

The time occupied by an employee in filling in any time books or cards or in the making of records shall be treated as time of duty, but this does not apply to checking in or out at the beginning or end of duty.

#### SPECIAL RATES.

(15) In addition to the wages prescribed in clause 2 hereof the following special rates and allowances shall be paid:—

(a) Leading hands in charge of not less than three and not more than ten employees, 6s. per week extra; more than ten and not more than twenty, 12s. per week extra; more than twenty, 18s. per week extra.

(b) Except where dismissed for misconduct or when leaving of his own accord, a patternmaker employed for less than three weeks at a workshop or job, shall, to the extent of 6s. be reimbursed by his employer any expense incurred in the carting of tools.

(c) Where more than one of the disabilities entitling a workman to extra rates exists on the same job the employer shall be bound to pay only one rate, viz., the highest for the disabilities so prevailing.

#### DEFINITIONS.

(16) For the purposes of this determination the following definitions shall apply:—

(a) "Manufacture and/or Manufacturing" means the making and assembling in quantities of interchangeable or standardized parts used in or in connexion with machinery and mechanical apparatus.

(b) "Assembler" means any adult person employed in putting together parts of any agricultural machinery covered by this determination which have been previously fitted. The removal of burrs or rags shall not be deemed to be fitting.

(c) "Process Worker" means an employee engaged on—

(i) Repetition work in manufacture on any automatic, semi-automatic or single-purpose machine, or any machine fitted with jigs, gauges, or other tools rendering operations mechanical (and in connexion with which he is not responsible for the setting up of the machine nor for the dimensions of the products other than by checking with gauges which gauges shall be either unadjustable or, if adjustable, shall not be set up by the operator); or

(ii) The assembling of parts of mechanical appliances or other metallic articles so made, in which no fitting or adjustment calling for the use of tools other than hammers, screw drivers, spanners, and files necessary for the removal of burrs is required, or

(iii) Any specialized manufacturing process not requiring the use of hand tools (except hammers, screw drivers, spanners).

(d) "Shift work"—Afternoon shift means any shift finishing after 6 p.m. and at or before midnight. Night shift means any shift finishing subsequent to midnight and at or before 8 a.m.

(e) "Sunday" means all time between midnight Saturday and midnight Sunday.

(f) "Patternmaker" means a tradesman engaged in the making of patterns in wood.

(g) "First class machinist" means a tradesman who is partly or wholly engaged in setting up or operating the following machines:—Lathe, boring machine, milling machine, planing machine (metal), shaping machine (metal), slotting machine, and grinding machine.

(h) "Second class machinist" means an adult not engaged as a tradesman and who is not required to work from drawings or prints required to be scaled and/or measured from drawings and prints or to make precision measurements, but who is engaged in operating or in the setting up and operating of machines enumerated in the definition of first class machinist, or who is engaged operating a key-seating machine.

"Third class machinist" means a machinist, not being a process worker, who operates any machine set up by a tradesman, or any machine the setting up of which does not require the knowledge or skill of a second class machinist.

(i) "First class welder" means an adult employee using electric arc or acetylene blowpipe or coal gas cutting plant on work other than filling castings, cutting scrap metal, using jigs, or doing work covered by definitions of second and third class welders, and includes re-welding by hand processes.

(j) "Second class welder" means an adult employee not required to do first class welding but engaged in filling castings, or in manufacturing sheet metal goods, or welding with the aid of jigs, or re-welding except by hand processes, or operating automatic welding machines for the setting up of which he is not responsible.

(k) "Third class welder" means an adult employee using electric spot or butt welding machine or cutting scrap with oxy-acetylene blowpipe.

(l) "Sheet metal—First class bench hand" means an adult workman working to scaled prints or drawings or applying general trade knowledge or experience to the making of completed articles and/or the erection and installation thereof.

(m) "Sheet metal—second class bench hand" means an adult workman working at the bench in the making and/or repairing of completed articles not calling for the use of prints or drawings or measurements.

(n) "Plough fitter" means an employee engaged in fitting harrows, scarifiers, drag harrows, disc ploughs, mould board ploughs, disc cultivators, rollers, or stump extractors.

#### PERIODICAL ADJUSTMENT OF WAGES.

(17) The wages rates set out in clause (2) are based upon the following basic wage rates and, pursuant to the provisions of section 21 of the *Factories and Shops Act 1934*, shall be automatically increased or decreased by the same amount, and at the same time as such basic wage rates.

The wages of females and juniors in receipt of 20s. per week or more shall be adjusted proportionately to adjustments of the basic wage—such adjustments to be to the nearest 3d., half or less than half of 3d. to be disregarded, and shall accord with the rates payable from time to time under the appropriate award of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration.

The basic wage rates shown hereunder shall be adjusted as prescribed in clause 18.

#### Basic Wage.

Place.	Basic Wage.	Index Number Set Assigned.
Within the area to which this Determination applies	£ s. d. 3 15 0 (less 3s.)	Melbourne

## ADJUSTMENT OF BASIC WAGE.

(18) (a) Until the beginning of the first pay period to commence in May, 1940, the amounts of the basic wage shall be as prescribed in clause 17.

(b) During each future successive period beginning with the first pay period to commence in a May, an August, a November, or a February, the amounts of the basic wage shall be adjusted by the following method according to the position and fluctuations (if any) of the Commonwealth Statistician's "All Items" retail price index numbers.

For the purposes of this Determination the expression "Commonwealth Statistician's retail price index numbers" or any like expression means the numbers stated to be such index numbers in any document purporting, and not proved to be wrongly so purporting, to be printed by the Commonwealth Government Printer or to be signed by or on behalf of the Commonwealth Statistician:—

- (1) The index number set to be applied to a place is that assigned thereto in clause 17.
- (2) The index number for the calendar quarter next preceding the period of thirteen weeks for which the adjustment is made is to be ascertained.
- (3) The amount assigned in the following table (or in any extension thereof) to the index number division comprising that number is to be ascertained.
- (4) The basic wage shall be of that assigned during such successive period.

Table.

Index Number Divisions.					Basic Wage.		
					£	s.	d.
735-746	..	..	..	..	3	0	0
747-759	..	..	..	..	3	1	0
760-771	..	..	..	..	3	2	0
772-783	..	..	..	..	3	3	0
784-796	..	..	..	..	3	4	0
797-808	..	..	..	..	3	5	0
809-820	..	..	..	..	3	6	0
821-833	..	..	..	..	3	7	0
834-845	..	..	..	..	3	8	0
846-858	..	..	..	..	3	9	0
859-870	..	..	..	..	3	10	0
871-882	..	..	..	..	3	11	0
883-895	..	..	..	..	3	12	0
896-907	..	..	..	..	3	13	0
908-919	..	..	..	..	3	14	0
920-932	..	..	..	..	3	15	0
933-944	..	..	..	..	3	16	0
945-956	..	..	..	..	3	17	0
957-969	..	..	..	..	3	18	0
970-981	..	..	..	..	3	19	0

(less 3s.)

Any extension of this table must be of the same construction as the table.

W. W. HARRIS, Chairman.

J. B. McINDOE, Secretary.

Melbourne, 30th January, 1940.