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Factories and Shops Acts.

DETERMINATION OF THE SUGAR REFINERS BOARD.

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

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

(a) in connexion with the trade of sugar refining;

(b) in the manufacture or treatment of the by-products of sugar;

has made the following Determination, namely:—

1. That as from the beginning of the first pay period to commence in December, 1950, the last previous Determination of this Board shall be revoked and replaced by this Determination.

APPRENTICES, IMPROVERS, OR JUVENILE WORKERS.

2.

Wages per Week of 40 Hours.

Males.			Percentage of Basic Wage.	Weekly Wage.	Females.			Percentage of Female Basic Wage.	Weekly Wage.
Under 16 years	..	..	34	s. d. 55 0	Under 16 years	..	..	50	s. d. 60 6
16 years	..	..	40	65 0	16 years	..	..	60	73 0
17 ..	..	..	51	82 6	17 ..	..	..	70	85 0
18 ..	..	..	68	110 0	18 ..	..	..	80	97 0
19 ..	..	..	79	128 0	19 ..	..	..	90	109 6
20 ..	..	..	90	146 0	20 ..	..	..	95	115 6

Provided that any female 19 years of age or over, with six months' experience at the trade, shall be deemed to be an adult.

PROPORTION (IN ANY PLACE).
Apprentices or Improvers.
Males.

One apprentice and one improver to every three or fraction of three workers receiving not less than the rate payable from time to time to "All others."

PROPORTION (IN ANY PLACE).
Apprentices or Improvers.
Females.

One apprentice and one improver to every three or fraction of three workers receiving not less than the rate payable from time to time to "Adult Females."

3.

OTHER EMPLOYEES.

Wages per Week of 40 Hours.

	Adjustable Rate.	Additional Constant Loading.	Emergency Loading (non-adjustable).	Total Weekly Wage.
<i>Adult Males.</i>				
Raw Sugar Store—	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
Unstoring raw sugar	176 0	11 0	5 0	192 0
Men cutting in	177 0	11 0	5 0	193 0
Whip hand unstoring raw sugar	172 0	11 0	5 0	188 0
Whip hand at elevator	172 0	11 0	5 0	188 0
Elevator attendant	177 0	11 0	5 0	193 0
Wash tank hands	170 0	11 0	5 0	186 0
Wash tank hands—assistants	169 0	11 0	5 0	185 0
Riggers	177 0	11 0	5 0	193 0
Melting House—				
Washing fugalmen	175 6	11 0	5 0	191 6
Melter attendant	170 0	11 0	5 0	186 0
Mixer	170 0	11 0	5 0	186 0
Carbonatation House—				
Men on liquor filter presses	171 0	11 0	5 0	187 0
Men on mud	171 0	11 0	5 0	187 0
Leading hand	183 0	11 0	5 0	199 0
Men on gas tank	176 0	11 0	5 0	192 0
Men on crushing and stacking lime	170 0	11 0	5 0	186 0
Men on washing and checking filterpress sheets	171 0	11 0	5 0	187 0
Char End—				
Kiln repairers	170 0	11 0	5 0	186 0
Kiln firemen	178 0	11 0	5 0	194 0
Wet charmen	178 0	11 0	5 0	194 0
Char runners	178 0	11 0	5 0	194 0
Pan Floor—				
First sugar boilers	196 0	11 0	5 0	212 0
Second sugar boilers	187 0	11 0	5 0	203 0
Employee attending triple effect and assistant sugar boiler	173 0	11 0	5 0	189 0
Pan attendant	170 0	11 0	5 0	186 0
Refined sugar fugalmen	175 6	11 0	5 0	191 6
Refined sugar fugalmen—Leading hands	185 6	11 0	5 0	201 6
Jelly House—				
Leading hand	180 6	11 0	5 0	196 6
Jelly fugalmen	170 0	11 0	5 0	186 0
Refined Sugar Store—				
Receiving at truck yard (leading hands)	180 0	11 0	5 0	196 0
Iceing mill attendant	170 0	11 0	5 0	186 0
Driers (leading hand)	180 0	11 0	5 0	196 0
Driers (others)	170 0	11 0	5 0	186 0
Automatic scale attendant	179 0	11 0	5 0	195 0
Automatic scale hands	170 0	11 0	5 0	186 0
Employee engaged loading trucks	170 0	11 0	5 0	186 0
Bag room checkers	170 0	11 0	5 0	186 0
Truckers and stackers	170 0	11 0	5 0	186 0
Leading hand packing floor	180 0	11 0	5 0	196 0
Hand packing sugar	170 0	11 0	5 0	186 0
Golden Syrup and Treacle—				
Men packing and weighing (bulk)	171 0	11 0	5 0	187 0
Golden syrup and treacle mixer	173 0	11 0	5 0	189 0
Liquor runners	186 0	11 0	5 0	202 0
Liquor runners—assistants	170 0	11 0	5 0	186 0
Distillery—				
Stillman	189 0	11 0	5 0	205 0
Mashman	178 0	11 0	5 0	192 0
C.O2 Bottle Attendant	179 0	11 0	5 0	195 0
Spirit and Methylating Rooms—				
Leading hand	191 6	11 0	5 0	207 6
Assistants	175 6	11 0	5 0	191 6
Cane-ite Store—				
Men storing and unstoring cane-ite and hardboard	171 0	11 0	5 0	187 0
Leading hand cleaning gang	180 0	11 0	5 0	196 0
Unstoring and/or loading bales for shipment	181 0	11 0	5 0	197 0
All others	167 0	11 0	5 0	183 0
Adult females (a) with less than 6 months' experience at the trade				121 9
(b) with 6 months or more experience at the trade				123 9

ADULT RATE TO BE PAID.

4. Male juniors employed as automatic scale hands reaching the age of 20 years, having at least 2 years' experience, shall receive adult rates applicable to that class of work.

SHIFT WORKERS (OTHER THAN CONTINUOUS SHIFT WORKERS).

5. (a) The ordinary working hours of shift workers shall be as follows:—

Night Shift—

Time of Beginning—11 p.m. on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Time of Ending—7 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Day Shift—

7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Afternoon Shift—

3 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

(b) Except at his own request any employee required to change from any of the above shifts to a shift other than his normal shift shall be paid at overtime rates for the first shift, unless he receives 48 hours notice of such change.

DAY WORKERS.

6. Day worker is an employee who ordinarily works between 7.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m., with a break of one hour for a meal between 12 noon and 1 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. When an employee is required to work between 12 noon and 1 p.m. he shall be paid time and a half for such work, and in addition shall be allowed time off for a meal.

CONTINUOUS SHIFT WORKERS.

7. For the purposes of this clause the expression "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.

(a) The ordinary working hours of employees on continuous work shifts shall not exceed an average of 40 per week spread over a period of 1, 2, 3 or 4 weeks to be worked in shifts of eight hours, including such time as by mutual arrangement may be taken for meals.

(b) There shall be a roster of shifts which shall:—

- (i) provide for rotation unless all the employees concerned desire otherwise;
- (ii) provide for not more than eight shifts to be worked in any nine consecutive days; and
- (iii) not be changed until after four weeks' notice.

(c) For all time of duty outside the limits of the ordinary hours prescribed in clause (a) hereof, an employee on continuous work shifts shall be paid at double rates. But this shall not apply to arrangements between employees themselves or in cases due to rotation of shift or when the relief does not come on duty at the proper time.

(d) Employees on continuous work shifts working any Sunday or holiday shift shall be paid at the rate of time and a half for such shift.

(The provisions of clause 7 shall apply only to persons employed at the distillery of the Colonial Sugar Refining Co. Ltd. at Yarraville.)

TERMS OF ENGAGEMENT.

8. (a) Employees are to be engaged as weekly or casual employees. A weekly employee is one engaged by the week and paid by the week, and whose engagement shall be terminable by one week's notice on either side, such notice not to be continued from week to week.

(b) After one full week's work, such notice shall be given by either employer or weekly employee, or in lieu of such notice, one week's wages shall be paid or forfeited, as the case may be.

(c) A weekly employee to be entitled to the weekly wage shall be available and willing to perform such work as may be lawfully and reasonably required by the employer during the days and hours usually worked by such class of employee, provided that an employer may deduct payment for any day during which the employee cannot be usefully employed by reason of any strike, breakdown of machinery or any other cause for which the employer cannot reasonably be held responsible.

(d) "Casual Worker" means a worker employed for less than six (6) consecutive days, with a minimum of two (2) hours in any day. He shall be paid at the rate of ten per cent. (10%) in addition to the rate prescribed in this Determination on an hourly basis. The provisions of this sub-clause shall not apply to a casual worker storing raw sugar.

EXTRA RATES AND ALLOWANCES.

9. In addition to the wages prescribed herein, the following extra rates and allowances shall be paid to adult males:—

- (i) Any employee who works on shift shall be paid an additional allowance of 2s. 3d. per shift.
- (ii) Day workers, as defined in clause 6 hereof, required to work a night shift or night shifts shall be paid ordinary rates plus 5s. per shift.
- (iii) Employees classified as "All others," who are directed to enter and clean tanks, viz.:—Carbonation tanks, house syrup tanks on roof, black boil-out tanks, extension tanks, scrubbers, crystallizers, char dust towers and gibb driers shall receive an additional 1s. 3d. for each hour or part of an hour spent in such work.
- (iv) Employees classified as "All others" who are directed to handle dry lime, sulphuric acid, muriatic acid, super cel or bones shall receive an additional 1s. for each day or part of a day on such work.
- (v) Employees in the raw sugar store whilst engaged unstoring, cutting in, facing and/or turning bags shall be paid as special allowances the rate per week set out hereunder:—

Men unstoring, cutting in or facing bags	6s. per week
Men turning bags	5s. per week

The allowances prescribed in this sub-clause are granted in consideration of and cover all disabilities associated with the handling of damaged, sweated and/or hard sugar from time to time.

DEFINITION OF JUVENILE WORKERS.

10. Persons under 21 years of age (other than apprentices or improvers) employed turning bags, sweeping trucks, receiving and placing sacks, driving friction winches, packing sugar and sewing mouths of bags, trucking sugar, collecting samples, labelling, filling golden syrup and treacle tins.

OVERTIME (other than continuous Shift Workers).

11. All work done in excess of eight hours in any one day or in excess of 40 hours in any one week shall be paid for at the rate of time and a half for the first two hours and double time thereafter.

In computing overtime under this clause, each day's work shall stand alone.

Any employee who is required to work overtime shall be paid the overtime rate for a minimum of half an hour.

LATE ATTENDANCE.

12. Any employee arriving late to work shall have a deduction made of a quarter of an hours' pay for each quarter of an hour or portion thereof that he is late.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY.

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

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

SICK PAY.

14. Any employee with not less than six months' service who does not attend for duty by reason of personal ill-health shall be allowed ordinary rates for the actual time of such non-attendance, provided he produces or forwards within 24 hours of the commencement of such absence evidence satisfactory to the management that his non-attendance was due to personal ill-health.

An employee shall not be entitled to any allowance on this ground for more than five days (the equivalent of 40 hours' pay) in each calendar year, but sick leave allowable under this clause may accumulate subject to continuous employment for a total of three years (the equivalent of 120 hours' pay).

No payment shall be made to employees on discharge or resignation in respect of accumulated sick leave.

Personal ill-health does not include ill-health which is the result of an accident or ill-health the result of misconduct.

MEAL ALLOWANCE.

15. Employees required to work a minimum of one and a half hours' overtime shall be entitled to 3s. tea money unless notified the previous day that they will be required to work overtime. If after having been notified accordingly and their services for overtime are not required the allowance of 3s. for tea money shall be payable.

SPECIAL RATES FOR SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS (OTHER THAN CONTINUOUS SHIFT WORKERS).

16. (a) All time worked except between 11 p.m. and midnight on Sundays, New Year's Day, Australia Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Labour Day, King's Birthday, Melbourne Cup Day, Christmas Day, and Boxing Day shall be paid for at the rate of double time; but if any other day be by Act of Parliament or Proclamation substituted for any of the abovementioned holidays, the special rate shall only be payable for work done on the day so substituted.

(b) Employees (other than casual employees and continuous shift workers) shall be paid at ordinary rates for Anzac Day and the holidays set out in the preceding sub-clause although they do not work.

PAYMENT OF WAGES.

17. Wages shall be payable weekly and not later than Thursday of each week. On pay day the finishing whistle shall be sounded five minutes earlier than the usual finishing time.

PIECEWORK.

18. The Board determines, under the provisions of section 150 of the *Factories and Shops Act 1928* (No. 3677), that any employer may fix and pay piecework prices to any person or persons or classes of persons employed at any work for which the Board has fixed the minimum wage, provided that such employer shall base such piecework prices on the earnings of an average worker working under like conditions, and such piecework prices shall be fixed so that an average worker can earn not less than the wages that are fixed by the Board for such work.

PERIODICAL ADJUSTMENT OF WAGES.

19. The wages rates for adult males set out in clause 3 are based upon the following basic wage, 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 20.

BASIC WAGE.

Place.	Basic Wage. (Adjustable)	Index Number Set Assigned.
	E s. d.	
Throughout the State	8 2 0	Melbourne

ADJUSTMENT OF BASIC WAGE.

20. (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, 1951, the amount of the Basic Wage shall be as prescribed in clause 19.

(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 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 .103 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 rates for adult females are based on a basic wage being 75 per cent. of the basic wage for adult males calculated to the nearest 6d., half or less than half of 6d. to be disregarded. The wages rates for adult females shall be adjusted by increasing or decreasing such rates by the amount of the difference from time to time in the said basic wage for females.

(e) The wages of apprentices, improvers or juvenile workers shall be the appropriate percentages as set out in clause 2, such wages shall be calculated to the nearest 6d., half or less than half of 6d. to be disregarded.

P. A. RANGLES, J.P., Chairman.
J. V. WILLOX, Secretary.

Melbourne, 29th November, 1950.