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Labour and Industry Act 1953.

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
28th day of April, 1955.

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

UMBRELLA BOARD.

Clauses 2 and 3 of the Determination published in *Government Gazette* No. 219 of the 12th April, 1954, shall be replaced by the following clauses:—

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(a) APPRENTICES AND IMPROVERS.

Rates per Week of 40 Hours.

Experience.	Males.	Females.	
		First Commencing at the Trade when Under the Age of 18 Years.	First Commencing at the Trade Between the Ages of 18 Years and 21 Years.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1st six months	3 2 6	3 17 6	6 4 0
2nd six months	3 12 0	4 6 6	6 17 0
3rd six months	4 4 0	4 15 6	7 16 6
4th six months	5 3 0	5 10 0	8 14 6
5th six months	5 15 0	6 4 0	..
6th six months	6 9 6	6 17 0	..
7th six months	9 5 0	7 16 6	..
8th six months	10 13 6	8 14 6	..
9th six months	12 0 0
10th six months	12 4 6

and thereafter the minimum 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 journeywomen.
- (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 this 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 rate 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.

3.**OTHER PERSONS (EXCEPT APPRENTICES AND IMPROVERS).**

	Wages per Week.
<i>Journeymen.</i>	
Cutters, namely, males employed laying up material and/or marking in and/or cutting out and/or separating and/or matching and/or sorting covers for umbrellas and/or parasols	£ s. d. 14 4 0
Head of a table or a bench of machines, namely, males in charge of four or more persons making any part of an article by hand or by machine	13 16 0
Finishers, namely, males employed capping and/or ferruling and/or end finishing umbrellas or parasols ..	13 9 0
Frame makers or repairers, namely, males employed making and/or repairing frames for umbrellas and/or parasols; such work to include the work of cutting slotting and springing handles or sticks and/or assembling ribs and/or drilling notches	13 11 0
All other adult males not herein classified	12 8 0
<i>Journeywomen.</i>	
i.e. journeywomen as defined herein and adult females other than such adult females as are specified in clause 4 of this Determination.	
Head of a table or a bench of machines, namely, females in charge of four or more persons making any part of an article by hand or by machine	£ s. d. 10 3 0
Tipplers and/or finishers and/or machinists and/or tablehands namely, females employed sewing by hand or by machine umbrellas or parasols or any part of an umbrella or parasol and/or pressing and/or ironing and/or branding umbrellas or parasols	9 18 0
All other adult females not herein classified	9 6 0

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