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Factories and Shops Acts.

DETERMINATION OF A WAGES BOARD ADJUSTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 21 OF THE FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACT 1934 (No. 4275).

I, Raymond Henry Beers, Secretary for Labour, in pursuance of the powers conferred by the Factories and Shops Acts, hereby make and issue the following adjusted Determination of the Wages Board referred to hereunder showing adjusted rates and prices to operate from the beginning of the first pay period to commence in February, 1949.

Dated at Melbourne, this
16th day of February, 1949.

RAY H. BEERS,
Secretary for Labour.

LEATHER-GOODS BOARD.

Clauses 2, 4, 5 and 6 of the Determination published in *Government Gazette* No. 60 of the 1st February, 1949, shall be replaced by the following clauses:—

2.

WAGES PER WEEK.

	Within 20 Miles of G.P.O., Melbourne; 10 Miles of G.P.O., Geelong; at Warrnambool and within Mildura and Gippsland Districts.	Other Parts of Victoria.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Journeymen engaged in the manufacture or repair of machine belting, gaskets and pump washers or similar articles	7 17 0	7 14 0
All other Journeymen	8 3 0	8 0 0
Journeymen engaged in the trimming of gloves, cutting out forecetts and quirks, or cutting cotton ends	5 2 9	5 0 6
Other Journeymen	5 8 3	5 6 0

NOTE:—Females working on large machines (132K, 7-5, 45K, or any similar class of machine, and Grummet) shall be paid 3s. 6d. per week extra.

APPRENTICES—MALES.

4. (a) The probationary period of trainee apprentices or apprentices shall not exceed three months.
(b) The minimum rates of wage to be paid to apprentices or probationers shall be not less than the following:—

	Wages Per Week.	
	Within 20 Miles of G.P.O., Melbourne; 10 Miles of G.P.O., Geelong; at Warrnambool and within Mildura and Gippsland Districts.	Other Parts of Victoria.
	s. d.	s. d.
Five year terms—		
First year's experience	37 0	36 0
Second year's experience	43 0	42 0
Third year's experience	61 6	60 0
Fourth year's experience	98 6	96 0
Fifth year's experience	123 0	120 0
Four year terms—		
First year's experience	37 0	36 0
Second year's experience	61 6	60 0
Third year's experience	98 6	96 0
Fourth year's experience	123 0	120 0

(c) Experience in this clause means actual experience whether as an apprentice or otherwise, in any one or more of the operations provided as apprenticeship operations.

(d) Except as otherwise provided minors may be engaged in the following occupations under contracts of apprenticeship or trainee apprenticeship framed in conformity with this Determination :—

- Cutting or clicking ;
- Trunks, and/or leather bag and case maker ;
- Fibre, veneer, canvas or other case maker ;
- Machine belt maker ;
- Sporting goods maker of leather ;
- Ladies' hand bag, wallet and purse maker ;
- Leather goods maker ;
- Glove maker (other than sporting goods) ;
- Leather coats, hats or caps maker ;

(e) The period of apprenticeship shall not exceed four or five years, including any period of experience in the occupation to which the minor is being apprenticed prior to entering into the indenture of apprenticeship.

(f) An employer especially qualified to teach apprentices may, with the consent of the Wages Board, employ a greater proportion of apprentices to tradesmen than herein specified.

(g) Until further order any contract of apprenticeship may contain the following provision :—

If through lack of orders or through financial difficulties the employer is unable at any time to find employment and training for an apprentice, and if a transfer to another employer cannot be arranged, the obligations and duties imposed by the indenture may with the concurrence of the apprentice and his guardian be suspended for a period agreed upon or if no such agreement is arrived at may be cancelled by the employer. The onus of proof of circumstances justifying such cancellation shall be on the employer.

(h) Any apprentice who cannot complete his full term of apprenticeship before reaching his twenty-second birthday may by agreement with his master serve as an apprentice until he reaches the age of twenty-three years.

(i) All wages shall be paid without deduction for specified holidays or for unavoidable absences through sickness to the number of 40 hours of working time per annum.

(j) The apprentice at the end of the calendar period of any year in which he has actually given service to the master upon less than the ordinary working days prescribed in this Determination, or in which he has unlawfully absented himself without the master's consent shall, for every day short of the said number of working days, and for every day of such absence, serve one day, and the calendar period of the succeeding year of his service shall not be deemed to begin until the said additional day or days shall have been served.

(k) The ordinary hours of employment of apprentices shall be the same in each workshop as those of journeymen.

(l) An apprentice under the age of eighteen years shall not be liable to work overtime unless he so desires.

(m) An apprentice shall not work under any system of payment by results.

(n) An employer shall not, either directly or indirectly, or by any pretence or device receive from any person or require or permit any person to pay or give any consideration in the nature of a premium or bonus for the taking or binding of any probationer or apprentice.

JUNIOR WORKERS—MALES.

5. (a) Junior workers may be employed at the following rates of pay :—

Age.	Wages Per Week.	
	Within 20 Miles of G.F.O., Melbourne; 10 Miles of G.F.O., Geelong; at Warrnambool and within Mildura and Gippsland Districts.	Other Parts of Victoria.
Under 16 year of age	s. d. 37 0	s. d. 36 0
16 and under 17 years of age	49 3	48 0
17 and under 18 years of age	61 6	60 0
18 and under 19 years of age	73 9	72 0
19 and under 20 years of age	98 6	96 0
20 and under 21 years of age	123 0	120 0

(b) The proportion of Junior Workers and apprentices allowed shall be :—

Male Employee receiving at least Adult Male Basic Wage.	Junior Workers including Apprentices.
1	1
2 to 20	1 for every 2 such male employees
Over 20	A further 1 for every 3 such male employees over 20

In computing the proportion under this sub-clause the number of such male employees employed for the whole of the previous six months shall be taken.

Notwithstanding anything contained herein employers engaged in the manufacture of laminated belting may employ in the exclusive manufacture of such belting three male juniors to each adult employee employed in the manufacture of laminated belts.

JUNIORS WORKERS—FEMALES.

6. (a) Female junior workers may be employed at the following rates of pay :—

Age.	Wages Per Week.	
	Within 20 Miles of G.P.O., Melbourne; 10 Miles of G.P.O., Geelong; at Warrnambool and within Mildura and Gippsland Districts.	Other Parts of Victoria.
	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
Under 16 years of age	37 0	36 0
16 and under 17 years of age	46 0	45 0
17 and under 18 years of age	52 3	51 0
18 and under 19 years of age	58 6	57 0
19 and under 20 years of age	64 6	63 0
20 and under 21 years of age	80 0	78 0

and thereafter the minimum wage prescribed for adult females as adjusted from time to time for the class of work which they are doing, provided, however, that a junior female, after four years' experience in the industry covered by this Determination shall be paid the full adult rate prescribed in clause 2.

(b) For the purposes of this clause "experience" shall mean any form of employment in this industry.

(c) Employers who wilfully employ juniors without taking into account previous experience shall be guilty of a breach of this Determination.

(d) The proportion of female apprentices and/or junior workers shall not exceed two to one adult female receiving the minimum wage.

Clauses, other than clauses 2, 4, 5 and 6, of the said Determination shall remain in force.

