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Factories and Shops Acts.

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

I, Raymond Henry Beers, Secretary for Labour, in pursuance of the powers conferred by the Factories and Shops Acts, hereby make and issue the following adjusted Determination of the Wages Board referred to hereunder showing adjusted rates and prices to operate from the beginning of the first pay period to commence in May, 1953.

Dated at Melbourne, this
30th day of April, 1953.

RAY H. BEERS,
Secretary for Labour.

HEADWEAR AND STRAW HAT BOARD.

Clauses 2 and 3 of the Determination published in *Government Gazette* No. 1225 of the 29th November, 1951, shall be replaced by the following clauses:—

2. (a)

WAGES.

Apprentices or Improvers.

Experience.	Males.	Females.	Female Improvers Commencing at the Trade Between the Ages of 18 and 21 Years.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1st six months	3 1 0	3 15 6	6 1 0
2nd six months	3 10 0	4 4 0	6 13 6
3rd six months	4 2 0	4 13 0	7 12 6
4th six months	5 0 6	5 7 0	8 10 0
5th six months	5 12 6	6 1 0	..
6th six months	6 6 6	6 13 6	..
7th six months	9 0 0	7 12 6	..
8th six months	10 8 6	8 10 0	..
9th six months	11 14 0
10th six months	11 18 6

and thereafter the minimum weekly wage or piece-work price.

- (i) The term to be served at the industry by male apprentices or improvers shall be not more than four years.
- (ii) The term to be served at the industry by female apprentices or improvers shall be not more than four years.

(b)

PROPORTION (IN ANY FACTORY OR PLACE).

Apprentices or Improvers.

- (i) Not more than one male apprentice or improver shall be employed to every two or fraction of two journeymen.
- (ii) Not more than three female apprentices or improvers shall be employed to every journeywoman.
- (iii) For the purposes of all clauses relating to apprentices and improvers each class of employee as set out in the weekly wage schedules to this Determination shall be taken separately and each such class shall be deemed to be a distinct section.

PROHIBITION OF EMPLOYMENT OF MALES OVER SEVENTEEN YEARS ENTERING ANY SECTION OF THE INDUSTRY.

(c) No male who is over the age of seventeen years shall enter any section of the industry for which provision is made in this Determination for compulsory apprenticeship according to the schedule referred to in the indenture of apprenticeship prescribed by this Determination.

FEMALE IMPROVERS OVER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE MAY BE EMPLOYED.

(d) Any female without previous experience who has attained the age of eighteen years may be employed in any section of the industry as an improver, and shall be paid at least the minimum rate prescribed by this Determination for a female of her experience.

PERSONS ELIGIBLE FOR APPRENTICESHIP.

(e) All apprentices shall be indentured in accordance with the form of indenture prescribed by the Board on the 23rd May, 1950, provided that the said person may serve an employer as a probationer for a period not exceeding three months. During the said three months he or she shall be paid at least the minimum rates prescribed by this Determination for the first six months of apprenticeship. If the probationer becomes indentured, his or her indentures shall be taken to have commenced from the commencement of the period of probation.

INDENTURE COMPLETED.

(f) It shall be the duty of the employer to see that the form of indenture of any apprentice is duly completed and to deliver to the apprentice a complete original copy thereof.

COMPLETION OF APPRENTICESHIP.

(g) In the event of the employer to whom an apprentice is bound ceasing to carry on business, such apprentice may be bound to another employer for the remainder of the term to be served, provided that if such apprentice be over the age of seventeen years at the time of the original employer ceasing to carry on business, such apprentice may complete the time to be served as an improver.

APPRENTICES IN ANY GROUP OF THE INDUSTRY ALREADY BOUND.

(h) Within three months of the commencement of this Determination, every employer shall, in respect of male or female apprentices already indentured, be bound to observe the full terms of the indentures prescribed by this Determination as to the term of apprenticeship, hours, wages, overtime, and all other conditions. Where the existing indentures are inconsistent with indentures herein prescribed the existing indentures shall be deemed to be amended accordingly.

TIME SERVED IN ANY GROUP TO COUNT.

(i) (i) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Determination the time served by an apprentice or improver in any occupation for which a classification is prescribed by this Determination in any group of this Determination shall be counted as experience for the purpose of apprenticeship indentures or the continuance of improvership, both as regards wages and the term to be served in respect of the continuation of the employment of such apprentice or improver in the occupation covered by such classification.

(ii) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Determination, any person who at the date of the coming into force of this Determination is employed in the industry and whose engagement or continued employment as an improver is by this Determination forbidden shall be entitled to be employed and shall be paid the scale of wages prescribed for an apprentice or improver of like experience.

PROHIBITION OF EMPLOYMENT OF NEW MALE IMPROVERS.

(j) After the commencement of this Determination no male employed as a blocker or stiffener of any age (except where otherwise provided for) shall—

- (i) be engaged to work as an improver in any such section of the industry; or
- (ii) be transferred from one section to another such section to work there as an improver; or
- (iii) be employed as an improver in any such section.

3.

OTHER PERSONS (EXCEPT APPRENTICES AND IMPROVERS).

	Wages per Week.
	£ s. d.
<i>Journeymen.</i>	
Cutters, namely, males employed laying up and/or marking in and/or cutting out articles of headwear ..	14 8 0
Head of a table or bench of machines, namely, males in charge of four or more persons making any part of an article by hand or by machine ..	14 3 0
Helmet makers, namely, males employed making and/or shaping and/or blocking and/or stiffening by hand or by machine any kind of a helmet or part of a helmet ..	13 15 0
Machine blockers and/or stiffeners, namely, males employed blocking and/or stiffening articles or parts of articles of headwear by machine ..	13 15 0
Hand blockers, namely, males employed blocking articles or parts of articles of headwear by hand ..	14 9 0
Cap makers, namely, males employed making by hand or by machine either wholly or partly any description of caps ..	13 15 0
Pressers, namely, males employed pressing any article of headwear ..	13 15 0
Machinists, namely, males employed machining any parts of articles of headwear ..	13 18 0
All other adult males not herein classified ..	12 2 0

Journeywomen.

i.e., Journeywomen as defined herein and adult females other than such adult females as are specified in clause 4 of this Determination.

	Wages per Week.
	£ s. d.
Cutters, namely, females employed laying up and/or marking in and/or cutting out articles of headwear	10 11 6
Head of a table or a bench of machines, namely, females in charge of four or more persons making any part of an article of headwear by hand or by machine ..	10 1 6
Pressers, namely, females employed pressing any article of headwear ..	9 13 6
Machinists, namely, females employed machining any part of articles of headwear ..	9 16 6
Milliners, tablehands, adornment workers, or finishers ..	9 16 6
Females employed on any work in connexion with the designing of models and/or modelling and/or creating new styles of headwear ..	10 11 6
Hand sewers of buttons, hooks and eyes, press studs ..	9 4 6
All other adult females not herein classified ..	9 1 6

NOTE.—An amount of 5s. per week for journeymen and 3s. 9d. per week for journeywomen included in the above rates shall not be deemed to be portion of the wage for the purpose of computing piecework rates or task work or overtime, holiday or other penalty rates.

Clauses, other than clauses 2 and 3, of the said Determination shall remain in force.

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