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## DETERMINATION OF THE SHOPS BOARD No. 23 (ELECTRICAL AND RADIO GOODS).

NOTE.—This Determination applies to the following parts of Victoria, namely:—The Metropolitan District and the Geelong District as defined in the *Labour and Industry Act 1953* the cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, and Warrnambool, and the boroughs of Eaglehawk and Sebastopol.

On the 18th May, 1932, the Shops Board No. 18 (Miscellaneous Shops) was deprived of the power to determine the lowest price or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons employed in the business of a seller of—

(a) Electrical goods;  
(b) Wireless (radio) sets, parts, or accessories;  
and such power was conferred exclusively on the Shops Board No. 23 (Electrical and Radio Goods).

IN accordance with the provisions of the *Labour and Industry Act 1953*, the Wages Board appointed to “determine the lowest rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons employed in the business of a seller of—

(a) Electrical goods;  
(b) Wireless (radio) sets, parts, or accessories”—  
has made the following Determination, namely:—

1. That as from the beginning of the first pay period to commence on or after the 5th April, 1955, the last previous Determination of this Board shall be revoked and replaced by this Determination.

2. **WAGES PER WEEK OF 40 HOURS.**

Apprentices and Improvers.			Other Employees.		
	Percentage of Basic Wage.	s. d.		Within the Metropolitan District.	Outside the Metropolitan District wherever this Determination applies.
MALES.			MALES.		
Under 16 years of age .. .. .	35	82 0	(a) Person in charge of a shop		
16 years of age .. .. .	42	98 6	<i>Or,</i>		
17 " .. .. .	55	129 0	(b) Manager in charge of one or more persons in an electrical and/or radio department of a departmental store, the business of which is not confined to the sale of radio or electrical goods	306 0	302 0
18 " .. .. .	72	169 0	(c) Canvassers, travellers, collectors, installers, and all others who are in any way connected with the sale of goods on a merchant's premises, but excluding those selling off such premises if they are paid exclusively by commission and have the right to sell goods for more than one merchant		
19 " .. .. .	89	209 0			
20 " .. .. .	100 + 6/3d.	241 3			
FEMALES.			FEMALES.		
Under 16 years of age .. .. .	44	77 6			
16 years of age .. .. .	50	88 0			
17 " .. .. .	57	100 6			
18 " .. .. .	66	116 0			
19 " .. .. .	75	132 0			
20 " .. .. .	87	153 0			
			Females .. .. .	223 0	219 0

Apprentices and Improvers	Other Employees
<b>PROPORTION (WITHIN ANY SHOP).</b>	
<i>Apprentices.</i>	
<b>MALES.</b>	
One male apprentice to every three or fraction of three workers receiving not less than 269s. per week.	
<b>FEMALES.</b>	
One female apprentice to every three or fraction of three workers receiving not less than 210s. 6d. per week.	
<i>Improvers.</i>	
<b>MALES.</b>	
One male improver to every two or fraction of two workers receiving not less than 269s. per week.	
<b>FEMALES.</b>	
One female improver to every two or fraction of two workers receiving not less than 210s. 6d. per week.	

**PAYMENT WHERE LESS THAN A FULL WEEK IS WORKED.**

3. Any person who is ready, available and willing to complete the number of hours for a week's work for which he or she was engaged, shall, if actually employed in any week for less than 40 hours, be paid for each hour up to 30 hours as follows:—  
 (a) in any week in which two or more public holidays occur—at the ordinary rate, with an addition of fifty per centum;  
 (b) in any other week—at the ordinary rate, with an addition of thirty-three and one-third per centum;  
 and thereafter the ordinary wage rate up to but not exceeding the appropriate wage rate prescribed for a week of 40 hours.

Provided that an employer may deduct payment for any day an employee cannot be usefully employed because of any strike or through any breakdown of machinery or any stoppage of work by any other cause arising out of such strike and for which the employer cannot be held responsible. Provided further that any such time lost shall be counted as time worked in computing annual holidays and sick leave under this Determination.

**4. TIMES OF BEGINNING AND ENDING WORK.**

—	Time of Beginning.	Time of Ending.
Saturday .. .. .	7.45 a.m.	noon
On the other working days of the week .. .. .	7.45 a.m.	5.30 p.m.

**MEAL INTERVAL.**

5. No employer shall require any employee to take a longer interval than one hour for a meal, and such meal interval shall be taken between the hours of 11.30 a.m., and 2.30 p.m.

**OVERTIME.**

6. Outside the hours fixed in clause 4 .. .. . } Time and a half.  
 Within the hours fixed in clause 4 in excess of the number of hours as fixed for an ordinary week's work .. .. . }

**SPECIAL RATES FOR SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS.**

7. Double time shall be the rate for all work done on Sundays, New Year's Day, Australia Day, Labour Day, Good Friday, Easter Saturday, Easter Monday, Queen's Birthday, after 12 noon on Melbourne Show Day (Metropolitan District only), Melbourne Cup Day (Metropolitan District only), Christmas Day, and Boxing Day. If any other day be by Act of Parliament or Proclamation substituted for any of the above-named holidays, this rate shall be payable for work done only on the day so substituted.

All employees, provided their services are not required, shall be entitled to the above-named holidays without deduction of pay.

**PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.**

7a. New Year's Day, Australia Day, Labour Day, Good Friday, Easter Saturday, Easter Monday, Queen's Birthday, Christmas Day, and Boxing Day, or any day by Act of Parliament or Proclamation substituted for any of the said days shall be observed as Public Holidays

**TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT.**

8. Except in a case where an employer or an employee has been guilty of a misdemeanour, seven days' notice of termination of employment shall be given by either party or one week's wages paid or forfeited as the case may be, in lieu thereof.

**GARMENT ALLOWANCE.**

9. Any employee who is required to wear, when at work, a washable outer garment, dust coat, or overall shall be paid 4s per week in addition to the ordinary wage, unless the garment is both provided and laundered by the employer.

**TEA MONEY.**

10. Any employee, who is required to work overtime in excess of two hours on any one day, shall receive an allowance of 5s. as tea money in addition to the rates provided in clause 6.

**NOTICE TO WORK OVERTIME.**

11. At least 24 hours' notice shall be given when overtime is required to be worked.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO RATION.**

12. Where an employer, owing to slackness of trade, desires to ration his employees, he shall give at least 24 hours' notice to each employee of his intention to ration such employee.

**ANNUAL LEAVE.**

13. The annual holiday shall be as prescribed by the provisions of the *Labour and Industry Act 1953*, and any amendments which may be made thereto from time to time.

**SICK LEAVE.**

14. (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, provided an employee remains in the service of the one employer, or any successor of such employer, be cumulative from year to year. For the purposes of this sub-clause service prior to the 1st August, 1948, shall be disregarded. No employer shall terminate the services of an employee with the object of avoiding his obligations under this sub-clause.

**TIME AND WAGES RECORDS.**

15. An employer shall keep time and wages records showing the name of each employee, and the hours worked each week by the wage and overtime paid to each employee.

**PAYMENT OF WAGES, ETC.**

16. Payment of all wages, overtime, special rates, and allowances due, shall be made during working hours not later than Thursday each week.

**REFERENCE.**

17. An employee, on severing his or her connexion with an employer, shall be entitled to and shall receive from such employer a reference in writing, stating his or her period of service and qualifications. This provision shall only apply in the case of an employee who has been employed continuously for three months or more.

**TRANSPORT ALLOWANCE.**

18. (a) When an employee, by arrangement with his employer, uses his own car in the service of the employer he shall be paid an allowance of not less than 4d. per mile; provided that the total allowance payable shall not be less than 40s. per week and shall not exceed 20s. for any one day or £3 for any one week.

(b) When an employee, by arrangement with his employer, uses his own motor cycle or motor cycle and side-car in the service of the employer he shall be paid an allowance of not less than 2d. per mile; provided that the total allowance payable shall not be less than 15s. per week and shall not exceed 7s. 6d. for any one day or 30s. for any one week.

(c) Where a bicycle is provided by an employee and is required to be used in connexion with his employer's business, an allowance of 1s. per day in addition to the ordinary wage shall be paid to such employee.

**FIRST-AID OUTFIT.**

19. In each shop where employees are regularly employed, the employer shall provide and continuously maintain, at a place or places reasonably accessible to all employees, an adequate first-aid outfit.

**PERIODICAL ADJUSTMENT OF WAGES.**

20. The wages rates for adult males set out in clause 2 are based upon the following basic wage, and, pursuant to the provisions of section 33 of the *Labour and Industries Act 1953*, the Board hereby determines that such rates shall be automatically adjusted by the same amount and at the same time as such basic wage as prescribed by clause 21.

*Basic Wage.*

Place.	Basic Wage (Adjustable).	Index Number Set Assigned.
	£ s. d.	
Within the area to which this Determination applies .. .. .	11 15 0	Melbourne

**ADJUSTMENT OF BASIC WAGE.**

21. (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 amounts of the basic wage shall be as prescribed in clause 20.

(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 apprentices or 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.

A. V. BARNES, J.P., Chairman.  
J. W. RYAN, Secretary.

Melbourne, 21st March, 1955.

NOTE.—This Determination was made pursuant to the provisions of the *Labour and Industry Act 1953*, and in his or her own interest each employer of labour should obtain a copy of the said Act which may be purchased from the Government Printer, Melbourne:

