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Factories and Shops Acts.

DETERMINATION OF THE FILEMAKERS 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 appointed to "determine the lowest rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons, excluding smiths (iron, brass, or copper), electrical fitters, electrical mechanics, machinist (1st and 2nd class), toolmakers, tradesmen, engineers, welders (1st and 2nd class), and patternmakers employed in the process, trade, or business of manufacturing or preparing files or rasps of any description for use as tools of trade," has made the following Determination, namely:—:

1. That on the 23rd December, 1948, the last previous Determination of this Board shall be revoked and replaced by this Determination.

2.

Wages per Week of 40 hours.

Adults.	Within 20 Miles of G.P.O., Melbourne; 10 Miles of G.P.O., Geelong; at Warrnambool and within Mildura and Gippsland Districts.	At Yallourn.	Other Parts of Victoria.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
File chisel whetter	7 18 0	8 4 6	7 15 0
File inspector—First class	7 13 0	7 19 6	7 10 0
File inspector (other)—			
(a) First three months' experience as such	7 2 0	7 8 6	6 19 0
(b) Thereafter	7 7 0	7 13 6	7 4 0
Automatic file blanking machine operator—			
(a) First three months' experience as such	7 2 0	7 8 6	6 19 0
(b) Thereafter	7 13 0	7 19 6	7 10 0
File outter—			
(a) First three months' experience as such	7 2 0	7 8 6	6 19 0
(b) Thereafter	7 13 0	7 19 6	7 10 0
Hand hammer file forger—			
(a) First three months' experience as such	7 2 0	7 8 6	6 19 0
(b) Thereafter	7 13 0	7 19 6	7 10 0
File tang roller—			
(a) First three months' experience as such	7 2 0	7 8 6	6 19 0
(b) Thereafter	7 13 0	7 19 6	7 10 0
File compound controller	7 11 6	7 18 0	7 8 6
File edge grinder—			
(a) First three months' experience as such	7 5 0	7 11 6	7 2 0
(b) Thereafter	7 11 0	7 17 6	7 8 0
File side grinder—			
(a) First three months' experience as such	7 5 0	7 11 6	7 2 0
(b) Thereafter	7 11 0	7 17 6	7 8 0
File hardener—			
(a) First three months' experience as such	7 2 0	7 8 6	6 19 0
(b) Thereafter	7 11 0	7 17 6	7 8 0
File point roller—			
(a) First three months' experience as such	7 2 0	7 8 6	6 19 0
(b) Thereafter	7 11 0	7 17 6	7 8 0
File bar clipper—			
(a) First three months' experience as such	7 2 0	7 8 6	6 19 0
(b) Thereafter	7 8 0	7 14 6	7 5 0
File roll flattener—			
(a) First three months' experience as such	7 2 0	7 8 6	6 19 0
(b) Thereafter	7 8 0	7 14 6	7 5 0

Wages per Week of 40 hours.

Adults.	Within 20 Miles of G.P.O., Melbourne; 10 Miles of G.P.O., Geelong; at Warrnambool and within Mildura and Gippsland Districts.	At Yallourn.	Other Parts of Victoria.
File brander	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
(a) First three months' experience as such	7 2 0	7 8 6	6 19 0
(b) Thereafter	7 8 0	7 14 6	7 5 0
Half round or round file grinder—			
(a) First three months' experience as such	7 5 0	7 11 6	7 2 0
(b) Thereafter	7 7 0	7 13 6	7 4 0
File tang and point trimmer			
(a) First three months' experience as such	7 2 0	7 8 6	6 19 0
(b) Thereafter	7 5 0	7 11 6	7 2 0
File miller—			
(a) First three months' experience as such	7 2 0	7 8 6	6 19 0
(b) Thereafter	7 7 0	7 13 6	7 4 0
File acider	7 7 0	7 13 6	7 4 0
File sand blaster	7 5 6	7 12 0	7 2 6
Semi-automatic hammer file forger	7 5 0	7 11 6	7 2 0
File straightener (hand)	7 5 0	7 11 6	7 2 0
File grinder (other)	7 5 0	7 11 6	7 2 0
File edge setter (machine or hand)	7 5 0	7 11 6	7 2 0
File stripper (machine or hand)	7 5 0	7 11 6	7 2 0
File chisel grinder	7 5 0	7 11 6	7 2 0
File cropper	7 5 0	7 11 6	7 2 0
File point grinder	7 5 0	7 11 6	7 2 0
File safe edger	7 5 0	7 11 6	7 2 0
File tang bluer	7 5 0	7 11 6	7 2 0
File anneal loader	7 3 0	7 9 6	7 0 0
File straightener (machine)	7 2 0	7 8 6	6 19 0
File counter	7 2 0	7 8 6	6 19 0
File drier	7 2 0	7 8 6	6 19 0
File oiler	7 2 0	7 8 6	6 19 0
File pasteur	7 2 0	7 8 6	6 19 0
File ringer	7 2 0	7 8 6	6 19 0
Other employees with not less than three months' experience in this industry	6 9 0	6 15 6	6 6 0
All others	6 3 0	6 9 6	6 0 0

NOTE.—Operators engaged in any of the following occupations are responsible for the setting up of the machines used in their respective operations:—

- Automatic file blanking machine operator;
- File bar clipper;
- File brander;
- File cutter;
- File edge grinder;
- File hardener (where a fixture is used);
- File point roller;
- File roll flattener;
- File side grinder;
- File tang and point trimmer;
- File tang roller;
- Hand hammer file forger.

LEADING HANDS.

Leading hands in charge of not less than three and not more than ten employees, 9s. per week extra; more than ten and not more than twenty employees, 18s. per week extra; more than twenty employees, 27s. per week extra.

FEMALES AND UNAPPRENTICED MALE JUNIORS.

3. (a) The minimum rates of wage for adult and junior females and for unapprenticed male juniors shall be as follows:—
Wages per Week of 40 Hours.

	Percentage of Needs Basic Wage.	Constant Loading.	Additional Amount.	Total Wage Payable—		
				Within 20 Miles of G.P.O., Melbourne; 10 Miles of G.P.O., Geelong; at Warrnambool and within Mildura and Gippsland Districts.	At Yallourn.	Other Parts of Victoria.
	Per Week.	Per Week.	Per Week.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
<i>I.—Adult Females.</i>						
Under three months' experience	65	3 0	6 0	4 3 0	4 7 6	4 1 0
All others	75	3 0	7 0	4 15 6	5 0 6	4 13 0
<i>II.—Junior Females.</i>						
17 years of age and under	40	1 0	3 6	2 10 0	2 12 6	2 9 0
18 years of age	47½	1 3	4 0	2 19 6	3 2 6	2 18 0
19 years of age	55	1 6	4 6	3 8 6	3 12 6	3 7 0
20 years of age	62½	2 0	5 0	3 18 0	4 2 6	3 16 6
<i>III.—Junior Males.</i>						
Under 16 years of age	25	0 6	2 0	1 11 0	1 12 6	1 10 0
16 years of age	35	0 9	3 0	2 3 6	2 6 0	2 2 6
17 years of age	47½	1 0	4 0	2 19 0	3 2 0	2 17 6
18 years of age	60	1 0	5 0	3 14 6	3 18 6	3 12 6
19 years of age	75	2 0	6 0	4 13 6	4 18 6	4 11 0
20 years of age	90	2 0	7 0	5 11 6	5 17 6	5 9 0

Provided that the rate payable to any employee shall not excluding the constant loading be less than 20s.
The total wage shall be calculated to the nearest sixpence, any broken part of sixpence in the result not exceeding threepence to be disregarded.

(b) The minimum rate payable to a junior female of any age or a junior male of eighteen years or more each with less than six months' experience under this Determination shall, until he or she has had six months' experience, be 10 per cent. less than the amount represented by the percentage of the needs basic wage hereby prescribed for a junior employee of his or her age and in addition thereto the constant loading prescribed for such an employee.

Prohibited Occupations.

- (c) Junior employees shall not be employed :—
if under the age of 16 years—
on oil or gas burners or fires used for heating of small articles ;
using electric arc or oxy acetylene blow pipe.

SPECIAL RATES.

4. In addition to the wages prescribed in clauses 2 and 3 hereof, the following special rates and allowances shall be paid to employees including unapprenticed juniors :—

Confined Spaces.

- (a) Working in confined space (as defined), 3d. per hour extra.

Dirty Work.

(b) Work which a foreman and workman shall agree is of an unusually dirty or offensive nature, 1½d. per hour extra.
In case of disagreement between the foreman and workman, the workman or a shop steward on his behalf shall be entitled, within 24 hours, to ask for a decision on the workman's claim by the employer's industrial officer (if there be one), or otherwise by the employer or the executive officer responsible for the management or superintendence of the plant concerned. In such case a decision shall be given on the workman's claim within 48 hours of its being asked for (unless that time expires on a non-working day in which case it shall be given during the next working day), or else the said allowance shall be paid.
In any case where an organization alleges that an employer or his representative is persistently unreasonable or capricious in relation to such claims, it shall have the right to bring such case before the Wages Board.

Hot Places.

(c) Working for more than one hour in the shade in places where the temperature is raised by artificial means to between 115 and 130 degrees Fahrenheit, 1½d. per hour extra ; in places where the temperature exceeds 130 degrees Fahrenheit, 3d. per hour extra. Where work continues for more than two hours in temperatures exceeding 130 degrees Fahrenheit, employees shall also be entitled to twenty minutes' rest after every two hours' work without deduction of pay. The temperature shall be decided by the foreman of the work after consultation with the employees who claim the extra rate.

Wet Places.

(d) An employee working in any place where his clothing or boots become saturated, whether by water, oil or otherwise, shall be paid 2d. per hour extra : provided that this extra rate shall not be payable to an employee who is provided by the employer with suitable and effective protective clothing and/or footwear : And provided further that any employee who becomes entitled to this extra rate shall be paid such extra rate for such part of the day or shift as he is required to work in wet clothing or boots.

Special Rates not Cumulative.

(e) Where more than one of the disabilities entitling a workman to extra rates exist on the same job the employer shall be bound to pay only one rate, namely, the highest for the disabilities so prevailing.

Rates not Subject to Penalty Additions.

(f) The special rates herein prescribed shall be paid irrespective of the times at which the work is performed, and shall not be subject to any premium or penalty additions.

HOURS OF WORK.

Day Workers.

5. (a) The ordinary hours of work shall be 40 per week to be worked in five days of not more than 8 hours (Monday to Friday inclusive) and one day (Saturday) of not more than four hours : or five days (Monday to Friday inclusive) of eight hours each continuously except for meal breaks at the discretion of the employer between 7 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. on Monday to Friday inclusive, and 7 a.m. and noon on Saturday.

In localities where the recognized half-holiday is on a day other than Saturday the day so recognized may be substituted for Saturday for all the purposes of this Determination.

Provided that the spread of hours or the daily hours prescribed may be altered as to all or a section of the employees by mutual agreement between an employer and the representative of the union in that shop.

Five-Days Week.

- (b) In any case in which the ordinary week's work of 40 hours can be performed in five days as aforesaid without—
(i) detriment to the public interest ;
(ii) loss in the value of goods handled or to be handled ;
(iii) reducing the efficiency of production ; or
(iv) reducing the efficacy of the necessary service,

the employer shall allow those employees who so desire to do so to work their ordinary hours in five days as aforesaid. Any dispute as to whether the ordinary hours of work can in any case or cases be worked in five days without detriment, loss, or reduction as aforesaid shall be determined by the Wages Board upon application made by or on behalf of the employees. Upon such an application proof that the working of a five-days week will result in such detriment, loss, or reduction as aforesaid shall be upon the employer.

This sub-clause shall not apply to employees engaged on the maintenance and servicing of plant.

It is a condition of the allowing of a five-days week hereunder that if required employees shall comply with the reasonable and lawful orders of the employer as to working overtime, including the working of overtime on Saturday.

SHIFT WORK.

Definitions.

6. (a) For the purposes of this clause—

- "Afternoon shift" means any shift finishing after 6 p.m. and at or before midnight.
"Continuous work" means work carried on with consecutive shifts of men throughout the 24 hours of each of at least six consecutive days without interruption except during breakdowns or meal breaks or due to unavoidable causes beyond the control of the employer.
"Night shift" means any shift finishing subsequent to midnight, and at or before 8 a.m.
"Rostered shift" means a shift of which the employee concerned has had at least 48 hours' notice.

Hours—Continuous Work Shifts.

(b) This sub-clause shall apply to shift workers on continuous work as hereinbefore defined.

The ordinary hours of such shift workers shall not exceed—

- (i) 8 in any one day; or
- (ii) 48 in any one week; or
- (iii) 88 in 14 consecutive days; or
- (iv) 160 in 28 consecutive days.

Subject to the following conditions, such shift workers shall work at such times as the employer may require:—

- (i) A shift shall consist of not more than eight hours, inclusive of crib time.
- (ii) Except at the regular change-over of shifts, an employee shall not be required to work more than one shift in each 24 hours.
- (iii) Twenty minutes shall be allowed to shift workers each shift for crib, which shall be counted as time worked.

Hours—Other than Continuous Work.

(c) This sub-clause shall apply to shift workers not upon continuous work as hereinbefore defined. The ordinary hours of such shift workers shall not exceed—

- (i) 40 in any week, to be worked in five shifts of eight hours on Monday to Friday inclusive, or five shifts of not more than eight hours and one shift (Saturday) of not more than four hours; or
- (ii) 80 in 14 consecutive days, in which case an employee shall not, without payment for overtime, be required to work more than eight consecutive hours on any shift or more than six shifts in any week; or
- (iii) 120 in 21 consecutive days, in which case an employee shall not, without payment for overtime be required to work more than eight consecutive hours on any shift or more than six shifts in any week.

Such ordinary hours shall be worked continuously except for meal breaks at the discretion of the employer. An employee shall not be required to work for more than six hours without a break for a meal.

Except at regular change-over of shifts, an employee shall not be required to work more than one shift in each 24 hours.

Rosters.

(d) Shift rosters shall specify the commencing and finishing times of ordinary working hours of the respective shifts.

Variation by Agreement.

(e) The method of working shifts may in any case be varied by agreement between the employer and the accredited representative of the union to suit the circumstances of the establishment.

The time of commencing and finishing shifts once having been determined may be varied by agreement between the employer and the accredited representative of the union to suit the circumstances of the establishment, or in the absence of agreement by seven days' notice of alteration given by the employer to the employees.

Afternoon or Night Shift Allowances.

(f) Shift workers on continuous work whilst on afternoon or night shifts shall be paid 7½ per cent. more than the ordinary rates for such shifts.

Shift workers on other than continuous work whilst on afternoon or night shifts shall be paid 10 per cent. more than the ordinary rates for such shifts.

Shift workers who work on any afternoon or night shift which does not continue for at least five successive afternoons or nights in a five-day workshop or for at least six successive afternoons or nights in a six-day workshop shall be paid at the rate of time and a half.

An employee who—

- (i) during a period of engagement on shift works night shift only; or
 - (ii) remains on night shift for a longer period than four consecutive weeks; or
 - (iii) works on a night shift which does not rotate or alternate with another shift or with day work so as to give him at least one-third of his working time off night shift in each shift cycle,
- shall during such engagement, period or cycle, be paid at the rate of time and a quarter for all time worked during ordinary working hours on such night shifts.

(f1) The minimum rate to be paid to any shift worker for work performed between midnight on Friday and midnight on Saturday shall be time and a quarter. Such extra rate to be in substitution for and not cumulative upon the shift premiums prescribed in the first and second paragraphs of sub-clause (f) hereof.

Overtime.

(g) Shift workers for all time worked in excess of or outside the ordinary working hours prescribed by this Determination or on a shift other than a rostered shift shall—

- (i) if employed on continuous work be paid at the rate of double time; or
- (ii) if employed on other shift work at the rate of time and a half for the first four hours and double time thereafter,

except in each case when the time is worked—

- (iii) by arrangement between the employees themselves;
- (iv) for the purpose of effecting the customary rotation of shifts; or
- (v) is due to the fact that the relief man does not come on duty at the proper time; or
- (vi) on a shift to which an employee is transferred on short notice as an alternative to standing the employee off in circumstances which would entitle the employer to deduct payment for a day in accordance with clause 12 (b) hereof.

Provided that when not less than eight hours' notice has been given to the employer by the relief man that he will be absent from work and the employee whom he should relieve is not relieved the unrelieved employee shall be paid at the rate of time and a half for the first four hours on duty after he has finished his ordinary shift and at the rate of double time thereafter except where the employee is required to continue to work on his rostered day off when he shall be paid double time.

Compulsory Overtime.

(g1) An employer may require any employee to work reasonable overtime at overtime rates and such employee shall work overtime in accordance with such requirement.

Sundays and Holidays.

(h) Shift workers on continuous work shifts for work done on a rostered shift the major portion of which is performed on a Sunday or holiday shall be paid at the rate of time and a half.

Shift workers on other than continuous work for all time worked on a Sunday or holiday shall be paid at the rates prescribed by clause 9 of this Determination. Where shifts commence between 11 p.m. and midnight on a Sunday or holiday the time so worked before midnight shall not entitle the employee to the Sunday or holiday rate: provided that the time worked by an employee on a shift commencing before midnight on the day preceding a Sunday or holiday and extending into a Sunday or holiday shall be regarded as time worked on such Sunday or holiday.

Junior and Female Employees.

(s) Female shift workers, or juniors whilst on afternoon or night shifts shall be paid not less than the rates hereinbefore prescribed or 1s. per shift whichever is the higher.

MIXED FUNCTIONS.

7. An employee engaged for more than half of one day or shift on duties carrying a higher rate than his ordinary classification shall be paid the higher rate for such day or shift. If for less than half of one day or shift he shall be paid the higher rate for the time so worked.

OVERTIME.

8. (a) For all work done outside ordinary hours the rates of pay shall be time and a half for the first four hours and double time thereafter, such double time to continue until the completion of the overtime work. Provided that in the case of a junior, the rate for overtime shall be not less than the rate herein prescribed or 1s. 6d. per hour whichever is the higher.

Except as provided in this sub-clause or sub-clause (b) hereof in computing overtime each day's work shall stand alone.

Rest Period After Overtime.

(b) When overtime work is necessary it shall, wherever reasonably practicable, be so arranged that employees have at least eight consecutive hours off duty between the work of successive days.

An employee (other than a casual employee) who works so much overtime between the termination of his ordinary work on one day and the commencement of his ordinary work on the next day that he has not at least eight consecutive hours off duty between those times shall, subject to this sub-clause, be released after completion of such overtime until he has had eight consecutive hours off duty without loss of pay for ordinary working time occurring during such absence.

If on the instructions of his employer such an employee resumes or continues work without having had such eight consecutive hours off duty he shall be paid at double rates until he is released from duty for such period and he shall then be entitled to be absent until he has had eight consecutive hours off duty without loss of pay for ordinary working time occurring during such absence.

Call Back.

(c) An employee recalled to work overtime after leaving his employer's business premises (whether notified before or after leaving the premises) shall be paid for a minimum of three hours' work at the appropriate rate for each time he is so recalled; provided that, except in the case of unforeseen circumstances arising, the employee shall not be required to work the full three hours if the job he was recalled to perform is completed within a shorter period. This sub-clause shall not apply in cases where it is customary for an employee to return to his employer's premises to perform a specific job outside his ordinary working hours, or where the overtime is continuous (subject to a reasonable meal break) with the completion or commencement of ordinary working time.

Overtime worked in the circumstances specified in this sub-clause shall not be regarded as overtime for the purposes of sub-clause (b) of this clause where the actual time worked is less than three hours on such recall or on each of such recalls.

Saturday Work—Five-days Week.

(d) A day worker on a five-days week required to work overtime on a Saturday shall be afforded at least three hours work or paid for three hours at the appropriate rate except where such overtime is continuous with overtime commenced on the day previous.

Standing By.

(e) Subject to any custom now prevailing under which an employee is required regularly to hold himself in readiness for a call back, an employee required to hold himself in readiness to work after ordinary hours shall until released be paid standing-by time at ordinary rates from the time from which he is so to hold himself in readiness.

Meal Hours—General.

(f) For work done during meal hours and thereafter until a meal hour break is allowed time and a half rates shall be paid. An employee shall not be compelled to work for more than six hours without a break for a meal.

Crib Time.

(g) An employee working overtime shall be allowed a crib time of twenty minutes without deduction of pay after each four hours of overtime worked if the employee continues work after such crib time.

Provided that where a day worker on a five-days week is required to work overtime on a Saturday the first prescribed crib time shall, if occurring between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., be paid at ordinary rates.

Unless the period of overtime is less than one and a half hours an employee before starting overtime after working ordinary hours shall be allowed a meal break of twenty minutes which shall be paid for at ordinary rates. An employer and employee may agree to any variation of this provision to meet the circumstances of the work in hand provided that the employer shall not be required to make any payment in respect of any time allowed in excess of twenty minutes.

Tea Money.

(h) An employee required to work overtime for more than two hours without being notified on the previous day or earlier that he will be so required to work shall either be supplied with a meal by the employer or paid 2s., and 1s. 3d. for each subsequent meal, but such payment need not be made to employees living in the same locality as their workshops who can reasonably return home for meals.

Unless the employer advises an employee on the previous day or earlier that the amount of overtime to be worked will necessitate the partaking of a second or subsequent meal (as the case may be) the employer shall provide such second and/or subsequent meals or make payment in lieu thereof as above prescribed.

If an employee pursuant to notice has provided a meal or meals and is not required to work overtime or is required to work less than the amount advised he shall be paid as above prescribed for meals which he has provided, but which are surplus.

Transport of Employees.

(i) When an employee, after having worked overtime, or a shift for which he has not been regularly rostered, finishes work at a time when reasonable means of transport are not available, the employer shall provide him with a conveyance to his home, or pay him his current wage for the time reasonably occupied in reaching his home.

Compulsory Overtime.

(j) An employer may require any employee to work reasonable overtime at overtime rates and such employee shall work overtime in accordance with such requirement.

HOLIDAYS AND SUNDAY WORK.

9. (a) Employees shall be entitled to the following public holidays without loss of pay as regards employees on weekly hiring:—New Year's Day, Australia Day, Good Friday, Easter Saturday, Easter Monday, King's Birthday, Labour Day, Anzac Day, Christmas Day, and Boxing Day, or such other day as is generally observed in the locality as a substitute for any of the said days respectively. Provided that Christmas Day and Boxing Day shall for the year, 1948, be deemed to fall on the 27th and 28th days of December, 1948, respectively, and that New Year's Day for the year, 1949, shall be deemed to fall on the 3rd day of January, 1949.

By agreement between any employer and his employees other days may be substituted for the said days or any of them as to such employer's undertaking.

(b) An employee not engaged on continuous work shall be paid at the rate of double time for work done on Sundays and public holidays, such double time to continue until he is relieved from duty.

Provided that where employees are necessarily engaged in repairs to or renewals of their employer's plant and machinery necessary for resumption of work the next following working day (not including the installation of new machinery) work done on holidays shall be paid for at the rate of time and a half for the first eight hours and double time thereafter.

(c) An employee, other than a casual employee, not engaged in continuous work who works on a Sunday or a public holiday and (except for meal breaks) immediately thereafter continues such work shall on being relieved from duty be entitled to be absent until he has had eight consecutive hours off duty without deduction of pay for ordinary time of duty occurring during such absence.

(d) Employees, other than on shift, required to work on Sundays or public holidays shall be paid for a minimum of three hours' work.

EXTRA RATES NOT CUMULATIVE.

10. Extra rates in this Determination, except rates prescribed in clause 4 are not cumulative so as to exceed the maximum of double the ordinary rates.

PAYMENT OF WAGES.

11. (a) Wages shall be paid weekly or fortnightly.

(b) On the first pay day occurring during his employment, an employee shall be paid whatever wages are due to him up to the completion of his work on the previous day: Provided that this sub-clause shall not apply to employers who make a practice of allowing advances to employees approximating wages due.

(c) Upon termination of the employment wages due to an employee shall be paid to him on the day of such termination, or forwarded to him by post on the next working day.

(d) An employee kept waiting for his wages on pay day for more than a quarter of an hour after the usual time for ceasing work, shall be paid at overtime rates after that quarter hour, with a minimum of a quarter of an hour.

(e) On or prior to pay day, the employer shall state to each employee in writing the amount of wages to which he is entitled, the amount of deductions made therefrom, and the net amount being paid to him.

CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT.*Weekly Employment.*

12. (a) Except as hereinafter provided employment shall be by the week. Any employee not specifically engaged as a casual employee shall be deemed to be employed by the week.

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

(c) An employee not attending for duty shall, except as provided by clause 13 hereof, lose his pay for the actual time of such non-attendance.

Casual Employment.

(d) A casual employee is one engaged and paid as such. A casual employee for working ordinary time shall be paid per hour one-fortieth of the weekly rate prescribed by this Determination for the work which he or she performs, plus 10 per cent.

Late Comers.

(e) Notwithstanding anything elsewhere contained in this Determination an employer may select and utilize for time-keeping purposes any fractional or decimal proportion of an hour (not exceeding a quarter of an hour) and may apply such proportion in the calculation of the working time of employees who without reasonable cause promptly communicated to the employer, report for duty after their appointed starting times or cease duty before their appointed finishing times.

An employer who adopts a proportion for the aforesaid purpose shall apply the same proportion for the calculation of overtime.

SICK LEAVE.

13. (a) An employee on weekly hiring who is absent from his work on account of personal illness, or on account of injury by accident arising out of and in the course of his employment, 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 not be entitled in any year (whether in the employ of one employer or of several) to leave in excess of 40 hours of working time.

For the purpose of administering paragraph (iv) of this sub-clause, an employer may, within one month of this Determination coming into operation or within two weeks of the employee entering his employment, require an employee to make a sworn declaration or other written statement as to what paid leave of absence he has had from any employer during the then current year; and upon such statement the employer shall be entitled to rely and act.

Single Day Absence.

(b) In the case of an employee who claims to be allowed paid sick leave in accordance with this clause for an absence of one day only such employee if in the year he has already been allowed paid sick leave on more than one occasion for one day only, shall not be entitled to payment for the day claimed unless he produces to the employer a certificate of a duly-qualified medical practitioner that in his, the medical practitioner's, opinion the employee was unable to attend for duty on account of personal illness or on account of injury by accident. Nothing in this sub-clause shall limit the employer's rights under sub-clause (a) (iii) hereof.

Cumulative Sick Leave.

(c) Sick leave shall accumulate from year to year so that any balance of the period specified in sub-clause (a) (iv) of this clause which has in any year not been allowed to an employee by an employer as paid sick leave may be claimed by the employee and subject to the conditions hereinbefore prescribed shall be allowed by that employer in a subsequent year without diminution of the sick leave prescribed in respect of that year. Provided that sick leave which accumulates pursuant to this sub-clause shall be available to the employee for a period of two years, but for no longer from the end of the year in which it accrues.

(cc) Rights accrued under sub-clause (c) hereof prior to the 1st day of January, 1948, shall be preserved except that the total number of hours so accrued and not taken prior to the 1st day of January, 1948, shall be reduced by 1/11th of such total the result to be calculated to the nearest hour.

Attendance at Hospital, &c.

(d) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-clause (a) hereof an employee suffering injury through an accident arising out of and in the course of his employment (not being an injury in respect of which he is entitled to workers' compensation) necessitating his attendance during working hours on a doctor, chemist or trained nurse, or at a hospital, shall not suffer any deduction from his pay for the time (not exceeding four hours) so occupied on the day of the accident, and shall be reimbursed by the employer all expenses reasonably incurred in connexion with such attendance.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY.

14. The annual holiday shall be as prescribed by the provisions of the *Factories and Shops (Annual Holidays) Act 1946* (No. 511), and any amendments which may be made thereto from time to time.

MISCELLANEOUS.*Accommodation and Conveniences.**Boiling Water.*

15. (z) (i) Employers shall provide boiling water for employees at meal times.

Drinking Water.

(ii) Employers shall provide for the use of employees in workshops a sufficient supply of wholesome cool drinking water from bubble taps or other suitable drinking fountains.

First-Aid Outfit.

(iii) In each workshop, and at other places where employees are regularly employed, the employer shall provide and continuously maintain, at a place or places reasonably accessible to all employees, an efficient first-aid outfit.

Clause 8 of Chapter 9 of the Regulations under the *Factories and Shops Act 1928* requires that a first-aid ambulance chest shall be kept in some accessible place upon the premises and that such chest shall be equipped and supplied with the following articles :—

Articles.	Quantities to be kept in Ambulance Chest—
Antiseptic solution	1 bottle
Bandages, cotton and gauze	1 dozen assorted sizes
Castor oil	2 oz.
Iodine, tincture of	2 oz.
Manual, first-aid	1
Petrolatum, carbolized	1 jar
Pieric acid solution, made according to the following recipe or prescription :— 1½ teaspoonful of powdered pieric acid, 3 oz. of absolute alcohol, and 2 pints of distilled water	1 pint
Pins, safety	1 packet
Sal volatile	6 oz.
Scissors	1 pair
Tourniquet	1
Tweezers	1 pair
Cotton, absorbent	} An adequate assortment
Gauze, sterilized, plain	
Lint, absorbent	
Plaster, adhesive	

Lockers.

(iv) An employer shall at some reasonably convenient place on his premises provide a suitable locker for each employee in his workshop, or hanging facilities which afford reasonable protection for employees' clothes. In any case in which compliance with this paragraph necessitates the provision of lockers or new or improved hanging facilities, they shall be provided by the 1st July, 1946, unless the employer proves to the satisfaction of the Wages Board that he is unable by reason of shortage of material or labour or any other difficulties to provide such new or improved facilities, in which case their provision may be postponed for such period or periods as the Wages Board determines.

Washing and Sanitary Conveniences.

(v) Employers shall provide proper and sufficient washing and sanitary conveniences.

Clothing, Equipment and Tools.

Damage to Clothing and Tools.

(b) (i) Compensation to the extent of the damage sustained shall be made where in the course of the work clothing or tools are damaged or destroyed by fire or molten metal or through the use of corrosive substances. Provided that the employer's liability in respect of tools shall be limited to such tools of trade as are ordinarily required for the performance of the employee's duties.

Gloves.

(ii) Such suitable canvas or leather gloves shall be provided by employers for employees as the foreman and employee may agree.

In case of disagreement between the foreman and workman, the workman or a shop steward on his behalf shall be entitled within 24 hours, to ask for a decision on the workman's claim by the employer's industrial officer (if there be one) or otherwise by the employer or the executive officer responsible for the management or superintendence of the plant concerned. In such case a decision shall be given on the workman's claim within 48 hours of its being asked for (unless that time expires on a non-working day, in which case it shall be given during the next working day), or else the said equipment shall be provided.

In any case where an organization alleges that an employer or his representative is persistently unreasonable or capricious in relation to such claims, it may bring such case before the Wages Board.

Goggles.

(iii) Suitable mica or other goggles shall be provided by the employer for each employee using emery wheels or where used by more than one employee such goggles shall be sterilized before being used by another employee. An employee when working on emery wheels shall wear the goggles provided for his protection.

Goggles containing celluloid shall not be considered suitable for the purposes of this provision.

Females—Rest Period and Seats.

(c) Female employees shall be allowed a rest period of not less than ten minutes during each day or shift, to be taken during the first or second half of the day or shift as may be decided by a majority of the female employees in a shop.

When requested by employees and where practicable suitable seats shall be provided by the employer for female employees.

SHOP STEWARDS.

16. An employee appointed shop steward in the shop or department in which he is employed shall, upon notification thereof to his employer, be recognized as the accredited representative of the union to which he belongs, and he shall be allowed the necessary time during working hours to interview the employer or his representative on matters affecting employees whom he represents.

RIGHT OF ENTRY OF UNION OFFICIALS.

17. (a) For the purpose of interviewing employees on legitimate union business, a duly accredited union representative shall have the right to enter employers' premises during the midday meal break on the following conditions :—

- (i) That he produces his authority to the gatekeeper or such other person as may be appointed by the employer ;
- (ii) That he interviews employees only at places where they are taking their meal ;
- (iii) That not more than one representative of each of not more than three unions be on the premises at any one time ;
- (iv) That no one representative visit the premises more than once in each week ;
- (v) That if any employer alleges that a representative is unduly interfering with his work or is creating dissatisfaction amongst his employees, or is offensive in his methods, or is 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.

Provided that where certain employees are working under a system of shift work which precludes a representative from interviewing them during the midday meal break, the representative shall have the right to enter the employer's premises for the purpose of interviewing such employees at such time and under such conditions as to notice as may be mutually arranged by the representative and the employer or, failing agreement at such times, and under such conditions as the Wages Board may decide.

(b) For the purpose of investigating complaints concerning the application of this Determination, or the employment of females upon work which is alleged to be unsuitable for females, a duly accredited union representative shall be afforded reasonable facilities for entering an employer's workshop or plant during working hours, subject to the following conditions:—

- (i) That he discloses to the employer or his representative the complaint which he desires to investigate;
- (ii) that he makes his investigations in the presence of the employer or his representative (if the employer so desires);
- (iii) that he does not interfere with work proceeding in the workshop or plant;
- (iv) that he conducts himself properly.

(c) A union representative shall be a duly accredited representative of an organization concerned if he be the holder for the time being of a certificate, signed by the general secretary of that organization and bearing the seal of that organization, in the following form, or in a form not materially differing therefrom:—

(Name of organization.)

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT _____ is a duly accredited representative of the above-mentioned organization.

General Secretary.

Date—

(SEAL.)

Specimen signature of holder.
Strictly not transferable.

TIME AND WAGES BOOK.

18. (a) Each employer shall keep a record from which can be readily ascertained the name of each employee and his occupation, the hours worked each day, and the wages and allowances paid each week.

(b) The time occupied by an employee in filling in any time record or cards or in the making of records shall be treated as time of duty, but this does not apply to checking in or out when entering or leaving the employer's premises.

(c) The time and wages record shall be open for inspection to a duly accredited union official during the usual office hours at the employer's office or other convenient place. Provided that an inspection shall not be demanded unless the secretary of the union or the district secretary or organizer of any division suspects that a breach of the Determination has been committed. Provided also that only one demand for such inspection shall be made in one fortnight at the same establishment.

(d) The official making such inspection shall be entitled to take a copy of entries in a time and wages record relating to the suspected breach of the Determination.

NOTICE BOARD.

19. The employer shall permit a notice board of reasonable dimensions to be erected in a prominent position in his establishment, upon which accredited union representatives shall be permitted to post formal union notices, signed or countersigned by the representative posting same.

Any notice posted on such board not so signed or countersigned may be removed by an accredited union representative or by the employer.

DEFINITIONS.

20. "Confined space" means a compartment or space, access to which is through a manhole or similar opening, or a place the dimensions of which necessitate an employee working in a stooped or otherwise cramped position.

"Sunday" means all time between midnight Saturday and midnight Sunday.

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

"File anneal loader" means an adult employee who performs the manual operations incidental to annealing.

"File bar clipper" means an adult employee who shears bars to multiple lengths in a shearing machine.

"File chisel whetter" means an adult employee, with not less than one year's experience in the trade, who whets file cutting chisels by hand.

"File cropper" means an adult employee who crops tangs and points on a cropping machine.

"File edge grinder" means an adult employee who operates a file edge grinding machine.

"File grinder—other" means an adult employee who operates a centreless type grinding machine for grinding files.

"File hardener" means an adult employee who hardens files from a lead pot with or without the aid of a hardening fixture.

"File inspector—first class" means an adult employee with not less than one year's experience as inspector or cutter engaged on the inspection of cut files.

"File inspector—other" means an adult employee engaged on the inspection of files or blanks.

"File point roller" means an adult employee who forges file points on a forging rolls.

"Hand hammer file forger" means an adult employee who forges tangs and points under a power hammer.

"Half round or round file grinder" means an adult employee who operates a half round or round double plate grinder.

PAYMENT BY RESULTS.

21. Any system of payment by results now operating may continue subject to the payment of the minimum rates prescribed by the Determination.

PERIODICAL ADJUSTMENT OF WAGES.

22. 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 23.

Basic Wage.

Place.	Needs Basic Wage (Adjustable).	Loading Constant.	Total Basic Wage.	Index Number Set Assigned.
	£ s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.	
Victoria—				
Within 20 miles of G.P.O., Melbourne, 10 miles of G.P.O., Geelong, at Warrnambool, and within Mildura and Gippsland Districts	5 14 0	6 0	6 0 0	Melbourne
Yallourn—6s. 6d. in excess of basic wage for Melbourne.				
Elsewhere—3s. less than the contemporaneous basic wage for Melbourne.				

ADJUSTMENT OF BASIC WAGE.

23. (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 22.

(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 wages of adult females, junior females, and male juniors shall be the percentages of the contemporaneous needs basic wage prescribed for the area in which they are employed, and in addition thereto the constant and special loadings specified in clause 3 of this Determination.

MARGINAL RATES.

24. In addition to the basic wage provided in clause 22 the margins and loadings set out in this clause shall be the minimum rates payable to employees therein named:—

Classification.	Margins	Special Loadings.
	Per Week.	Per Week.
	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
File chisel whetter	34 0	4 0
File inspector—First class	30 0	3 0
File inspector (other)—		
(a) First three months' experience as such	19 0	3 0
(b) Thereafter	24 0	3 0
Automatic file blanking machine operator—		
(a) First three months' experience as such	19 0	3 0
(b) Thereafter	30 0	3 0
File cutter—		
(a) First three months' experience as such	19 0	3 0
(b) Thereafter	30 0	3 0
Hand hammer file forger—		
(a) First three months' experience as such	19 0	3 0
(b) Thereafter	30 0	3 0
File tang roller—		
(a) First three months' experience as such	19 0	3 0
(b) Thereafter	30 0	3 0
File compound controller	28 6	3 0
File edge grinder—		
(a) First three months' experience as such	22 0	3 0
(b) Thereafter	28 0	3 0
File side grinder—		
(a) First three months' experience as such	22 0	3 0
(b) Thereafter	28 0	3 0
File hardener—		
(a) First three months' experience as such	19 0	3 0
(b) Thereafter	28 0	3 0
File point roller—		
(a) First three months' experience as such	19 0	3 0
(b) Thereafter	28 0	3 0
File bar clipper—		
(a) First three months' experience as such	19 0	3 0
(b) Thereafter	25 0	3 0
File roll flattener—		
(a) First three months' experience as such	19 0	3 0
(b) Thereafter	25 0	0
File brander—		
(a) First three months' experience as such	19 0	3 0
(b) Thereafter	25 0	3 0
Half round or round file grinder—		
(a) First three months' experience as such	22 0	3 0
(b) Thereafter	24 0	3 0
File tang and point trimmer—		
(a) First three months' experience as such	19 0	3 0
(b) Thereafter	22 0	3 0
File miller—		
(a) First three months' experience as such	19 0	3 0
(b) Thereafter	24 0	3 0
File acider	24 0	3 0
File sand blaster	22 6	3 0
Semi automatic hammer file forger	22 0	3 0
File straightener (hand)	22 0	3 0
File grinder (other)	22 0	3 0
File edge setter (machine or hand)	22 0	3 0
File stripper (machine or hand)	22 0	3 0
File chisel grinder	22 0	3 0
File cropper	22 0	3 0
File point grinder	22 0	3 0
File safe edger	22 0	3 0
File tang bluer	22 0	3 0
File anneal loader	20 0	3 0
File straightener (machine)	19 0	3 0
File counter	19 0	3 0
File drier	19 0	3 0
File oiler	19 0	3 0
File paster	19 0	3 0
File ringer	19 0	3 0
Other employees with not less than three months' experience in this industry	6 0	3 0
All others	Nil.	3 0

A. V. BARNES, J.P., Chairman.
J. W. RYAN, Secretary.

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Factories and Shops Acts.

DETERMINATION OF THE TENNIS STRINGS 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 appointed to determine the lowest prices or rate which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons employed in the process, trade, or business of making strings for tennis rackets, has made the following Determination, namely:—

1. That as from the beginning of the first pay period to commence on or after the 23rd December, 1948, the last previous Determination of this Board shall be revoked and replaced by this Determination.

2.

APPRENTICES OR IMPROVERS.			JUVENILE WORKERS.		OTHER EMPLOYEES.
Wages per Week of 40 Hours.			Wages per Week of 40 Hours.		Wages per Week of 40 Hours.
Age.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	
	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	
Under 17 years	55 0	55 0	55 0	55 0	
17 years and under 18 years	74 0	64 9	74 0	64 9	
18 " " 19 " "	92 9	74 9			
19 " " 20 " "	111 6	83 6			
20 " " 21 " "	128 9	92 9			
PROPORTION (IN ANY PLACE).			Definition of Juvenile Workers.		
<i>Apprentices.</i>			Persons other than apprentices or improvers under 18 years of age doing general work, i.e., all work except—		
One apprentice to every three or fraction of three workers receiving not less than 165s. 6d. per week of 40 hours.			(a) picking out or selecting.		
<i>Improvers (Males).</i>			(b) making in the raw state.		
Four improvers to each male worker receiving not less than 165s. 6d. per week of 40 hours.			(c) twisting in the dry state.		
<i>Females.</i>			PROPORTION (IN ANY PLACE).		
Two improvers to each female worker receiving not less than 105s. per week of 40 hours.			<i>Males.</i>		
			Six juvenile workers to each worker receiving not less than 165s. 6d. per week of 40 hours.		
			<i>Females.</i>		
			Three juvenile workers to each worker receiving not less than 105s. per week of 40 hours.		
					<i>Males.</i>
					<i>s. d.</i>
					Employees splitting, scraping and/or stripping green gut, i.e., gut which has not had the muscular or mucosa removed by either mechanical or chemical processes
					174 6
					All others
					165 6
					<i>Females.</i>
					All adults
					105 0

ORDINARY WEEK'S WORK.

3. Forty hours shall constitute an ordinary week's work which may be worked in five or five and a half days as follows:—

On the day on which the half holiday is usually observed	Between 7.15 a.m. and 12 noon.
On all other working days of the week	Between 7.15 a.m. and 5.30 p.m.

OVERTIME.

That the following rates shall be paid for all work done:—

4. (a) Outside the hours fixed in clause 3 Time and a half. Excepting after 12 noon on the day on which the half-holiday is usually observed when the rate shall be double time.
- (b) Within the hours fixed in clause 3 in excess of either—
 (1) The number of hours fixed as a day's work; or
 (2) The number of hours fixed as a week's work } Time and a half.
- (c) An employer may require any employee to work reasonable overtime at overtime rates and the employee shall work overtime in accordance with such requirement.

MEAL INTERVAL.

5. That a meal interval of at least half an hour shall be allowed to employees between the hours of 12 noon and 2 p.m.

SMOKO INTERVAL.

6. Employees shall be allowed 15 minutes smoko each forenoon and afternoon without deduction of pay.

PAYMENT FOR HOLIDAYS.

7. All employees shall be entitled to the following holidays without deduction of pay:—New Year's Day, Butchers' Picnic Day, Australia Day, Labour Day, Good Friday, Easter Saturday, Easter Monday, Anzac Day, Melbourne Cup Day, Christmas Day, and Boxing Day.

SPECIAL RATES.

8. Double time shall be the rate to be paid for all work done on Sunday, New Year's Day, Butchers' Picnic Day, Australia Day, Labour Day, Good Friday, Easter Saturday, Easter Monday, Melbourne Cup Day, Christmas Day, and Boxing Day, but if any other day be by Act of Parliament or Proclamation substituted for any of the above-named holidays, then the special rate shall be payable only for the day so substituted.

SICK LEAVE.

9. (a) An employee, provided he has had at least three months' continuous service with the same employer, shall lose his pay for the actual time of such non-attendance unless he produces or forwards within twenty-four hours of the commencement of such absence evidence satisfactory to his employer that his non-attendance was due to personal accident arising out of and in the course of his employment or to personal ill-health necessitating such absence.

(b) Provided that an employee shall not be entitled to payment for non-attendance on the ground of personal accident or ill-health or both for more than forty hours of working time in each year of employment.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-clause (b) 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 eighty hours of working time, which shall be the maximum amount of leave to which an employee may be entitled in any year without deduction of pay.

For the purposes of this sub-clause service prior to 18th May, 1945, shall be disregarded.

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.)

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO WORK OVERTIME.

11. (a) In every case where practicable an employer shall give twenty-four hours' notice to each employee of his intention to work such employee overtime. In each case where such notice has not been given and the employee is required to work overtime, he or she shall receive Two shillings as tea money in addition to any other special payments provided.

(b) In every case where an employee has been notified that he or she is required to work overtime and attends for that purpose but is not required, he or she shall be paid Two shillings tea money, except where the failure to find employment is due to the accidental breakdown of necessary machinery.

NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT.

12. All employment shall be on a weekly basis and shall be terminated only by a week's notice on either side, and such notice may be given at any time during the week. In lieu of such week's notice the employer may pay a week's wages and/or the employee leaving his or her employment without giving notice shall forfeit a week's wages which may be deducted from any wages due. This shall not affect the right of the employer to dismiss any employee for malingering, inefficiency, neglect of duty, or misconduct, in which case wages shall be paid up to the time of dismissal only;

Provided that an employer may deduct payment for any day upon which the employee cannot be usefully employed by reason of any strike, breakdown of machinery or other cause for which the employer cannot reasonably be held responsible.

TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT.]

13. Where the employer terminates the employment of an employee, for reasons other than misconduct, within two weeks prior to a day or days on which a holiday or holidays occur, and such employee is re-engaged within a period of two weeks immediately after such holiday or holidays, the employee shall be paid for such holiday or holidays prescribed by this Determination, provided that such employee has been employed by the employer for a period of at least two months prior to the termination of employment.

WATERPROOF CLOTHING.

14. When an employee is called upon to work in a wet department he shall be provided by the employer with a waterproof apron and waterproof covering for his legs and when using dyes or acids injurious to the skin shall be provided with rubber gloves.

DISINFECTANT TO BE SUPPLIED.

15. The employer shall provide ample quantities of hot water, soap and disinfectant for the use of employees.

RIGHT OF ENTRY.

16. A duly accredited representative of the Australasian Meat Industry Employees' Union shall have the right to enter employers' premises during the meal hour for the purpose of interviewing employees on legitimate Union business on the following conditions:—

- (a) That he produces his authority to the manager or such other person as may be appointed by the employer;
- (b) That he interviews employees only at the place where they are taking their meal;
- (c) That not more than one representative visit the premises at any one time;
- (d) That not more than one representative visits the same premises more than once in a week; and
- (e) That if any employer alleges that a representative is unduly interfering with his business or is creating disaffection amongst his employees or is offensive in his methods or is 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 to the Wages Board.

PERIODICAL ADJUSTMENT OF WAGES.

17. 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 in clause 18. Provided that the wages of apprentices, improvers, juvenile workers and of females, 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.	Loading Constant.	Total Basic Wage.	Index Number Set Assigned.
Throughout the State	£ s. d. 5 14 0	s. d. 6 0	£ s. d. 6 0 0	Melbourne

ADJUSTMENT OF BASIC WAGE.

18. (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 17.

(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.

P. A. RANGLES, J.P., Chairman.

J. V. WILLOX, Secretary.

Melbourne, 15th December, 1948.

