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Factories and Shops Acts.

DETERMINATION OF THE WIREWORKERS BOARD.

NOTE.—This Determination applies to the following parts of Victoria, namely:—The Metropolitan District as defined in the Factories and Shops Acts, and the Order in Council thereunder, such portions of the City of Sandringham as are not included within the said Metropolitan 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 either inside or outside a factory or work-room in the process, trade, or business of—

A wire-worker, using six gauge or smaller wire, but not including persons employed in making wire netting, barbed wire, wire nails, or wire mattresses,” has made the following Determination, viz.:—

(1) That on the 29th March, 1941, the last previous Determination of this Board shall be revoked and replaced by this Determination.

(2) Apprentices or Improvers.		Juvenile Workers, i.e., persons under 21 years of age (other than apprentices or improvers).	Other Employees.	
Wages per week of 44 hours. Apprentices and Improvers.		(a) Engaged in the manufacture of fly wire or mosquito gauze, or employed minding swifts, blacking, painting or oiling, carrying or moving material, packing, cleaning up factory or going messages—	WAGES.	
<i>s. d.</i>		<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	
Under 16 years	.. .. 21 0	Under 16 years	.. .. 21 0	
16 to 17 years	.. .. 28 6	16 to 17 years	.. .. 28 6	
17 to 18 "	.. .. 35 6	17 to 18 "	.. .. 35 6	
18 to 19 "	.. .. 45 6	18 to 19 "	.. .. 45 6	
19 to 20 "	.. .. 56 6	19 to 20 "	.. .. 56 6	
20 to 21 "	.. .. 71 0	20 to 21 "	.. .. 71 0	
Thereafter	.. .. Minimum Wage			
PROPORTION.		PROPORTION.	Per hour. Per week of 44 hours.	
(In any factory or place.)		One juvenile worker to every six workers receiving not less than 104/- per week of 44 hours.	<i>s. d.</i> <i>s. d.</i>	
Apprentices.		(b) Engaged in power loom weaving, in winding bobbins, operating looms, packing, wrapping, or assisting in any work in connexion with the production of commercial power woven wire—	Wire-workers or	
One apprentice to every three or fraction of three workers receiving not less than 104/- per week of 44 hours.			Weavers .. 2 4 ⁴ / ₁₁ 104 0	
An indenture of apprenticeship prescribed has been approved.			Tinnern .. 2 5 ¹ / ₃₂ 106 6	
			Oxy-Welders .. 2 4 ⁴ / ₁₁ 104 0	
			Storemen .. 2 4 ⁴ / ₁₁ 104 0	
			Paint spraying operators .. 2 4 ⁴ / ₁₁ 104 0	
Improvers.		Wage per week of 44 hours.		
One improver to every two workers receiving not less than 104/- per week of 44 hours.		<i>s. d.</i>		
		Under 16 years	.. .. 21 0	
		16 to 17 years	.. .. 28 6	
		17 to 18 "	.. .. 35 6	
		18 to 19 "	.. .. 45 6	
		19 to 20 "	.. .. 56 6	
		20 to 21 "	.. .. 71 0	
		PROPORTION.		
		One juvenile worker to every adult weaver receiving not less than 104/- per week of 44 hours.		

PIECE-WORK PRICES—continued.

								s.	d.	
Flowerstands—										
1/2 round, 3 steps	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	9	each
" 4 "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	11	"
Oblong Gothic ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	4	"
Flat back, 3 steps	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	9	"
" 4 "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	11	"
Gridirons—										
Light, made of 12 and 14 gauge wire, 8, 10, and 12 inch size	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	70	0	per gross.
Medium, made of 10 and 12 gauge wire, 8, 10, and 12 inch size	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	78	7	"
(To be made in lots of not less than one (1) gross.)										
Rat traps, patent, 1/2-in. mesh, finished										
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	78	2	per dozen.
" flat bottomed	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	85	6	"
(To be made in not less than one (1) dozen lots.)										
Rat traps (square)—										
12-in. finished	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22	3	per dozen.
14 "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	27	10	"
16 "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	31	9	"
(To be made in three (3) dozen lots, assorted.)										
Riddles—										
20-in., 1/2-in. mesh, 17 gauge wire or one gauge heavier	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2 1/2	each
" 16 "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	10 1/2	"
" 15 "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	10 1/2	"
" 14 "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	8 1/2	"
" 13 "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	8 1/2	"
22-in., 1/2-in. mesh, 17 gauge wire or one gauge heavier	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2 1/2	"
" 16 "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	10 1/2	"
" 15 "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	10 1/2	"
" 14 "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	8 1/2	"
" 13 "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	8 1/2	"
(To be made in not less than four (4) dozen lots, assorted meshes.)										
Screens—										
5 feet x 2 ft. 6 in.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	11	each for all meshes.
6 " x feet	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	8	" "
(To be made in not less than six lots, assorted meshes.)										
Sewer vent pipe covers—										
1 1/2-in.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	0	per dozen.
2 "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	5	"
2 1/2 "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	4	"
3 "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	2	"
3 1/2 "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	1	"
4 1/2 "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	0	"
Sieves—										
18-in.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	4	per dozen.
20 "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	4	"
22 "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	4	"
(To be made in not less than six (6) dozen lots, all meshes; assorted sizes.)										
Straight work—										
1/2-in. mesh, 16 and 12 gauge wire laced with 22 gauge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	4 1/2	per square foot.
" 14 " 10 " 20 "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	4 1/2	" "
" 12 " 8 " 18 "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	6 1/2	" "
Wall ties—										
6-gauge wire	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	5	per cwt.
8-gauge wire	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	4	"
Wall ties (dimple)—										
6-gauge wire	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	2	per cwt.
8-gauge wire	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	0	"
Wall ties (simplex), 10-gauge wire										
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	11	per gross.
Weaving (sieve cloth)—										
1/2-in. mesh, 17 and 18 gauge wire	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	8	per 100 square feet.
3 mesh, 3 holes to inch, 18 gauge wire	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	8	"
4 " 20 gauge wire	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	8	"
5 " 21 " "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	8	"
6 " 22 " "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	8	"
7 " 23 " "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	8	"
8 " 24 " "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	6	"
9 " 25 " "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	6	"
10 " 25 and 26 gauge wire	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	6	"
12 " 26 " 27 " "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	6	"
14 " 27 " 28 " "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	3	"
16 " 28 " 29 " "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	3	"
18 " 29 " 30 " "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	31	0	"
20 " 30 to 32 " "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	31	0	"
24 " 32 and 33 " "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	38	8	"

With an addition of 7 1/2 per cent.

PIECEWORK PRICES—*continued*.

Weaving (medium cloth)—						s.	d.	per 100 square feet.
¾-in. mesh,	15 and 16	gauge wire	..	..	..	..	..
3	15	16	..	..	..	23	3	..
4	16	18	..	..	..	23	3	..
5	17	18	..	..	..	23	3	..
6	18	19	..	..	..	23	3	..
7	19	20	..	..	..	23	3	..
8	19	20	..	..	..	23	3	..
9	19	20	..	..	..	23	3	..
10	19	21	..	..	..	27	0	..
12	23	24	..	..	..	31	0	..
14	25	26	..	..	..	31	0	..
16	26	27	..	..	..	38	8	..
18	27	28	..	..	..	38	8	..
20	28	29	..	..	..	42	6	..
24	28	29	..	..	..	46	6	..

(To be made in lengths of not less than fifty (50) yards.)

Weaving (stick work)—						s.	d.	per 100 square feet.
7 and 8	mesh,	17 and 18	gauge wire	..	..	..	..
9	10	18	..	..	..	31	0	..
12	14	20 to 22	..	..	..	46	6	..
16	18	23 and 24	..	..	..	46	6	..
20	23	24	..	..	..	46	6	..
24	25	26	..	..	..	54	0	..

(To be made in lengths of not less than thirty (30) yards.)

With an addition of 7½ per cent.

(12) PERIODICAL ADJUSTMENT OF WAGES.—The wages rates set out in clause (2) are based upon the following basic wage rates for adult males, 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. Wages of apprentices, improvers, and juvenile workers shall be adjusted proportionately to adjustments of the needs basic wage; such adjustment to be made to the nearest 6d., half or less than half of 6d. to be disregarded.

Basic Wage.

Basic Wage.—The minimum rates of wage required to be paid by employers to adult male employees as prescribed herein are as follow:—

Place.	Needs Basic Wage. (Adjustable).	Loading (Constant).	Total Basic Wage.	Index Number Set Assigned.
	Per Week.	Per Week.	Per Week.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Within the area to which this determination applies ..	4 0 0	0 6 0	4 6 0	Melbourne

(13) ADJUSTMENT OF NEEDS BASIC WAGE.—(a) For work done before the beginning of the first pay period to commence in May, 1941, the amounts of the basic wage prescribed in clause (12) hereof shall be paid.

(b) For work done during each future period of or near a quarter beginning with the first pay period to commence in a May, an August, a November, or a February, the amounts of the needs basic wage shall be adjusted by the following method according to the position and fluctuations (if any) of the Court'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. Adjustment is to be based upon the equating of index number 81.0 with 81s., the amount assessed upon that number of the Court's declared needs basic wage per week.
2. The index number set to be applied to a place is that assigned thereto in clause (12) hereof.
3. The index number for the calendar quarter next preceding the period of or near a quarter for which the adjustment is made is to be ascertained.
4. The amounts assigned in the following table (or in any extension thereof) to the index number division comprising that number are to be ascertained.
5. The basic wage shall be of those assigned amounts during such successive period of or near a quarter.

Table.

Index Number Divisions.	Basic Wage.	Index Number Divisions.	Basic Wage.
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
735-746	3 0 0	883-895	3 12 0
747-759	3 1 0	896-907	3 13 0
760-771	3 2 0	908-919	3 14 0
772-783	3 3 0	920-932	3 15 0
784-796	3 4 0	933-944	3 16 0
797-808	3 5 0	945-956	3 17 0
809-820	3 6 0	957-969	3 18 0
821-833	3 7 0	970-981	3 19 0
834-845	3 8 0	982-993	4 0 0
846-858	3 9 0	994-1006	4 1 0
859-870	3 10 0	1007-1018	4 2 0
871-882	3 11 0	1019-1030	4 3 0

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

H. J. RICHARDSON, J.P., Chairman.

E. G. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

Melbourne, 10th March, 1941.

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