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**DETERMINATION OF A WAGES BOARD ADJUSTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 33 OF THE LABOUR AND INDUSTRY ACT 1953.**

I, Henry Norman Jones, Secretary for Labour and Industry, in pursuance of the powers conferred by the Labour and Industry Act, 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 February, 1955.

Dated at Melbourne, this
29th day of March, 1955.

H. N. JONES,
Secretary for Labour and Industry.

GAS METER BOARD.

Clauses 2 and 11 of the Determination made on the 8th December, 1954, and in force as from the beginning of the first pay period to commence on or after the 13th December, 1954, shall be replaced by the following clauses:—

2. **WAGES PER WEEK OF 40 HOURS.**
(a) Makers and/or repairers of gas meters which are assembled by the use of screws, bolts, or rivets.

	(i) Adults.	Total Wage Payable.
		£ s. d.
Tester other than sound tester	13 19 0
Sound tester	13 19 0
Spray and other painter	13 19 0
Valve grinder other than loose grinder	13 19 0
Assembler and/or repairer	13 19 0

(ii) Junior Employees.

	Percentage of Basic Wage.	Additional Amount.	Total Wage Payable.
		s. d.	£ s. d.
Under 16 years of age	24	2 0	2 18 6
16 years of age	34	3 0	4 3 0
17 years of age	46	4 0	5 12 0
18 years of age	58	5 0	7 1 6
19 years of age	73	6 0	8 17 6
20 years of age	88	7 0	10 14 0

(b) Makers and/or repairers of other gas meters.

Apprentices or Improvers.					Other Employees.		
—	Per-centage of Basic Wage.	Weekly Rate.	War Loading.	Total Weekly Wage.	—	Weekly Wage.	
		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.		£	s. d.
1st year—							
1st six months	28	66 0	0 9	66 9	Meter maker or repairer	15	5 0
2nd six months	32	75 0	0 9	75 9	Prepayment meter attachment maker	15	2 6
2nd year ..	40	94 0	1 0	95 0	Caster of gratings and covers	15	2 6
3rd year ..	54	127 0	1 6	128 6	Head tester—		
4th year ..	79	185 6	2 3	187 9	(a) where eight or more other testers are employed ..	16	16 0
5th year ..	100 +	236 0	3 0	239 0	(b) where four and not more than seven other testers are employed ..	16	6 8
	1s.				Other tester	14	5 0
					Leading diaphragm tier (where two or more other diaphragm tiers are employed)	15	15 6
					Other diaphragm tier, including persons banding, crimping, or wiring	13	9 5
					Leading diaphragm cutter, where two or more cutters are employed	15	3 7
					Other diaphragm cutter	13	16 2
					Rim, disc, or prepayment meter cash box maker	14	2 1
					Machinist (power press)	13	10 8
					Other Machinist	12	16 4
					Assistant machinist	12	7 9
					All others	11	18 0

PROPORTION (within any place).

Apprentices.

One apprentice to every three or fraction of three workers receiving not less than 238s. per week of 40 hours.

Improvers.

Such number of improvers as shall not, together with apprentices, exceed in the aggregate one to every three or fraction of three workers receiving not less than 238s. per week of 40 hours.

LEADING HANDS.

Leading hands in charge of not less than three and not more than ten employees, 15s. per week extra; more than ten and not more than twenty employees, 30s. per week extra; more than twenty employees, 45s. per week extra.

PIECEWORK PRICES.

11. The lowest piecework prices payable to any person engaged in the following kinds of work shall be:—

(a) MAKING TIN DRY ORDINARY METERS, "MET" AND "P. AND C." PATTERN, ALSO HIGH CAPACITY METERS.

"P. AND C." PATTERN.

	H.C. 1.		H.C. 2.							
	per doz.	£ s. d.	per doz.	£ s. d.						
<i>Ordinary Meters.</i>										
Making "Met" pattern meters, i.e., doing any work necessary to complete the meter, including the putting together of all parts; preparing gratings and covers (after leaving the mould); putting on pins and wires, forming long and diaphragm chambers, throat pieces, bridges, and back plates; folding edge; breaking edges of side pipes; making valve plates; oiling, sounding, and fixing up all leaks in diaphragms; setting and grinding valves; and tinning all parts including anti-fraud boxes	35	2 4	38	19 0						
	Lights.									
	2.	3.	5.	10.	20.					
	per doz.	per doz.	per doz.	per doz.	per doz.					
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.					
Making "P. and C." pattern meters, i.e., doing any work necessary to complete the meter, including the putting together of all parts, and the making of valve plates; oiling, sounding, and fixing up leaks in diaphragms; setting and grinding valves; preparing gratings and covers (after leaving moulds); putting on pins and wires, and tinning all parts; but not including forming long and diaphragm chambers, throat pieces, bridges, and back plates; punching cock plates; folding edge of same; and breaking edges of side pipes	22	18 1	23	15 4	26	18 10	32	6 8	46	18 8
<i>High Capacity Meters.</i>										
Making "P. and C." high capacity meters, i.e., doing any work necessary to complete the meter, including the putting together of all parts, the making of valve plates, soldering in rims, banding on diaphragms, sounding and fixing up leaks in diaphragms, setting and grinding valves, preparing gratings and covers, putting on pins and wires, and tinning all parts, but not including forming long and diaphragm chambers, throat pieces, bridges, back plates, punching cock plates, folding edge of same, breaking edges of side pipes, making up rims or bands for diaphragms, fastening tapes to rims, crimping or fastening discs to diaphragms, and oiling diaphragms: also, bending top arms.	Capacity, 100 cubic feet per hour £25 6s. 10d. per doz.									
	Capacity, 125 cubic feet per hour £29 2s. per doz.									

PIECEWORK PRICES—continued.

(a) MAKING TIN DRY ORDINARY METERS, "P. AND C." PATTERN.

"P. and C." A.V. 2·200 feet per hour. Open Top Pattern Meters.

Making up "P. and C." A.V. 2·200 feet per hour Open Top Pattern Meters, i.e., doing the following work necessary to complete the meter, including the putting together of all parts and the making of valve plates, making up case, soldering in rims, banding on diaphragms, sounding and fixing up leaks in diaphragms, setting and grinding valves, preparing gratings and covers, tinning all parts, soldering both back and front of division, soldering flag to roller and pillar unit, soldering in rods and tees and tees and motion wires, soldering on backs and fronts, soldering in bridges, soldering in and fitting index boxes, soldering arms to covers, pinning covers and setting tangents (but not including forming centre tube throat pieces), making up rims and bands for diaphragms, fastening tapes to rims, crimping or fastening discs to diaphragms and oiling diaphragms, assembling of bridges, making up of index complete in pan with stuffing box attached, stuffing index box or drilling, tapping or screwing arms to covers.

£25 2s. 4d. per doz.

(b) MAKING TIN DRY PREPAYMENT METERS.

Making "P. and C." pattern high capacity prepayment meters, i.e., doing any work necessary to complete the meter, including the putting together of all parts, the making of valve plates, soldering in rims, banding on diaphragms, sounding and fixing up leaks in diaphragms, setting and grinding valves, preparing gratings and covers, putting on pins and wires, tinning all parts, soldering prepayment valve seat on bridge, soldering in prepayment valve, soldering top on prepayment valve box, soldering prepayment valve box to meter, soldering stuffing box to prepayment valve box and stuffing same, soldering on lever, soldering on circular box, soldering on prepayment movement and index, soldering on side cash box, soldering hasp to catch piece, soldering catch piece to meter, edging front of money box and attaching same to box, soldering on ring and tab to front of money box, trying coins in circular box, soldering on indicator, soldering bottom to cash box, but not including forming long and diaphragm chambers, throat pieces, bridges, back plates, punching cock plates, folding edge of same, breaking edges of side pipes, making up rims or bands for diaphragms, fastening tapes to rims, crimping or fastening discs to diaphragms, and oiling diaphragms.

Capacity, 100 cubic feet per hour £31 4s. 9d. per doz.

(c) MAKING RIMS AND DISCS.

	Lights.							
	2.	3.	5.	10.	20.	30.	50.	60.
	per job of 400 rims and 200 discs.	per job of 620 rims.	per job of 580 rims.	per job of 460 rims.	per job of 240 rims.	per job of 240 rims.	per doz. discs.	per doz. discs.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Making rims and discs	18 6 10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Making rims .. .. .	..	18 6 10	18 6 10	18 6 10	18 6 10	18 6 10	..	..
Making discs .. .. .	..	..	..	..	per doz. discs. 0 14 8½	per doz. discs. 1 1 5½	2 11 8	3 1 5½
Making rims for circular crimped-on diaphragms .. .. .	..	..	per job of 400 rims. 15 13 7	per job of 400 rims. 16 5 5	..	..	..	..

(d) WIRING OR TYING DIAPHRAGMS.

	2, 3, or 5 Lights.	10 Lights.
	per dozen. s. d.	per dozen. s. d.
Wiring or tying diaphragms	15 6½	88 7½

(e) RENEWALS.

	Lights.				
	30.	50.	60.	80.	100.
	per doz. £ s. d.	per job of 6. £ s. d.	per job of 6. £ s. d.	per job of 3. £ s. d.	per job of 3. £ s. d.
<p>Ordinary Meters.</p> <p>Renewing in the following manner ordinary condemned meters from which the top back plate, and back and front have been removed, viz. :—</p> <p>Dissecting and cleaning all parts fit to be re-used and making a new meter therewith by :—</p> <p>Forming diaphragms and long chambers, throat pieces, bridges, back plates; punching cock plate and folding edges; breaking edges of side pipes, any other necessary work</p>	95 1 5	73 8 3	78 12 5	52 12 3	52 12 3

PIECEWORK PRICES—continued.

(f) REPAIRING METERS.

	H.C. 1.	H.C. 2.	Lights.			
			5.	10.	20.	30.
	each meter.	each meter.	each meter.	each meter.	each meter.	each meter.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Repairing "Met" pattern meters, i.e., doing such of the following work as may be necessary to restore the meter to good repair, viz.— Removing back and front; removing cock plate and back plate; cleaning meter; re-grinding valves; re-stuffing centre and side stuffing boxes; re-setting valves and top arms; inserting new diaphragms; removing index; putting in new valve arms, index glass, or new tin work	36 11½	36 11½	34 2	40 9½	57 5	66 11½
Repairing prepayment slot meters, i.e., doing such of the following work as may be necessary to restore the meter to good repair, viz.— Cleaning meter; re-grinding valves; re-stuffing boxes; re-setting top arms and valves; removing top and back plates; taking off and replacing back and front, and inserting new diaphragms, new valve arms, and index glass; putting in a new cover to shut off valve; putting on staple and spring, and soldering wire along cash box (but not including repairs to handles) .. .. .	..	..	per job of ten meters £ s. d. 20 13 0 each meter	..	..	..
Inserting new leather on shut off valve in Parkinson pattern prepayment meter .. .. .	..	..	s. d. 4 3½	..	..	..

	Lights.				
	2.	3.	5.	10.	20.
	each meter.	each meter.	each meter.	each meter.	each meter.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Repairing tin dry ordinary meters in the following manner:— (a) Cleaning meter; inserting diaphragms; setting or re-grinding valves; re-stuffing boxes; removing and replacing cock plates and index	7 10	8 9	9 6	10 6	14 4
(b) Cleaning meter; cutting discs; oiling diaphragms; setting or re-grinding valves; re-stuffing boxes; removing cock plate and index; taking off and putting in back and front	6 6	6 6	6 6	6 8	9 11
Repairing tin dry prepayment meters, extra on above (a) and (b):— (i) Meters fitted with 1977 movements	2 6	2 6	2 6	2 6	2 6
(ii) Meters fitted with 1924 and similar movements	3 0	3 0	3 0	3 0	3 0
(iii) Other meters	2 3	2 3	2 3	2 3	2 3

} With 243-811 per cent. added.

(g) EXTRAS.

Article.	Lights.	Price.	Article.	Lights.	Price.
		s. d.			s. d.
Frame and door ..	2, 3, 5, 10	0 7	Pipes inside inlet ..	2, 3, 5, 10 to 20	2 0 pair
Bottom and studs ..	2, 3, 5, 10	1 4	Other pipes ..	2, 3, 5, 10	1 0 "
	20	1 8		20	2 0 "
Bridge ..	2, 3, 5, 10	1 0	Galleries ..	2, 3, 5, 10	1 3 "
	20	1 3		20	1 8 "
Red arms ..	2, 3, 5, 10	0 4 pair	Guides ..	2 to 20	0 4 set
	20	0 8 "	Feet ..	2, 3, 5, 10	0 4 "
Valve arms ..	2, 3, 5, 10	0 3 "		20	1 0 "
Valve-box covers ..	2, 3, 5, 10	0 6	Rod stuffing boxes ..	2, 3, 5, 10	0 5 pair
Divisions ..	2, 3, 5, 10	2 2	Clean valves and set to zero ..	2	2 0
Half-valve plate ..	2	2 3		3 and 5	2 4
	3	2 5		10	2 5
	5	2 7	Slot meters extra on above ..	20	2 11 each
	10	2 9	Taking off and putting on ..	..	1 2 each
	20	2 11	back and front only ..	2	1 3 pair
New door ..	2	0 2		3 and 5	1 6 "
Motion wires ..	2, 3, 5, 10	0 7 pair		10	1 8 "
	20	1 3 "		20	2 3 "
Throat pieces ..	2, 3, 5, 10	1 0 "	Turn-over backs and fronts ..	2 to 20	0 5 "
Side chambers ..	2, 3, 5, 10	0 6 each	Condemning ..	2	1 3
				3, 5, 10	1 5
New sides ..	2, 3, 5, 10.	4 4 pair		20	1 11
Tees ..	2, 3, 5, 10.	1 0	Piecing cases ..	2 to 20	0 6
	20	1 3 "	Putting in deep rim diap. ..	3	0 7 pair
				5	0 5 "

} With 243-811 per cent. added.

NORS.—(i) "Leaks round grating" and "All crutch leaks" shall be paid for at wages rates.

(ii) All materials for piecework, except that set out in sub-clause (d) of the piecework schedule shall be supplied to the employee in good order and condition.

Clauses, other than clauses 2 and 11, of the said Determination shall remain in force.

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