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Factories and Shops Acts.

DETERMINATION OF THE SHOPS BOARD No. 17 (TOBACCONISTS).

NOTE.—This Determination applies to the following parts of Victoria, viz.:—The Metropolitan District as defined in the Factories and Shops Acts and the Orders in Council thereunder; 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 employed in a Tobacconist's shop" has made the following Determination, namely:—

1. That as from the beginning of the first pay period to commence on or after the 1st January, 1948, the last previous Determination of this Board shall be revoked and replaced by this Determination.

2.

Apprentices or Improvers.				Other Employees.									
WAGES.				Per Week of 40 Hours.		WAGES.				Per Week of 40 Hours.			
				Males.	Females.					Males.	Females.		
				s.	d.					s.	d.		
15 years of age or under	30	6	30	6	Departmental Manager, i.e., the principal employee in charge of a tobacco Department in any store, notwithstanding he or she may be under the orders of another person who does not devote his or her whole time to the management of such Department	..	138	6	123	6
16 years of age	38	0	38	0	First assistant, 25 years of age, where two or more persons over the age of 19 years are employed	..	133	6	118	6
17 years of age	55	6	51	6	*All others	..	123	6	107	6
18 years of age	68	0	61	6	* Provided that any employee in charge of a kiosk, or stall, notwithstanding he or she may be under the orders of another person who does not devote his or her whole time to the management of such kiosk, or stall, shall be paid the rates herein provided with an addition of 10 per cent.					
19 years of age	82	6	76	0						
20 years of age	97	6	93	6						

Provided that any apprentice or improver without previous experience entering the trade at 17, 18, 19, or 20 years of age may be paid for his first and second year's service 20 per cent. less than the rates fixed above.

PROPORTION (IN ANY PLACE).

Apprentices.

One apprentice to three or fraction of three workers receiving not less than the minimum wage.

Improvers.

One improver to every two or fraction of two workers receiving not less than the minimum wage.

TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT.

6. Except in a case where an employee or an employer has been guilty of misconduct, or where an employee has been engaged temporarily for a period not exceeding six weeks in duration, seven days' notice of termination of employment shall be given by either party or a week's wages paid or forfeited, as the case may be, in lieu thereof.

SPECIAL RATES.

7. Double time shall be the rate for all work done on Sundays, Good Friday, and Christmas Day, and time and a half the rate for all work done on New Year's Day, Australia Day, Easter Monday, Labour Day, King's Birthday, or Boxing Day, but if any other day be by Act of Parliament or Proclamation substituted for any of the abovenamed holidays, the special rates shall only be payable for work done on the day so substituted.

MEAL INTERVAL.

8. All employees shall be allowed the following meal intervals, with permission to leave the shop for the whole of such intervals, viz.:—From Monday to Friday, one hour for lunch, and in addition on Fridays, three-quarters of an hour for tea.

MEAL MONEY.

9. Any employee who is required to work overtime in excess of one hour on any day shall receive an allowance of 2s. 6d. as meal money in addition to the rate provided in clause 4.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY.

10. The annual holiday shall be as prescribed by the provisions of the *Factories and Shops (Annual Holidays) Act 1946* (No. 5111), and any amendments which may be made thereto from time to time.

(In his or her own interests each employer of labour should obtain a copy of the above Act which may be purchased from the Government Printer, Melbourne, at a cost of 9d. plus postage.)

SICK LEAVE.

11. (a) Any employee not attending for duty who has had not less than twelve months' service with the same employer shall lose his or her pay for the actual time lost unless such employee produces or forwards within 24 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.

(b) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-clause (a) hereof, if the full period of sick leave as prescribed above is not taken in any year, such portion as is not taken shall be cumulative from year to year up to a period not exceeding eighteen days, which shall be the maximum amount of leave to which an employee may be entitled in any year of service without deduction of pay.

PAYMENT OF WAGES, ETC.

12. Payment of all wages, overtime special rates, and allowances due shall be made during working hours not later than Thursday each week.

REST PERIODS.

13. All employees shall be allowed two rest intervals on each day as follows:—(a) The first of ten minutes to be allowed between the time of commencing work and the usual luncheon interval; (b) the second of ten minutes to be allowed between the usual luncheon interval and the time of ceasing work for the day. Such intervals are to be counted as part of time worked.

REFERENCE.

14. 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 or qualifications. This provision shall only apply in the case of an employee who has been employed continuously for three months or more.

POSTING DETERMINATION.

15. A copy of this Determination shall be posted in a conspicuous place at or near the entrance to the shop, kiosk, stall, or department.

PERIODICAL ADJUSTMENT OF WAGES.

16. 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*, the Board hereby determines that such rates shall be automatically adjusted as prescribed by clause 17. Provided that the wages of adult females and apprentices or improvers shall be adjusted proportionately to adjustments of the basic wage, such adjustments to be to the nearest 6d., half or less than half of 6d. to be disregarded. Provided further that no increase or decrease shall exceed the amount of the variation made in respect of an adult male.

Basic Wage.

Place.	Needs Basic Wage (Adjustable).	Loading (Constant).	Total Basic Wage.	Index Number Set Assigned.
	Per week. £ s. d.	Per week. s. d.	Per week. £ s. d.	
Within the area to which this Determination applies ..	5 3 0	6 0	5 9 0	Melbourne

ADJUSTMENT OF BASIC WAGE.

17. (a) For the purposes of this Determination, the expression "Commonwealth Statistician's 'all items' 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.

(b) Until the beginning of the first pay period to commence in February, 1948, the amounts of the Basic Wage shall be as prescribed in clause 16.

(c) During each future successive period beginning with the first pay period to commence in a February, a May, an August, or a November, the amount of the needs basic wage shall be adjusted by the following method, namely, by multiplying the last published Commonwealth Statistician's "all items" retail price index number by the factor .087 taken to one place of decimals, the resultant whole number being the amount of the basic wage expressed in shillings, but should the decimal number reach .5 or more the basic wage shall be taken to the next higher shilling.

A. V. BARNS, J.P., Chairman.

J. W. RYAN, Secretary.

Melbourne, 17th November, 1947.