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## DETERMINATION OF THE CLERKS (MEAT WORKS) BOARD.

NOTES :—(a) This Determination applies to the whole of the State of Victoria.

(b) On the 25th September, 1951, the Commercial Clerks Board was deprived of the power to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons, or classes of persons, employed as clerks, in meat works where killing is done, at work connected directly with the slaughtering of animals for export as meat or with the processing of the carcasses of such animals or the products therefrom, and such power was conferred exclusively on the Clerks (Meat Works) Board.

IN accordance with the provisions of the *Labour and Industry Act 1953*, the Wages Board appointed to "determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons, or classes of persons, employed as clerks, in meat works where killing is done, at work connected directly with the slaughtering of animals for export as meat or with the processing of the carcasses of such animals or the products therefrom,"—has made the following Determination namely :—

1. That as from the beginning of the first pay period to commence in February, 1955, the last previous Determination of this Board shall be revoked and replaced by this Determination.

### WAGES PER WEEK OF 40 HOURS.

2. (a)

\*Improvers.

Males.	Percentage of Basic Wage.	Total Wage.	Females.	Percentage of Female Basic Wage.	Total Wage.
	%	s. d.		%	s. d.
Under 16 years of age .. .. .	40	94 0	Under 16 years of age .. .. .	45	79 0
At 16 years of age .. .. .	50	117 6	At 16 years of age .. .. .	59	104 0
At 17 years of age .. .. .	61	143 6	At 17 years of age .. .. .	74	130 0
At 18 years of age .. .. .	80	188 0	At 18 years of age .. .. .	86	151 6
At 19 years of age .. .. .	100 plus	244 6	At 19 years of age .. .. .	98	172 6
	9s. 6d.		At 20 years of age .. .. .	100 plus	190 0
At 20 years of age .. .. .	100 plus	266 6		14s.	
	31s. 6d.				

\* The Board has determined that no apprentice shall be taken to the trade.

### PROPORTION (IN ANY PLACE).

One improver to one or two; Two improvers to three or four; Three improvers to five or six } Workers receiving not less than the minimum Wage.  
And thereafter one improver to every three or fraction of three .. .. .

(b)

Other Employees.

	Total Wage.
	£ s. d.
Males—(See Clause 3 (c) (vi) when less than 10 are employed)—	
Grade "C" (as defined in clause 3) .. .. .	14 19 6
Grade "B" (as defined in clause 3) .. .. .	15 14 6
Grade "A" (as defined in clause 3) .. .. .	16 14 6
Females .. .. .	11 4 6

## GRADINGS.

3. (a) Every employer shall establish at the date of the commencement of this Determination and thereafter as hereinafter provided maintain the following proportions amongst adult male clerks to be graded:—

The number of clerks in Grade "C" shall not exceed 50 per cent. of the clerks employed in each establishment.

The number of clerks in Grade "B" shall be not less than 40 per cent. of the clerks employed in each establishment.

The number of clerks in Grade "A" shall be not less than 10 per cent of the clerks employed in each establishment. provided that any excess above 10 per cent at any time graded into Grade (A) may be used to make up the 40 per cent. required to be graded into Grade (B).

(b) The grade to which each clerk is allotted shall be determined by the employer.

(c) The following provisions shall apply to the grading of clerks:—

(i) The clerks to be graded shall comprise all adult male clerks, in the service of each individual employer.

(ii) The clerks in each grade shall comprise those receiving wages within the following ranges:—

Grade C—From the minimum prescribed for Grade C to 14s. per week above that amount,

Grade B—From the minimum prescribed for Grade B to 19s. per week above that amount,

Grade A—From the minimum prescribed for Grade A upwards.

(iii) The foregoing proportions shall be maintained at twelve monthly intervals at dates to be selected by each employer.

(iv) Any clerk who is dissatisfied with his grading may request his employer to review it.

(v) Grading shall be for the purpose only of determining minimum rates of pay.

(vi) Where less than 10 male clerks are employed the grading scale shall not operate and the rate shall be an average of Grades (A), (B) and (C) as prescribed in clause 2.

## WEEKLY HOURS.

(Other than Shift Workers).

4. The number of hours to constitute an ordinary week's work shall be forty.

## TIMES OF BEGINNING AND ENDING WORK.

(Other than Shift Workers.)

					Time of Beginning.	Time of Ending.
5. On the usual weekly half holiday	..	..	..	..	7 a.m.	12 noon.
On all other days of the week	..	..	..	..	7 a.m.	5.30 p.m.

## OVERTIME.

(Other than Shift Workers.)

6. All time worked in excess of the hours stated in clause 4, or in excess of eight hours per day, or outside the hours fixed in clause 5 shall be paid for on the prevailing rate; at time and a half for the first four hours and double time thereafter.

An employee required to work on a Saturday, Sunday or Public Holiday shall be paid a minimum of four hours' pay at the appropriate rate.

An employer may require an employee to work reasonable overtime at overtime rates, and such employee shall work overtime in accordance with such requirements. For the purpose of computing overtime each day's work shall stand alone; provided that in the aggregate the minimum period for which an employee shall be paid overtime shall be half an hour per week.

## SHIFT WORK.

7. In this clause—

"Afternoon Shift" means any shift finishing after 6 p.m. and at or before midnight.

"Night Shift" means any shift finishing subsequent to midnight, and at or before 8 a.m.

(a) (i) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Determination an employee may be employed upon shifts, in which case the ordinary hours for a week's work shall be 40, and shall be performed in shifts not exceeding nine hours each in the case of a five-day week and not exceeding eight hours each in the case of a six-day week. A Sunday may be included in either case.

(ii) A shift worker employed on an afternoon shift or on a night shift shall, for work done during the ordinary hours of any such shift, be paid ordinary rates plus an additional 10 per cent. for an afternoon shift, or an additional 12½ per cent. for a night shift.

(iii) The times of beginning and ending the shift of any employee shall not be altered without at least one week's notice to the employee concerned.

(iv) Twenty minutes shall be allowed to a shift worker for a meal during each shift between the fourth and fifth hour of such shift. Such meal break shall be counted as time worked.

## Overtime for Shift Workers.

(b) A shift worker for all time worked—

(i) in excess of the ordinary hours prescribed; or

(ii) on more than six shifts on any seven consecutive days; or

(iii) on a rostered shift off;

shall be paid at the rate of time and a half on the prevailing rate, provided that time worked on any day in excess in the aggregate of ten hours of ordinary time and/or overtime, shall be paid for at the rate of double time on the prevailing rate.

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

## Saturday, Sunday and Holiday Rates for Shift Workers.

(d) (i) A shift worker whose ordinary working period includes a Sunday or a holiday (as prescribed in clause 10) as an ordinary working day, shall be paid at the rate of time and a half for such ordinary time as occurs on such Sunday or holiday.

(ii) A shift worker whose ordinary working period does not include a Sunday or a holiday (as prescribed in clause 10) as an ordinary working day, shall, if required to work on any such Sunday or holiday, be paid double time for work done on either of such days.

(iii) A shift worker whose ordinary working period includes a Saturday shall in lieu of the shift rate prescribed in clause 7 (a) (ii) hereof, be paid time and a quarter for all work done between midnight Friday and midnight Saturday.

## TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT.

8. All employees (other than casuals) willing, ready and available for work shall be paid the full weekly wage fixed herein, irrespective of the number of hours worked not exceeding 40. To terminate employment one week's notice shall be given by either employer or employee or in lieu thereof one week's wages shall be paid or forfeited, as the case may be. The provisions of this clause shall not apply in any instance where an employee is dismissed for misconduct.

## CASUAL LABOUR.

9. Casual hands, i.e., persons engaged as such employed during any week for not more than one-half of the maximum number of hours fixed in the Determination as a week's work, shall be paid at the rate of time and half on the hourly rate calculated *pro rata* by dividing the weekly rate by the number of hours fixed for a week's work.

## HOLIDAYS.

(Other than Shift Workers.)

10. All employees shall be entitled to the same holidays as are observed by the general body of employees in the Department in which they are employed without deduction of pay.

All time worked on such a holiday shall be at the rate of double time.

## SUNDAYS.

(Other than Shift Workers.)

11. All time worked on a Sunday shall be paid for at the rate of double time.

## ANNUAL HOLIDAY.

12. (a) The annual holiday shall be as prescribed by the provisions of the *Labour and Industry Act 1933*, and any amendments which may be made thereto from time to time.

(b) In addition to the above, shift workers shall be allowed for each twelve monthly qualifying period one week's leave including non-working days.

(c) Where an employee with twelve months' continuous service is engaged for part of the twelve-monthly period as a shift worker, he shall be entitled to have the period of two weeks' annual leave prescribed by the said Act increased by one half day for each month he is continuously engaged as aforesaid.

(d) If in any twelve-monthly qualifying period a shift worker lawfully leaves his employment or his employment is terminated by the employer through no fault of the employee, the employee shall be paid, in addition to all other amounts (including any payment in lieu of annual leave as prescribed by sub-clause (a) hereof) due to him, an amount equal to one-fiftieth of his ordinary pay for the period of employment as a seven day shift worker.

## SICK LEAVE.

13. (a) Any employee who, having had at least three months' service with the same employer, is absent from duty as a result of personal ill health or accident shall be entitled to sick pay as follows:—

(i) During the first year—3½ hours' ordinary pay for each complete month of service;

(ii) During any subsequent year of service—40 hours' ordinary pay.

Provided that in either case such employee produces or forwards within 48 hours of the commencement of such absence evidence satisfactory to the employer that his or her non-attendance was due to personal ill health or accident necessitating such absence.

(b) 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.

For the purposes of this sub-clause service prior to the 1st December, 1947, shall be disregarded, provided that any accumulated sick leave, not exceeding 160 hours of working time, standing to the credit of the employee on the 1st December, 1951, shall not be reduced by virtue of the provisions of this sub-clause.

No employer shall terminate the services of an employee during the currency of any period of sick leave with the object of avoiding his obligations under this sub-clause.

## TIME, WAGES, AND GRADINGS RECORDS.

14. Each employer shall keep time, wages, and gradings records showing the name of each employee, the hours worked each day, the wages and overtime paid each week, and the grade in which each employee is allotted as provided in Clause 3 hereof. The time, wages, and gradings records shall be open for inspection to a duly-accredited official of the Federated Clerks' Union of Australia (Victorian Branch) during the usual office hours at the employer's office, or other convenient place, provided that only one demand for such inspection shall be made at the same establishment in any one fortnight, and such demand shall not be made unless the State Secretary of the Union suspects that a breach of this Determination has been committed.

## MEAL PERIOD.

15. A meal period of not less than 30 minutes shall be allowed each employee. Such meal period shall be taken not later than five hours after commencing work.

## MEAL ALLOWANCE.

16. (a) Any employee who is required to work beyond one hour after the usual finishing hour shall be paid a meal allowance of 5s., such allowance to be paid to the employee prior to the commencement of the meal break.

(b) When overtime is worked in excess of two hours after the usual time of ceasing work, a meal break of not less than 30 minutes shall be allowed. Such meal break shall be taken not more than five hours after the resumption of work from the previous meal period.

## BOILING WATER.

17. The employer shall provide facilities to enable the employees to obtain boiling water at meal times and rest periods.

## VEHICLE ALLOWANCE.

(Other than Travelling to and from His Place of Employment.)

18. (a) Where an employer requires an employee to use his own bicycle in the performance of his duties such employee shall be paid an allowance at the rate of 7s. 6d. per week for such period as the bicycle is used.

(b) Where an employer requires an employee to use his own motor vehicle in the performance of his duties, such employee shall be paid an allowance of not less than 4½d. per mile with a maximum amount of £3 per week for a motor cycle and 9d. per mile with a maximum amount of £5 12s. 6d. for a motor car.

(c) Where an employer provides a motor vehicle which is used by an employee in the performances of his duties, all expenses, including registration, running, and maintenance of such motor vehicle, shall be paid by the employer.

## PROTECTIVE CLOTHING.

19. Where an employee is required by his employer to work in conditions that could cause damage to his clothing such employee shall be supplied with protective clothing, which shall be laundered by his employer.

## REST PERIOD.

20. All employees shall be allowed two rest intervals on each day as follows:—

(a) The first ten minutes to be allowed between the time of commencing work and the usual meal interval;

(b) The second of ten minutes to be allowed between the usual meal interval and the time of ceasing work for the day.

Such intervals are to be counted as part of time worked.

## FLOOR COVERING.

21. When an employee is required to work for a period exceeding half an hour on a floor of concrete, stone, or similar material, the employer shall provide suitable floor covering or other insulating material.

## PAYMENT OF WAGES.

22. Wages, overtime, and allowance accrued shall be paid not later than Thursday in each week, and shall be paid at or before the cessation of duty. On or with the pay envelope of each employee there shall be endorsed or supplied particulars as follows—

1. Gross amount of salary.
2. Details of deductions.
3. Nett amount.

## RIGHT OF ENTRY OF OFFICIALS.

23. For the purpose of interviewing employees on legitimate union business, a duly accredited union representative shall have the right to enter employer's premises on the following conditions:—

- (a) That he produces his authority to the gatekeeper or such other person as may be appointed by the employer.
- (b) That 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.

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 may be mutually arranged by the representative and the employer.

A union representative shall be a duly accredited representative if he be the holder for the time being of a certificate, signed by the State 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-named Organization for all purposes of this Determination.

State Secretary..

Date .....

(Specimen signature of Holder)  
Strictly not transferable.

## MAINTENANCE OF FORMER RATES.

24. Nothing in this Determination shall have the effect of reducing the wage any employee was receiving prior to the 21st December, 1951.

## PERIODICAL ADJUSTMENT OF WAGES.

25. The wages set out for adult males in clause 2 are based upon the following basic wage rate, and, pursuant to the provisions of the *Labour and Industry Act* 1953, the board hereby determines that such rate shall be automatically adjusted as prescribed by clause 26.

## Basic Wage.

Place.	Basic Wage (Adjustable).	Index Number Set Assigned.
	E s. d.	
Throughout the State .. .. .	11 15 0	Melbourne

## ADJUSTMENT OF BASIC WAGE.

26. (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 May, 1955, the amount of the basic wage shall be as prescribed in clause 25.

(c) During each future successive period beginning with the first pay period to commence in a May, an August, a November, or a February, 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 improvers 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, 10th February, 1955.