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Factories and Shops Acts.

DETERMINATION OF THE CEMENT BOARD.

NOTE.—This Determination applies to the whole of the State of Victoria.

IN accordance with the provisions of the Factories and Shops Acts, the Wages Board which now has power to "determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons employed in the process, trade, business, or occupation of—

- (a) making Portland cement,
- (b) quarrying or preparing the raw materials for Portland cement,
- (c) extracting potash salts from the by-products of Portland cement "

has made the following Determination namely:—

1. That as from the beginning of the first pay period to commence on or after the 2nd March, 1949, the last previous Determination of this Board shall be revoked and replaced by this Determination.

2.

WAGES.

APPRENTICES AND IMPROVERS.

	CEMENT WORKS.			QUARRIES.		
	Wages per Week.			Wages per Week.		
	Adjustable Rate.	Plus War Loading (Non-adjustable).	Total Wage.	Adjustable Rate.	Plus War Loading (Non-adjustable).	Total Wage.
	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
Under 16 years of age ..	47 9	2 0	49 9	55 0	2 6	57 6
" 17 " " ..	60 6	2 9	63 3	68 0	3 0	71 0
" 18 " " ..	70 0	3 3	73 3	79 3	3 6	82 9
" 19 " " ..	85 9	4 0	89 9	93 3	4 3	97 6
" 20 " " ..	97 6	4 3	101 9	104 6	4 9	109 3
" 21 " " ..	111 6	5 0	116 6	117 0	5 3	122 3

PROPORTION (in any factory or place).

Apprentices.

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

Improvers.

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

OTHER EMPLOYEES (MALES).

(a)	Cement Works.	Wages per Week.		
		Adjustable Rate.	Plus War Loading (Non-adjustable).	Total Wage.
		<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
	Cement Burner	152 0	6 0	158 0
	Tester on Slurry Controls	148 0	6 0	154 0
	Miller	146 3	6 0	152 3
	Coal Drier	146 3	6 0	152 3
	Potash plant attendant	146 3	6 0	152 3
	Loader in railway trucks at bagging sheds	150 0	6 0	156 0
	Machine Bag Filler	150 0	6 0	156 0
	Electrostatic Precipitator Attendant	143 6	6 0	149 6
	Pipe Line Attendant	136 6	6 0	142 6
	Slurry Tank Attendant	143 0	6 0	149 0
	Mammoth Crusher Attendant	146 6	6 0	152 6
	Truck Cleaner	134 0	6 0	140 0
	Cleaner (other)	132 0	6 0	138 0
	Truck Tarper	136 6	6 0	142 6
	Mill Room Helper	136 6	6 0	142 6
	Centrifuge Operator	139 0	6 0	145 0
	Potash Residue Attendant	139 0	6 0	145 0
	Experienced Factory Operative	136 6	6 0	142 6
	Train Attendant	141 0	6 0	147 0
	All others	129 0	6 0	135 0

Female testers on slurry controls shall be paid 54 per cent. of the gross male rate.

(b)	Quarries.	Adjustable Rate.	Plus War Loading (Non-adjustable).	
			<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
		<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
	Powder Monkey	159 6	6 0	165 6
	Jack Hammerman	159 6	6 0	165 6
	Platelay	150 0	6 0	156 0
	Bankman	147 0	6 0	153 0
	Underground Drainer	185 6	6 0	191 6
	Underground Quarryman	163 6	6 0	169 6
	Pump Attendant	154 6	6 0	160 6
	Signal Attendant	144 6	6 0	150 6
	Leverman	141 0	6 0	147 0
	Dump Man	141 0	6 0	147 0
	String Puller	139 0	6 0	145 0
	Switch Attendant	139 0	6 0	145 0
	Dray Attendant	141 0	6 0	147 0
	All others	136 0	6 0	142 0

LEADING HANDS.

(c) In addition to the appropriate wages rate prescribed in sub-clauses (a) or (b) hereof a Leading Hand shall be entitled to the following allowance:—

If in charge of 4 or less men	1/- per day.
If in charge of 5 to 8 men	1/6 per day.
If in charge of 9 men or more	2/- per day.

RATE FOR SHIFT WORK.

3. Underground Drainers and Underground Quarrymen shall receive 9d. per week in addition to their ordinary wage whilst employed on afternoon or night shift.

For other adult employees the extra rate for afternoon or night shift shall be an additional 9½ per cent. of the "All Others" rate for the section in which they are employed.

EXTRA RATES.

4. (a) Any person in Cement Works who is employed inside kilns or mills to reline same or who is required to work in Cement, Clinker, or Slurry Silos, shall be paid 6d. per hour in addition to the ordinary rate.

(b) Any person employed as an Underground Quarryman shall, when it becomes necessary for him to work in wet conditions, be paid 1s. per day extra.

(c) Any person employed on refractory work on new kilns shall be paid 6s. per week above the minimum wage.

(d) A "Train Attendant" required to operate continuously through a tunnel shall receive an additional 8/6 per week.

(e) A "Mammoth Crusher Attendant" when required to use explosives shall be paid an additional 1/3 for each day or part thereof on which he is required to use such explosives.

OVERTIME.

5. The ordinary hours shall be 80 per fortnight, worked in ten shifts of eight hours each, and any shifts worked in excess of such ten shifts per fortnight shall be paid for at time and a half. Provided that where the employee has not worked 80 hours in the first 10 shifts of the fortnight, overtime shall not commence on any eleventh shift of such fortnight until he has completed his 80 hours of working time. Provided further that any shift worker who is called upon to work any shift normally outside of his rostered shifts, shall be paid for any such shift at the rate of time and a half for the first two hours and double time thereafter. Provided further that the provisions of this clause shall not operate in the case of mutual arrangements made between employees.

Shift workers—All overtime in excess of the number of hours ordinarily worked per shift shall be paid for at the rate of time and a half.

Other workers—All overtime worked in excess of the number of hours ordinarily worked per day shall be paid for at the rate of time and a half for the first two hours and double time thereafter.

EMPLOYMENT FOR LESS THAN FULL WEEK.

6. Employees who work less than 40 hours in any week may be paid the ordinary wages rate calculated pro rata according to the number of hours worked.

SHIFTS.

7. (a) The hour of beginning and the hour of ending each shift shall be as follows :—

	Time of beginning not earlier than:—	Time of ending not later than:—
Day Shift	7.30 a.m.	5 p.m.
Afternoon Shift	4 p.m.	2 a.m.
Night Shift	midnight	8 a.m.

When any of the employees performing the work of a tester on slurry controls is a female the hours of beginning and ending shifts may be varied as required after consultation with the employees concerned.

Provided that the hours of work on Saturday in Cement Works for persons employed continuously on day shift shall be as follows :—

7.30 a.m. noon.

(b) The higher rate to be paid for each hour or fraction of an hour worked by an employee, other than an Underground Drainer, before or after his shift shall be time and a half.

WEEK-END PENALTY RATES FOR SHIFT WORKERS.

7A. Ordinary shift hours worked between midnight on Friday, and midnight on Saturday shall be paid for at the rate of time and a quarter, and all time worked between midnight on Saturday, and midnight on Sunday shall be paid for at the rate of double time.

COAL HANDLING.

8. Persons employed handling coal at siding shall be paid the rate prescribed for "All Others" (Cement Works) plus 25 per cent.

SPECIAL RATES.

9. Work done on Sundays by day workers (other than underground drainers) shall be paid for at the rate of double time, and double time shall be the rate payable for work done by all persons on New Year's Day, Australia Day, Labour Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Anzac Day, King's Birthday, Christmas Day, and Boxing Day, but if any other day be by Act of Parliament or Proclamation substituted for any of the abovenamed holidays, the special rate shall be payable only for work done on the day so substituted.

HOLIDAYS.

10. An employee not required to work on any of the public holidays mentioned in clause 9, shall, provided that he works on the working day immediately prior to, and the working day immediately following any such holiday or holidays, be entitled to be absent without deduction of pay.

ANZAC DAY.

11. Where the incidence of Anzac Day is such as to prevent an employee from working his ordinary normal hours of work, then he shall be paid for the time so lost.

SICK LEAVE.

12. (a) An employee who is absent from his work on account of personal illness, or on account of injury by accident, shall be entitled to leave of absence, without deduction of pay, subject to the following conditions and limitations :—

- (i) He shall not be entitled to paid leave of absence for any period in respect of which he is entitled to workers' compensation.
- (ii) He shall, within 24 hours of the commencement of such absence, inform the employer of his inability to attend for duty and, as far as practicable, state the nature of the injury or illness and the estimated duration of the absence.
- (iii) He shall prove to the satisfaction of his employer (or in the event of dispute the Wages Board) that he was unable on account of such illness or injury to attend for duty on the day or days for which sick leave is claimed.
- (iv) He shall be entitled to sick leave not exceeding 40 hours of working time in any year, provided however, that when employment is commenced subsequent to the 1st day of June in any year, he shall be entitled to sick leave for such year at the rate of 10 hours of working time for each completed three months of continuous employment in such 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 120 hours of working time, which shall be the maximum amount of leave to which an employee may be entitled in any year of service without deduction of pay.

For the purpose of this sub-clause service prior to the 1st June, 1946, shall be disregarded.

(c) "Year" means the period between the 1st day of June, in each year and the next 31st day of May.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY.

13. (a) The annual holiday for an employee on weekly hiring, or a casual employee, 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.

(b) In addition to the above, seven day shift workers, that is shift workers who are rostered to work regularly on Sundays and holidays, shall be allowed for each twelve monthly qualifying period one week's leave including non-working days.

(c) Where an employee with twelve months' continuous service is engaged for part of the twelve-monthly period as a seven day shift worker, he shall be entitled to have the period of two weeks' annual leave prescribed by the said Act increased by one half day for each month he is continuously engaged as aforesaid.

(d) If in any twelve-monthly qualifying period a seven day shift worker lawfully leaves his employment or his employment is terminated by the employer through no fault of the employee, the employee shall be paid, in addition to all other amounts (including any payment in lieu of annual leave as prescribed by sub-clause (a) hereof) due to him, an amount equal to one-fiftieth of his ordinary pay for the period of employment as a seven day shift worker.

RIGHT OF ENTRY OF UNION OFFICIALS.

14. A duly accredited representative of the Australian Worker's Union not more than once a fortnight shall have the right to enter during the midday meal hour, the portion of any employer's establishment in which any of the classes of labour covered by this Determination are employed for the purpose of interviewing employees on legitimate union business.

If any representative is unduly interfering or is creating disaffection amongst the employees or is offensive in his methods, the employer may refuse the right of entry.

DEFINITION.

15. Experienced factory operative means an employee who is experienced in at least one classified section of the factory work but is for the time being not required to do such work.

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 by the same amount, and at the same time as such Basic Wage as prescribed by clause 17. Provided that the wages of apprentices and improvers 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.

BASIC WAGE.

Place.	Needs Basic Wage (Adjustable.)	Additional Constant Loading.	Total Basic Wage.	Index Number Set Assigned.
Throughout the State	£ s. d. 5 17 0	s. d. 6 0	£ s. d. 6 3 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 May, 1949, 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 May, an August, a November, or a February, 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. BARNES, J.P., Chairman.

J. W. RYAN, Secretary.

Melbourne, 6th April, 1949.