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Factories and Shops Acts.

DETERMINATION OF THE FURNITURE 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 has the power to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to:—

- (1) any person employed in wholly or partly preparing or manufacturing any article of furniture or in repairing any new or secondhand article of furniture, usually made or partly prepared by cabinet-makers, chair and couch makers, upholsterers, wood carvers, french-polishers, and wood turners;
- (2) any person or persons or classes of persons employed in—
 - (a) fixing or repairing new or secondhand furniture or seating in buildings; or
 - (b) french, wax, or lacquer polishing new or secondhand furniture or fittings in or in connexion with buildings;
- (3) any person or persons, or classes of persons, employed in the trade of designing, making, painting, or decorating—
 - (a) furnishing accessories or novelties, wholly or partly made of wood, such as nut bowls, smokers' or ornamental stands, or fancy boxes;
 - (b) domestic woodware, such as bread boards or salt boxes;
 - (c) walking sticks;
- (4) any person employed in wholly or partly preparing or manufacturing furniture timbers cut to size, veneers, veneered panels, plywood or coreboard, but not including persons subject to the determination of any other Wages Board heretofore appointed;
- (5) any person or persons or classes of persons employed in the manufacturing processes of a maker of overmantels and of wood mantelpieces (other than wood mantelpieces to be painted, such as usually made in sawmills) or in repairing any such overmantels or wood mantelpieces;
- (6) any person or persons, or classes of persons, employed in the manufacturing of wire mattresses;
- (7) any person employed in the manufacture of mattresses or bedding;
- (8) females employed as upholstresses, whether as carpet hands, table hands, or drapery hands; and males employed in planning and laying floor coverings, or fixing draperies, blinds, or screens; and males or females employed in making blinds; but not including persons subject to the jurisdiction of the Tentmakers Board;
- (9) any person or persons or classes of persons employed either inside or outside a factory or workroom in the process, trade, or business of a maker of picture frames, including art picture frames, framed mirrors, and overmantels other than overmantels usually made by cabinet-makers,

has made the following Determination namely:—

1. That, as from the beginning of the first pay period to commence on or after 7th November, 1948, the last previous Determination of this Board shall be revoked and replaced by this Determination.

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WAGES.

2.

Adults, Journeymen and Journeywomen.	Weekly Wages.	
	Within 20 Miles of G.P.O., Melbourne, 10 Miles of G.P.O., Geelong, at Warrnambool, and in the Mildura and Gippsland Districts.	Elsewhere in Victoria.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
GROUP "A"—WOOD MACHINIST, &c.		
1. Boulton's carver machinist	8 7 6	8 4 6
2. Shaping machinist	8 7 6	8 4 6
3. Moulding machinist who grinds his own cutters	8 7 6	8 4 6
4. Wood turner	8 7 6	8 4 6
5. Router machinist	8 7 6	8 4 6
6. Linderman or similar jointer machinist who sets up and is in charge of his machine	8 7 6	8 4 6
7. Band and jig sawyer	8 0 0	7 17 0
8. Circular sawyer	8 0 0	7 17 0
9. Dovetailer machinist	8 0 0	7 17 0
10. Buzzer machinist	8 0 0	7 17 0
11. Planer machinist	8 0 0	7 17 0
12. Thicknesser machinist	8 0 0	7 17 0
13. Glue jointer machinist	8 0 0	7 17 0
14. Tenoner machinist	8 0 0	7 17 0
15. Copying or automatic lathe—employee setting up or operating	8 0 0	7 17 0
16. Morticer machinist	8 0 0	7 17 0
17. Triple drum sander	8 0 0	7 17 0
18. Multiple borer machinist (3 or more bits) who set up and operates	8 0 0	7 17 0
19. Moulding machinist who does not grind his own cutters	8 0 0	7 17 0
20. Sander machinist	7 10 0	7 7 0
21. Boring machinist (less than 3 bits)	7 10 0	7 7 0
22. All other machinists	7 10 0	7 7 0
23. Timber bender	7 10 0	7 7 0
24. Timber stacker	6 15 0	6 12 0
25. Yardman	6 15 0	6 12 0
26. Tailer-out	6 15 0	6 12 0
27. Employees not otherwise classified	6 3 0	6 0 0
GROUP "B"—POLISHING &c.		
1. Polisher	8 7 6	8 4 6
2. Spray hand	7 10 0	7 7 0
3. Employee rubbing down and/or filling and/or varnishing and/or staining	7 10 0	7 7 0
GROUP "C"—GENERAL FURNITURE.		
<i>Males.</i>		
1. Cabinet maker	8 7 6	8 4 6
2. Wood carver	8 7 6	8 4 6
3. Chair frame maker	8 7 6	8 4 6
4. Gramophone case maker or fitter	8 7 6	8 4 6
5. Upholsterer	8 7 6	8 4 6
6. Assembler i.e., an adult worker employed in fitting together by nailing, screwing, gluing or fixing in any manner machine jointed, moulded or finished parts or wooden furniture and who in so doing trims edges and makes minor adjustments	8 2 6	7 19 6
7. Veneer cutter or matcher	8 0 0	7 17 0
8. Stuff over chair or couch frame maker i.e., an adult person who makes frames on which the upholsterers cover all the woodwork except the legs and/or feet and of which the woodwork is prepared by machines	7 10 0	7 7 0
9. Employee cramping furniture and/or mantelpieces	7 10 0	7 7 0
10. Veneer layer or gluer engaged in the preparing or making of veneered panels or plywood or coreboard or partly prepared timber or parts of furniture timber cut to size	7 10 0	7 7 0
11. Employee packing furniture and/or mantelpieces	6 18 0	6 15 0
<i>Females.</i>		
1. Upholstress	5 10 0	5 7 9
2. Veneer matcher	5 10 0	5 7 9
3. Female employed in designing, making, painting or decorating— (a) furnishing accessories or novelties	5 10 0	5 7 9
(b) domestic woodware	5 10 0	5 7 9
(c) walking sticks	5 10 0	5 7 9
* GROUP "D"—BEDDING, BEDSTEADS AND WIRE MATTRESSES.		
<i>(a) Bedding—Males.</i>		
1. Employee engaged on making box spring mattresses and upholstered base supports	8 7 6	8 4 6
2. Reversible inner spring mattress and/or soft mattress maker and/or quilt maker including quilting and/or hand tufting	8 0 0	7 17 0
3. Employee who sets up, adjusts and operates any of the following bedding machines: power tufting; roll edge; tape edge; buttoning; or pre-built border	8 0 0	7 17 0
4. Employee who does not set up or adjust, but only operates any of the following bedding machines: Power tufting; roll edge; tape edge; buttoning; or pre-built border	7 10 0	7 7 0

* Where an employee subject to Group "D", "E", "F", or "G", performs work for which a classification and wage rate is not prescribed in such Group, such employee shall be paid at the rate provided for such work in Group "A", "B" or "C".

Adults, Journeymen and Journeywomen.	Weekly Wages.	
	Within 20 Miles of G.P.O., Melbourne, 10 Miles of G.P.O., Geelong, at Warrnambool, and in the Mildura and Gippsland Districts.	Elsewhere in Victoria.
* GROUP "D"—BEDDING, BEDSTEADS AND WIRE MATTRESSES—continued	<i>£ s. d.</i>	<i>£ s. d.</i>
<i>Females.</i>		
1. Females sewing mattresses, pillows, quilts, cushions, &c.	5 10 0	5 7 9
<i>(b) Bedsteads and Wire Mattresses—</i>		
1. Wire weaver who sets up, adjusts and operates automatic machine	8 7 6	8 4 6
2. Other wire weavers	8 0 0	7 17 0
3. Stretcher up	7 10 0	7 7 0
4. Tacker up	7 10 0	7 7 0
5. Splitter up	7 10 0	7 7 0
6. Mattress spring and/or spring unit maker	8 6 6	8 3 6
<i>(c) Bedstead Assembly—</i>		
1. Employee framing and/or cramping combination bedsteads and/or settees and/or cots	7 10 0	7 7 0
2. Employee setting up to check and packing combination bedsteads and/or settees and/or cots	6 18 0	6 15 0
* GROUP "E"—CARPET PLANNING AND SOFT FURNISHINGS.		
<i>Males.</i>		
1. Carpet planner	8 7 6	8 4 6
2. Sewer or layer of carpets, linos, masonite or any other floor covering	8 2 6	7 19 6
3. Employee cutting and/or fixing and/or sewing loose covers, curtains, drapes or blinds	8 0 0	7 17 0
4. Employees mounting, making or hanging blinds	8 0 0	7 17 0
5. Carpet room assistant	6 18 0	6 15 0
<i>Females.</i>		
1. Carpet sewer	5 11 3	5 9 0
2. Table hand	5 10 0	5 7 9
3. Draping hand or repairer of new goods	5 10 0	5 7 9
4. Shade roller blind maker	5 10 0	5 7 9
5. Cutter of loose covers	5 10 0	5 7 9
6. Cutter of curtains, draperies, or blinds	5 10 0	5 7 9
7. Fancy roller blind maker	5 10 0	5 7 9
* GROUP "F"—PICTURE FRAMES.		
<i>Males.</i>		
1. Stainer who mixes and/or applies stain and/or finishes any kind of wood or compo	8 0 0	7 17 0
2. Mount cutter	7 10 0	7 7 0
3. Mounter	7 10 0	7 7 0
4. Joiner	7 10 0	7 7 0
5. Gilder or bronzer	7 10 0	7 7 0
<i>Females.</i>		
1. Mounting and/or fitting	4 17 6	4 15 3
* GROUP "G"—REFRIGERATORS (OTHER THAN ICE)		
1. Cabinet maker	8 7 6	8 4 6
2. Painter and/or enameller, spray or brush on coats other than priming	8 7 6	8 4 6
3. Painter and/or enameller, spray or brush on prime coats	7 10 0	7 7 0
4. Wet rubbing on prime coats	7 10 0	7 7 0

* Where an employee subject to Group "D", "E", "F", or "G", performs work for which a classification and wage rate is not prescribed in such Group, such employee shall be paid at the rate provided for such work in Group "A", "B", or "C".

APPRENTICES AND IMPROVERS—RATES OF PAY.

3. The following shall be the rates of pay for apprentices and improvers:—

	Within 20 Miles of G.P.O., Melbourne, 10 Miles of G.P.O., Geelong, at Warrnambool, and in the Mildura and Gippsland Districts.	Elsewhere in Victoria.
	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
<i>Male Apprentices.</i>		
5 year term—		
1st year's experience	29 6	28 6
2nd year's experience	41 0	40 0
3rd year's experience	58 6	57 0
4th year's experience	88 0	85 6
5th year's experience	111 6	108 6
4 year term—		
1st year's experience	35 0	34 6
2nd year's experience	58 6	57 0
3rd year's experience	88 0	85 6
4th year's experience	111 6	108 6

APPRENTICES AND IMPROVERS—RATES OF PAY—*continued.*

		Within 20 Miles of G.P.O., Melbourne, 10 Miles of G.P.O., Geelong, at Warrnambool, and in the Mildura and Gippsland Districts.	Elsewhere in Victoria.
<i>Male Improvers.</i>			
Under 16 years of age	.. .. .	26 0	25 6
16 years and under 17	.. .. .	29 6	28 6
17 years and under 18	.. .. .	41 0	40 0
18 years and under 19	.. .. .	58 6	57 0
19 years and under 20	.. .. .	88 0	85 6
20 years and under 21	.. .. .	111 6	108 6
<i>Female Apprentices.</i>			
1st year's experience	.. .. .	41 0	40 0
2nd year's experience	.. .. .	58 6	57 0
3rd year's experience	.. .. .	77 6	76 0
4th year's experience	.. .. .	88 6	86 0
(A female shall not be apprenticed until she is 16 years of age.)			
<i>Female Improvers.</i>			
16 years and under	.. .. .	29 6	28 6
17 years ..	.. .. .	41 0	40 0
18 years ..	.. .. .	58 6	57 0
19 years ..	.. .. .	77 6	76 0
20 years ..	.. .. .	88 6	86 0

APPRENTICES AND IMPROVERS—PROPORTIONATE NUMBERS.

4. (a) (i) Males.—One male apprentice shall be allowed to the first three adult male workers or fraction thereof, and thereafter one additional apprentice to every three such workers.
- (ii) Female.—One female apprentice shall be allowed to each adult female worker.
- (b) (i) One male improver shall be allowed to each six adult male workers or fraction thereof: provided that at least three adult male workers must be employed before a male improver can be employed.
- In the case of wire mattresses and bedding sections where no apprentices are employed, one male improver shall be allowed to each four adult male workers or fraction thereof.
- Provided that in the picture frame section one male improver shall be allowed to each three adult male workers or fraction thereof.
- (ii) One female improver shall be allowed to each six adult female workers or fraction thereof.
- Provided that in the wire mattress and bedding sections where no female apprentices are employed, one female improver shall be allowed to each four adult female workers or fraction thereof.
- (c) The proportion of apprentices or improvers shall be based on the average number of adult workers employed for the preceding six months in each workshop or factory.
- (d) The terms "adult male workers" and "adult female workers" shall mean adults whose wages are prescribed by this Determination and include a proprietor working in his factory; provided that an apprentice shall not be an adult worker until he has completed his term of apprenticeship prescribed by this Determination.
- (e) Where an improver becomes indentured to any trade the time spent in such trade as an improver shall count as part of the term of apprenticeship.
- (f) A probationary period of three months shall be allowed before a person is indentured for the first time, but the period of probation shall be treated as part of the period of apprenticeship.

APPRENTICESHIP.

5. (a) *Apprenticeship Trades.*—For the purpose of indentures the following shall be apprenticed trades:—
- Furniture.*—Cabinet making, wood carving, wood turning, chair and couch making, polishing, upholstering, machining—instruction and practice in four of the following machines:—
- Boult's carver or shaper, moulding machine, band saw, jig saw, circular saw, dovetailer, buzzer, planer, glue jointer, tenoner, copying lathe and automatic lathe.
- Furnishings.*—Carpet planning and floor coverings, soft furnishing.
- Wire Mattresses.*—Wire weaving, wire mattress making.
- Polishing.*
- Machining.*—Instruction and practice in four of the following machines:—
- Boult's carver or shaper, moulding machine, band saw, jig saw, circular saw, dovetailer, buzzer, planer, glue jointer, tenoner, copying lathe and automatic lathe.
- Bedding.*—Mattress making.
- Provided that in all types of machining instruction and practice shall be given in one of the following machines, viz., shaper, moulder or router.
- (b) *Term of Apprenticeship.*
- (i) *Males.*—The term of apprenticeship for those entering apprenticeship trades between the ages of fourteen and seventeen years shall be five years, and for those entering apprenticeship trades in their eighteenth and nineteenth years shall be four years.
- (ii) *Females.*—The term of apprenticeship for females shall be four years.
- (c) *General Conditions of Apprenticeship.*
- (i) The provisions of this Determination governing holidays and for sick pay shall apply to all apprentices whether the apprenticeship was commenced before or after the date of the coming into force of this Determination.

- (ii) All present contracts of apprenticeship shall be deemed to include and all future contracts of apprenticeship shall include 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.

If there occurs a breakdown of power necessitating the standing down of adult employees, apprentices may also be stood down over the same period.

(d) *Technical Training.*

- (i) On an apprentice producing a certificate from the Technical College stating that he has a record of 70 per cent. of attendance at the Technical College, his employer shall refund to him his Technical College class fees.
- (ii) Every apprentice who obtains, and produces to his employer, a certificate (or statement in lieu of same) of competency issued for any year of his technical education by the Technical College shall be entitled to 2s. 6d. per week in addition to the rates of wages prescribed for the ensuing twelve months. Every apprentice who produces to his employer a series of such certificates relating to each of the three years of his technical education shall be entitled to 5s. per week, in addition to the prescribed rates of wages for the remainder of his term of apprenticeship.

CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT.

6. (i) Except as in this Determination provided, all employees shall be employed by the week. Employees to become entitled to payment of wages prescribed by this Determination must be available and ready and willing to perform such work as the employer shall from time to time require on the days and during the hours usually worked by the class of employees affected. Where the majority of the employees of any establishment or of any department of such establishment agree to work part time for any period or to close down for any period on days other than the prescribed holidays, the provisions of the weekly wages shall not apply to any employee of such establishment or department during such periods.

Employment for the first week of service at any time shall be from hour to hour at the weekly rate fixed.

Terminating Employment.

(ii) (a) Employment to be terminated only by a week's notice on either side, and such notice may be given at any time during the week or in lieu thereof payment or forfeiture of a week's wages. This shall not affect the right of the employer to dismiss any employee without notice for malingering, inefficiency, neglect of duty or misconduct, or to deduct payment for any time the employee cannot be usefully employed because of any strike, or through any breakdown of machinery, or any stoppage of work by any cause for which the employer cannot reasonably be held responsible.

(b) An employer shall not terminate the employment of a weekly employee for the purpose of evading payment for the holidays prescribed by this Determination.

(c) Where an employee is dismissed within seven days prior to any such holiday the re-engagement of such employee within seven days after such holiday shall be prima facie evidence that the employment was terminated for the purpose of evading payment for such holiday.

(d) Where the employer terminates the employment within one week of a day on which a holiday occurs, the employee shall be paid for such holiday or holidays prescribed by this Determination, provided that such employee had been employed by the employer for a period of at least one week prior to the termination of the employment.

LIMITATION OF EMPLOYMENT.

7. (a) Except as hereinafter provided no weekly employee shall work for more than one employer during any week, nor shall any employee make or assist in the production of goods for sale on his own account.

(b) Employers may, by mutual arrangement between the employers and employees concerned provide for temporary transfer of employees during the ordinary working hours of the week but, except for this provision, no employer shall employ any person at any time who is already engaged by another employer.

(c) The provisions of this clause shall not affect the right of any employee to transfer from one employer to another after properly terminating his engagement in accordance with the terms of Clause 6 hereof.

CASUAL LABOUR.

8. (a) Casual labour at hourly rates may be engaged provided the rates are 10 per centum higher than those prescribed for weekly hands.

(b) "Casual Labour" means labour where an employer does not provide a full week's work, but does not include a weekly hand whose engagement is terminated in the middle of the week.

DEFINITIONS.

9. (a) "A Journeyman" is a person other than an apprentice who :—

(i) has served the time prescribed by this Determination as an apprentice; or

(ii) not being an apprentice, has attained the age of 21 years; or

(iii) at any time within three calendar months prior to this Determination coming into operation was in receipt of at least the minimum weekly wage prescribed for the class of work on which such person is engaged whether on time or piece-work.

(b) "A Journeywoman" is a person other than an apprentice who :—

(i) has served the time prescribed by this Determination as an apprentice; or

(ii) not being an apprentice, has attained the age of 21 years; or

(iii) at any time within three calendar months prior to this Determination coming into operation was in receipt of at least the minimum weekly wage prescribed for the class of work on which such person is engaged whether on time or piece-work.

(c) "An Apprentice" is a person who is bound by indentures of apprenticeship.

(d) Subject to sub-clauses (a) and (b) hereof "an Improver" is a person under the age of 21 years who is not an indentured apprentice or journeyman or journeywoman.

HOURS OF WORK.

10. (a) The ordinary hours of employment per week shall be 40 to be worked in five days of eight hours per day.

(b) The hours of employment may be worked at any time between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Monday to Friday inclusive.

SHIFT WORK.

(See Section 39 of the *Factories and Shops Act 1928* re prohibition of work outside certain prescribed hours.)

11. Shift work may be worked and where such shift work is worked the following conditions shall apply:—
- (a) Any afternoon or night shift which does not continue for five successive shifts shall be paid for at the rate of time and a half.
 - (b) Except as hereinafter provided, for any afternoon or night shift which has been in operation for five successive shifts or more and 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, 7½ per cent. more than ordinary rates shall be paid.
 - (c) Shift workers shall be paid overtime at the rate of time and a half for the first four hours and double time thereafter for all time worked in excess of shift hours.
 - (d) Employees who during a period of engagement work only on night shifts shall be paid at the rate of time and a quarter.
 - (e) When employees are called upon to work afternoon and night shifts only they shall change over week and week about and shall be paid 10 per cent. above ordinary rates for both shifts.
 - (f) When employees work day and afternoon shifts only they shall change over week and week about and shall be paid 10 per cent. extra for afternoon shifts.
 - (g) The ordinary hours of actual work or duty exclusive of meal breaks off duty (if any) of employees working on shift shall not exceed—
 - (i) 8 in any one day; or
 - (ii) 44 in any one week; or
 - (iii) an average of 40 per week during any period of three weeks of such employment upon such shifts.
 - (h) Employees on shift work shall be paid at the rate of time and a quarter for all work performed between midnight on Friday and midnight on Saturday.

OVERTIME.

12. (a) Except in the case of shift work all time worked:—
- (i) before or after the usual times of beginning and ending work;
 - (ii) in excess of eight hours per day;
 - (iii) in excess of 40 hours in any week;
- shall be paid for at the rate of time and one half for the first two hours and double time thereafter: provided that all time worked between the hours of 9 p.m. and 7.30 a.m. shall be paid for at double time.
- (b) All work done outside the times of beginning and ending work on any holiday specified in clauses 21 and 22 of this Determination shall be paid for at the rate of double ordinary time.
- (c) No person under the age of seventeen years shall be permitted to work more than four hours' overtime in any week.
- (d) In computing overtime each day's work shall stand alone.
- (e) All work performed on Saturday morning shall be considered as overtime and paid for at the rate of time and a half for the first four hours and double time thereafter.
- (f) An employer may require any employee to work reasonable overtime at overtime rates and such employee shall work overtime in accordance with such requirement.

MID-DAY MEAL.

13. An interval of 45 minutes shall be allowed for the midday meal between the hours of noon and 2 p.m. but such interval may be reduced to 30 minutes if an employer and the Union mutually arrange for a 30 minutes break.

MEAL MONEY.

14. All employees required to work beyond the usual finishing time shall be allowed 2s. 6d. tea money in addition to overtime rates as prescribed for in this Determination when the usual finishing time is exceeded by two hours.

MATERIALS TO BE PROVIDED.

15. Any person employed in wholly or partly preparing or manufacturing any article of furniture or in preparing any new or second hand article of furniture shall be paid 6d. per hour in addition to the lowest rate fixed by this Determination, unless the following are provided by the employer if required in the performance of the work:—

Benches, wood or iron clamps over 2 feet 6 inches, hand screws (in excess of four), glue pots and glue brushes and varnish brushes.

Any employee engaged at french polishing shall be supplied with all materials, including rags, brushes and kit-box.

WASHING TIME FOR POLISHERS.

16. Employees engaged in the polishing shop shall be granted five minutes before ceasing time for washing purposes.

TRAVELLING TIME ALLOWANCE AND BOARD.

17. (a) All times reasonably occupied by an employee in travelling to or from work outside the shop and outside ordinary hours and in travelling to and from work in a country district if engaged in any of the capital cities for employment in a country district shall be treated as time of duty and paid for at ordinary rates up to a maximum of eight hours for the journey, except on Sundays, when time and half rates shall be paid up to a maximum of eight hours for the journey. Provided that, where an employee proceeds direct from his or her home to a job outside the shop, he or she shall be paid for all time reasonably occupied in travelling to the job in excess of the time usually taken to go from his or her home to the shop.

(b) All fares and reasonable travelling expenses incurred by an employee in such travelling, including the cost, if any, incurred for meals—together with the reasonable cost of board and lodging if the employee has to be away from his home for a night, shall be paid to the employee.

(c) The fares allowed shall be first class on coastal boats or on interstate boats where there is no second class as distinct from steerage. On trains where the employee has to travel all night in connexion with his employer's business, the fares to be allowed shall be first class. In other cases on trains the fares shall be second class.

(d) The foregoing travelling and accommodation allowances shall be paid additional to the usual rates for the time the employees are working.

(e) When it is more convenient for the employee to go direct to the job from his home he shall do so, and start and cease work at the usual times customary at the shop, provided that any extra expense incurred by him in travelling shall be borne by the employer.

REST PERIOD.

18. When any spell of duty is for more than four hours, an interval of ten minutes, to be selected by the employer, shall be allowed in the third hour to females for refreshment. The interval shall be as part of the time of duty, without deduction of time-work pay. During such rest period the employees may leave their seats, but not the premises.

An interval of five minutes to be selected by the employer shall be allowed to male employees on the same conditions as the allowance to females herein.

SEATING ACCOMMODATION.

19. (a) All chairs provided for employees shall be reasonably comfortable.

(b) A chair provided for any female shall have a back to it, unless the work of such employee cannot conveniently be done in such a chair, or unless the employee requests to be allowed to use a seat without a back to it.

PAY DAY.

20. (a) All employees shall be paid weekly not later than Thursday.

(b) No employer shall hold more than two days' pay in hand except under the provisions of clause 23—Loaded Rate.

(c) Any employee kept waiting for his pay on pay day for more than a quarter of an hour after the usual time for ceasing work shall be paid overtime rates for that quarter of an hour and as for a quarter of an hour at the least.

(d) Any employee dismissed during the course of a week shall have any wages due to him paid to him forthwith or posted to him within 24 hours of his dismissal.

(e) Should an employee leave his employment without giving a week's notice as required by this Determination any moneys, due to him after forfeiture of pay to one week's wages, shall be paid to him within one week after he leaves his employment.

HOLIDAYS.

21. The following days shall be observed as holidays for all weekly wage employees—the days observed as New Year's Day, Australia Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Labour Day, Anzac Day, King's Birthday, Melbourne Cup Day, Christmas Day, and Boxing Day. All work done on the said holidays shall be paid for at ordinary rates in addition to the provisions of sub-clause (b) of clause 23.

PAYMENT FOR WORK ON HOLIDAYS AND SUNDAYS.

22. (a) Any timework employee who is employed on any holiday provided for in clause 21 shall be paid at the rate of the ordinary time in addition to the usual rate.

(b) All work done on Sundays shall be paid for at the rate of double time.

LOADED RATE TO COVER HOLIDAYS SICK LEAVE AND ANNUAL LEAVE.

23. (a) All weekly wage employees shall be granted their annual leave at Christmas time. Such leave shall consist of fourteen consecutive days which shall be exclusive of any of the holidays prescribed by clause 21 hereof and if any of such holidays falls within the period of annual leave and is observed on a day which would have been an ordinary working day there shall be added to the period of annual leave one working day for each such holiday falling as aforesaid.

The representatives of the parties shall meet not later than three months before Christmas for the purpose of determining the date on which the factories shall close down for the annual leave and Christmas-New Year holidays.

Provided that skeleton staffs may be retained in the following sections of the industry and for the purposes mentioned :—

(i) In all Sections where employers are under contract to service ships in port;

(ii) In Retail shops for the purpose of servicing furniture;

(iii) In any other Section where the said representatives of the parties consider special provision necessary.

(b) Loaded rate shall provide credits from which payment for holidays annual leave and sick pay shall be made under the following conditions :—

(i) Each weekly wage employee shall be credited by the employer with a sum equal to 4½ hours pay for each week of continuous service.

(ii) On or before the pay day preceding a holiday, the amount of time that the employee will work short because of the holiday, and the wage equivalent of such time shall be ascertained.

(iii) If on the pay day following the holiday there is standing to the credit of the employee an amount equal to or exceeding the amount of such wage equivalent the employer shall on that pay day pay to the employee an amount equal to that wage equivalent and the employee's credit shall be reduced by the amount so paid. Provided that in the case of Christmas-New Year holidays any payments due under this paragraph will be made on the day preceding such holidays.

(iv) If on the pay day following the holiday the amount standing to such credit is less than such wage equivalent the employer shall on that pay day pay to the employee the amount then standing to such credit and the employee's credit shall be reduced by the amount so paid. Provided that in the case of Christmas-New Year holidays any payment due under this paragraph will be made on the pay day preceding such holidays.

(v) In the event of an employee being absent owing to personal sickness or personal accident arising out of or in the course of his employment the employer shall on or before the pay day following the commencement of such absence ascertain the amount standing to the credit of such employee and shall if there be sufficient standing to the employee's credit to cover him for such absence not in excess of the number of ordinary working hours in a week pay to him such amount and if there be not sufficient for this purpose then the employer shall pay to the employee such amount as is standing to his credit and such credit shall be reduced by the amount paid pursuant to this sub-clause. If the credit is insufficient to cover the employee for his absence through sickness or accident as above stated the employee may at his own request be paid the difference when he has accumulated sufficient credit to cover the necessary amount.

(vi) On the pay day preceding the Christmas holidays the employer shall pay to the employee such amount as is then standing to the employee's credit plus credits up to the end of the fifty-second week in the year.

(vii) In the event of an employee being absent for any cause other than statutory holidays, annual leave, personal sickness or personal accident arising out of or in the course of his employment not in excess of the number of ordinary working hours in a week in any year the employer may reduce the amount to be credited to such employee by an amount *pro rata* to such absence.

(c) Provided that on and after the 8th day of January, 1948, the loaded rate to be credited under sub-clause (b) (i) above to each weekly wage employee shall be 4 hours pay for each week of continuous service and shall be continued each year from the beginning of the second week in each year until the end of the fifty-first week in each year.

BOILING WATER.

24. Employers shall make available an adequate and proper supply of boiling water at rest periods and at meal hours.

INSURANCE OF TOOLS.

25. Employers shall insure the tools of trade of each employee in the furniture section against loss by fire up to a maximum of £20.

FIRST-AID OUTFIT.

26. Every factory, shop, or workshop or place in which power-driven machinery is used shall have a first-aid chest upon the premises, which chest shall contain the following equipment:—

Antiseptic solution 1 bottle; Bandages, cotton and gauze 1 dozen assorted sizes; Castor oil 2 ozs; Iodine, tincture of 2 ozs; Manual, First-aid 1; Petrolatum carbolized 1 jar; Picric acid solution made according to the following recipe or prescription:— $1\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoonful of powdered picric acid, 3 ozs. of absolute alcohol, and 2 pints distilled water; 1 pint; Pins, safety 1 packet; sal volatile 6 ozs; Scissors 1 pair; Tourniquet 1; Tweezers 1 pair; Gauze, sterilized plain, Cotton absorbent, Lint absorbent, Plaster, adhesive, an adequate assortment.

TIME AND WAGES BOOK OR RECORD.

27. (a) Employers shall provide at each shop, factory or place where work is being carried on, a time book or record which shall contain a correct account written up in the English language of the hours worked and the wages received by each employee. Such time book or record shall be kept correctly entered up in ink and shall be open for inspection by a duly accredited official of the Federated Furnishing Trade Society of Australasia during the usual office hours at the office or other convenient place.

Provided that no inspection shall be demanded unless the accredited official of the Federated Furnishing Trade Society of Australasia suspects that a breach of this Determination has been or is being committed, and provided also that only one demand for such inspection shall be made in any one fortnight at the same establishment. The official making such inspection shall be entitled to take a copy of entries in any time and wages book relating to the suspected breach of this Determination.

(b) The time occupied by an employee in filling in any time book or cards or in making any records, shall be treated as time of duty; but this clause does not apply to "checking" in or out at beginning or end of duty.

MIXED FUNCTIONS.

28. Where an employee is engaged in any one week for more than half of such week at work in a higher class than he or she is employed to perform, he or she shall be paid for the full week at the highest rate payable for any such work under the Determination; but if he or she is engaged for more than half of any one day he or she shall be so paid for the whole day. If the period on the higher class of work is less than half a week or half a day then he or she shall be paid at the rates fixed for the work he or she actually performs.

RIGHT OF ENTRY OF UNION OFFICIAL.

29. A duly accredited representative of the Federated Furnishing Trade Society of Australasia shall have the right to enter employers' workshops during the midday meal hour for the purposes of interviewing employees on legitimate union business on the following conditions:—

- (a) That he produces his authority to the gatekeeper or such other person as may be appointed by the employer.
- (b) That he interviews employees only at the places where they are taking their meal.
- (c) That not more than one representative in all be in any workshop at any one time.
- (d) That no one representative visit a workshop more than once in each week.
- (e) That if any employer alleges that a representative is unduly interfering with his workshop or is creating disaffection amongst his employees or is offensive in his methods or in committing a breach of any of the previous conditions such employer may refuse the right of entry but the representative shall have the right to bring such refusal before the Wages Board.

SHOP STEWARDS.

30. In cases where shop stewards have been appointed and recognized by the employers the practice shall continue until the Wages Board otherwise orders. In all other cases where such appointment is approved of by the employer or his representative and the Federated Furnishing Trade Society of Australasia appoints one of the employees for any particular shop or department he shall be allowed the necessary time to interview the employer or his representative at the shop in working hours on any matter affecting employees working in his shop or department.

UNION DELEGATES.

31. Where the appointment of a shop steward is not approved of or recognized by the employer a delegate chosen by and from the employees in the shop or factory concerned shall be allowed the necessary time to interview the employer or his representative at the works in working hours for the purpose of submitting grievances.

NOTICE BOARDS.

32. (a) The employer shall permit notice boards to be erected in his establishment for the purpose of posting any notices thereon in connexion with the meetings of the Federated Furnishing Trade Society of Australasia.

(b) The notice boards shall be in a prominent position.

(c) All notices placed on the board shall be signed by the Branch Secretary of the Federated Furnishing Trade Society of Australasia.

DETERMINATION TO BE POSTED.

33. A copy of this Determination shall be posted in a prominent place in the workroom, factory, store or shop.

WORK TO BE DONE IN FACTORY SHOP OR PLACE.

34. (a) All work shall be done in a factory, shop or place duly registered under State Laws: but this shall not prevent an employer sending employees from his factory, shop or place to any building or ship for the purpose of repairing, completing, fitting or fixing any work covered by this Determination.

(b) For the purposes of this Determination "factory, shop or place" means a place in which one or more person is or are employed in which articles covered by this Determination are repaired, prepared or manufactured.

(c) No persons shall use or allow or permit to be used as a sleeping place any part of a factory, shop or place.

SECONDHAND UPHOLSTERING, BEDDING, FLOOR COVERINGS AND/OR SOFT FURNISHINGS.

35. (a) Employees working on second hand upholstery, bedding, floor coverings and/or soft furnishings shall be paid 25 per cent. in addition to the ordinary rate.

(b) Before any work is performed on second-hand bedding it shall be vacuum fumigated.

(c) Secondhand upholstery for the purpose of this clause shall mean—

- (i) all work done while stripping old materials and preparing the job for the use of new materials ;
- (ii) patching ;
- (iii) replacing flock fibre or stuffing taken from the job and replaced ;
- (iv) replacing old covers on Dunlopillo or other sponge rubber—

but shall not mean—

- (i) the cutting and sewing of new materials where such work is done away from the job ;
- (ii) the placing of new materials on the job where such job has been reduced to the frame or where springs and/or webbing are left ; or
- (iii) the replacing of new covers on Dunlopillo or other sponge rubber ; or
- (iv) the replacing of new upholstery on old material after such old material is wholly covered by new hession or new material.

(d) All work on floor coverings and soft furnishings once they have been laid and fixed shall be classed as secondhand unless such floor coverings or soft furnishings have been thoroughly cleansed by subjection to a dry-cleaning process in the case of soft furnishings and to a shampooing process involving lifting in the case of floor coverings: Provided, however, that the secondhand rate shall at all times apply to sewers of secondhand floor coverings.

(e) In the event of any dispute arising as to whether work is secondhand the workman or a shop steward on his behalf or the employer or the foreman on his behalf shall be entitled within 24 hours to ask for a decision on the dispute by the Wages Board.

PIECE-WORK.

36. (a) The employer in conjunction with his employees may fix his own piece-work or task rates, provided such rates enable a journeyman or journeywoman of average capacity working under like conditions to earn at least 10 per centum more than the minimum weekly wage in their respective classes. The same piece-work rates shall be paid to all piece-workers doing the same operation in the factory or workshop whether they be apprentices or improvers on piece-work or otherwise.

(b) All piece-workers who are available and ready and willing to work during the ordinary working hours shall be paid in each week :—In the case of males, not less than the base rate ; and in the case of females, not less than 75 per centum of the base rate.

(c) In the event of a dispute with reference to piece-work rates the matter shall be referred to the Wages Board.

CONTRACT WORK.

37. An employee working on weekly engagement shall not perform work (except under the prescribed conditions for piece-work in clause 36) by contracting, sub-contracting, sub-letting or other similar systems.

PERIODICAL ADJUSTMENT OF WAGES.

38. The wages rates set out in clause 2 are based upon the following basic wage for adult males, and, pursuant to the provisions of Section 21 of the *Factories and Shops Act 1934* shall be automatically adjusted as prescribed by clause 39.

Place.	Needs Basic Wage for Adult Males (Adjustable).	Loading (Constant).	Total Basic Wage for Adult Males	Index Number Set Assigned.
Within 20 miles of G.P.O., Melbourne—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	Melbourne
Males	5 14 0	0 6 0	6 0 0	
Within 10 miles of G.P.O., Geelong, same as the contemporaneous basic wage and minimum wage for Melbourne				
Warrnambool, same as the contemporaneous basic wage and minimum wage for Melbourne				
Mildura and Gippsland districts, same as the contemporaneous basic wage and minimum wage for Melbourne				
Yallourn, until further order the same amount in excess of Melbourne as at present, viz., 6s. 6d. per week				
Elsewhere, 3s. less than the contemporaneous basic wage and minimum wage for Melbourne				

ADJUSTMENT OF BASIC WAGE.

39. (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, 1949, the amounts of the Basic Wage shall be as prescribed in clause 38.

(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.

(d) The minimum rate of wage to be paid to adult females shall be 75 per cent. of the total basic wage for adult males as provided in clause 38.

(e) The rates for piece-workers shall be increased or decreased in the same proportion as the rate for the journeymen or journeywomen in the respective classes.

MARGINS.

40. In addition to the basic wage prescribed in Clause 38 and the minimum wage for females prescribed in Clause 39, the following additional margins (including war loadings) shall be paid :—

Classification.	Margin.
GROUP "A"—WOOD MACHINIST, &C.	
	£ s. d.
1. Boul't's carver machinist	2 7 6
2. Shaping machinist	2 7 6
3. Moulding machinist who grinds his own cutters	2 7 6
4. Wood turner	2 7 6
5. Router machinist	2 7 6
6. Linderman or similar jointer machinist who sets up and is in charge of his machine	2 7 6
7. Band and jig sawyer	2 0 0
8. Circular sawyer	2 0 0
9. Dovetailer machinist	2 0 0
10. Buzzer machinist	2 0 0
11. Planer machinist	2 0 0
12. Thicknesser machinist	2 0 0
13. Glue jointer machinist	2 0 0
14. Tenoner machinist	2 0 0
15. Copying or automatic lathe—employee setting up or operating	2 0 0
16. Morticer machinist	2 0 0
17. Triple drum sander	2 0 0
18. Multiple borer machinist (3 or more bits) who set up and operates	2 0 0
19. Moulding machinist who does not grind his own cutters	2 0 0
20. Sander machinist	1 10 0
21. Boring machinist (less than 3 bits)	1 10 0
22. All other machinists	1 10 0
23. Timber bender	1 10 0
24. Timber stacker	0 15 0
25. Yardman	0 15 0
26. Tailer-out	0 15 0
27. Employees not otherwise classified	0 3 0
GROUP "B"—POLISHING, &C.	
1. Polisher	2 7 6
2. Spray hand	1 10 0
3. Employee rubbing down and/or filling and/or varnishing and/or staining	1 10 0
GROUP "C"—GENERAL FURNITURE.	
<i>Males.</i>	
1. Cabinet maker	2 7 6
2. Wood carver	2 7 6
3. Chair frame maker	2 7 6
4. Gramophone case maker or fitter	2 7 6
5. Upholsterer	2 7 6
6. Assembler, i.e., an adult worker employed in fitting together by nailing, screwing, glueing, or fixing in any manner machine jointed, moulded, or finished parts or wooden furniture and who in so doing trims edges and makes minor adjustments	2 2 6
7. Veneer cutter or matcher	2 0 0
8. Stuff over chair or couch frame maker, i.e., an adult person who makes frames on which the upholsterers cover all the woodwork except the legs and/or feet and of which the woodwork is prepared by machines	1 10 0
9. Employee cramping furniture and/or mantelpieces	1 10 0
10. Veneer layer or gluer engaged in the preparing or making of veneered panels of plywood or coreboard or partly prepared timber or parts of furniture timber cut to size	1 10 0
11. Employee packing furniture and/or mantelpieces	0 18 0
<i>Females.</i>	
1. Upholstress	1 0 0
2. Veneer matcher	1 0 0
3. Female employed in designing, making, painting, or decorating— (a) furnishing accessories or novelties	1 0 0
(b) domestic woodware	1 0 0
(c) walking sticks	1 0 0
GROUP "D"—BEDDING, BEDSTEADS, AND WIRE MATTRESSES.	
<i>Males.</i>	
(a) Bedding—	
1. Employee engaged on making box spring mattresses and upholstered base supports	2 7 6
2. Reversible inner spring mattress and/or soft mattress maker and/or quilt maker including quilting and/or hand tufting	2 0 0
3. Employee who sets up, adjusts, and operates any of the following bedding machines :—power tufting ; roll edge ; tape edge ; buttoning ; or pre-built border	2 0 0
4. Employee who does not set up or adjust, but only operates any of the following bedding machines :—Power tufting ; roll edge ; tape edge ; buttoning ; or pre-built border	1 10 0

Classification.	Margin.
GROUP "D"—BEDDING, BEDSTEADS AND WIRE MATTRESSES.—<i>continued.</i>	
<i>Females.</i>	
1. Females sewing mattresses, pillows, quilts, cushions, &c.	£ s. d. 1 0 0
<i>(b) Bedsteads and Wire Mattresses—</i>	
1. Wire weaver who sets up, adjusts, and operates automatic machine	2 7 6
2. Other wire weavers	2 0 0
3. Stretcher up	1 10 0
4. Tacker up	1 10 0
5. Splitter up	1 10 0
6. Mattress spring and/or spring unit maker	2 6 6
<i>(c) Bedstead Assembly—</i>	
1. Employee framing and/or cramping combination bedsteads and/or settees and/or cots	1 10 0
2. Employee setting up to check and packing combination bedsteads and/or settees and/or cots	0 18 0
GROUP "E"—CARPET PLANNING AND SOFT FURNISHINGS.	
<i>Males.</i>	
1. Carpet planner	2 7 6
2. Sewer or layer of carpets, linos, masonite, or any other floor covering	2 2 6
3. Employee cutting and/or fixing and/or sewing loose covers, curtains, drapes, or blinds	2 0 0
4. Employees mounting, making, or hanging blinds	2 0 0
5. Carpet room assistant	0 18 0
<i>Females.</i>	
1. Carpet sewer	1 1 3
2. Table hand	1 0 0
3. Draping hand or repairer of new goods	1 0 0
4. Shade roller blind maker	1 0 0
5. Cutter of loose covers	1 0 0
6. Cutter of curtains, drapes, or blinds	1 0 0
7. Fancy roller blind maker	1 0 0
GROUP "F"—PICTURE FRAMES.	
<i>Males.</i>	
1. Stainer who mixes and/or applies stain and/or finishes any kind of wood or compo	2 0 0
2. Mount cutter	1 10 0
3. Moulder	1 10 0
4. Joiner	1 10 0
5. Gilder or bronzer	1 10 0
<i>Females.</i>	
1. Mounting and/or fitting	0 7 6
GROUP "G"—REFRIGERATORS (OTHER THAN ICE).	
1. Cabinet maker	2 7 6
2. Painter and/or enameller, spray or brush on coats other than priming	2 7 6
3. Painter and/or enameller, spray or brush on prime coats	1 10 0
4. Wet rubbing on prime coats	1 10 0

Provided that all other adult females in any group employed on work for which a male margin of 40s. or over is prescribed shall receive a margin equal to 50 per centum of the male margin, but, if the male margin is less than 40s., they shall receive a margin equal to 25 per centum of the male margin. Where there is no male margin prescribed for their work they shall be paid a margin of 4s. per week.

The wages of apprentices and improvers shall be the undermentioned percentages of the Needs Basic Wage, and, in addition thereto, the loadings specified. Calculated to the nearest sixpence, threepence, or less than threepence to be disregarded.

—	Percentage of Needs Basic Wage.	Loading.
<i>Male Apprentices.</i>		
<i>s. d.</i>		
Five-year Term—		
1st year's experience	25	1 0
2nd year's experience	35	1 0
3rd year's experience	50	1 6
4th year's experience	75	2 6
5th year's experience	95	3 0
Four-year Term—		
1st year's experience	30	1 0
2nd year's experience	50	1 6
3rd year's experience	75	2 6
4th year's experience	95	3 0

	Percentage of Needs Basic Wage.	Loading.
<i>Male Improvers.</i>		
Under 16 years of age	22½	0 6
16 and under 17 years of age	25	1 0
17 and under 18 years of age	35	1 0
18 and under 19 years of age	50	1 6
19 and under 20 years of age	75	2 6
20 and under 21 years of age	95	3 0
<i>Female Apprentices.</i>		
1st year's experience	35	1 0
2nd years' experience	50	1 6
3rd year's experience	66	2 6
4th year's experience	75	3 0
<i>Female Improvers.</i>		
16 years and under	25	1 0
17 years	35	1 0
18 years	50	1 6
19 years	66	2 6
20 years	75	3 0

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Melbourne, 23rd November, 1948.