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Labour and Industry Act 1953.

DETERMINATION OF THE SHOPS BOARD No. 18 (MISCELLANEOUS SHOPS).

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

IN accordance with the provisions of the *Labour and Industry Act 1953*, the Wages Board, which has the power to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person (including an outside salesman) employed in or in connexion with any shop other than shops of the following classes, that is to say:—

- (a) A Butcher's shop, a Bookseller's and Newsagent's shop, a Confectionery and Pastry shop, a Cooked Meat Dealer's shop, a Fish and Oyster shop, a Fruit and Vegetable shop, a Hairdresser's shop, a Tobacconist's shop;
- (b) A Boot Dealer's shop, a Boot Repair shop, a Bread shop, a Chemist's shop, a Dairy Produce Dealer's shop, a Draper's shop, a Dyer's and Clothes Cleaner's shop, a Fuel and Fodder Dealer's shop, a Furniture Dealer's shop, a Grocer's shop, a Haberdasher's shop, a Hardware shop, a Hatter's shop, a Men's Clothing shop, a Mercer's shop, a Milliner's shop, an Underclothing shop, a shop for the sale of petrol, benzine, or other motor spirit, motor oils, or motor car or motor cycle accessories, a shop for the sale of electrical goods or for the sale of 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 17th March, 1955, the last previous Determination of this Board shall be revoked and replaced by this Determination.

2. (a)

APPRENTICES AND IMPROVERS.

Wages per Week of 40 Hours.

Males.	Percentage of Basic Wage.	—	Females.	Percentage of Female Basic Wage.	—
		<i>s. d.</i>			<i>s. d.</i>
Under 15 years of age	40	94 0	Under 15 years of age	48	84 6
At 15 years of age	42	98 6	At 15 years of age	51	90 0
At 16 years of age	48	113 0	At 16 years of age	55	97 0
At 17 years of age	63	148 0	At 17 years of age	62	109 0
At 18 years of age	80	188 0	At 18 years of age	73	128 6
At 19 years of age	97	228 0	At 19 years of age	83	146 0
At 20 years of age	100 + 15s.	250 0	At 20 years of age	97	170 6

PROPORTION (IN ANY SHOP).

Apprentices.

One apprentice to every three or fraction of three persons receiving not less than the minimum wage.

Improvers.

One male improver to every male worker receiving not less than the minimum wage.

Two female improvers to every female worker receiving not less than the minimum wage.

Provided that a female improver may be employed in lieu of a male improver, or a male improver in lieu of a female improver.

(b)

OTHER EMPLOYEES.

	Wages per week of 40 hours.	
	Males.	Females.
	s. d.	s. d.
<i>Employed in the business of a curio dealer, a feather dealer, a furrier, a jeweller, a pawnbroker, a seller of clocks, watches, perfumery and toilet requisites, optical goods, photographic materials, sports materials, typewriters, business systems, surgical instruments, pianos, organs, piano-players, push cycles, motor cycles and motor cars, and accessories for push cycles, a bird or dog dealer, a stamp dealer, a herbalist, a saddler, a ship chandler, a seller of cork goods, crockery, fancy goods, toys, grindery, leather goods, music, musical instruments (other than pianos, organs, or piano-players), pictures, picture frames, perambulators, paper patterns, rubber goods which are not motor cycle or motor car accessories, florists' goods, seeds, seedlings, tents, flags, umbrellas, or wicker goods, paints, colours, wall-papers, or employed in any business, other than those specially mentioned, to which this Determination applies :—</i>		
Branch manager (i.e., a person entrusted with the control or superintendence of a branch shop, notwithstanding he or she may be under the orders of a superior who does not devote his or her whole time to the management of the said branch shop)	305 0	277 6
Departmental manager or managers (i.e., a person in control of three or more persons 21 years of age or over, notwithstanding he or she may be under the orders of a superior who does not devote his or her whole time to the management of such department)—		
Male	293 0	..
Female—		
Where one or more adult males are under her control	266 0
In other cases	215 0
Other employees	285 0	201 0

(c) Any person required to act as "Father Christmas" (i.e. a person required to wear the traditional clothes and act as such a person) shall receive the rate prescribed for his or her ordinary classification in sub-clause (a) or (b) hereof, plus an additional 5s. for each day or part thereof on which he or she is so required to act.

Clauses, other than clause 2, of the said Determination shall remain in force.

TIMES OF BEGINNING AND ENDING WORK.

3. (a) Employees in paint, colour, or wall-paper shops—

	Time of Beginning. (not earlier than)	Time of Ending. (not later than)
On the usual half-holiday	8 a.m.	noon
On all the other working days of the week	8 a.m.	5.30 p.m.

(b) Employees in any other place—

On the usual half holiday	9.5 a.m.	noon
On all the other working days of the week	9.5 a.m.	5.30 p.m.

OVERTIME.

4. The rate of time and a half shall be paid for all time worked by persons employed in—

(a) Shops and departments of shops where paints, colour, or wall-paper is sold—

(i) Within the times fixed for beginning and ending work—

In excess of 3 hours 55 minutes on the usual half-holiday.

In excess of 8 hours 10 minutes on all other working days of the week.

Or in excess of 40 hours in any week.

(ii) Outside the times of beginning and ending work.

(b) Other shops and departments of shops—

(i) Within the times fixed for beginning and ending work in excess of 40 hours.

(ii) Outside the times of beginning and ending work.

DAY'S WORK TO BE CONTINUOUS.

5. No employee, except in a case where he has been guilty of misconduct, having commenced work, shall be required to take any time off (exclusive of intervals for meals) until he has completed the full number of hours for that day's work.

TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT.

6. (a) *Weekly Employment.*—Except as hereinafter provided employment shall be by the week and a weekly employee who is ready, willing, and available to work the number of hours prescribed herein as a week's work shall be paid the full weekly wage fixed herein irrespective of the number of hours worked not exceeding 40; provided however, that such an employee not attending for duty except as provided by clause 7 (Sick Leave) hereof shall lose his or her pay for the actual time of such non-attendance.

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 that any such time lost shall be counted as time worked in computing annual holidays and sick leave under this Determination.

(b) *Part Time.*—A weekly employee not ready, willing, and available to work the full number of hours normally worked by employees of similar classification with the same employer, but who is ready, willing, and available to work a specified lesser number of hours at his or her own request shall be paid *pro rata* the wages prescribed herein for 40 hours' work according to the number of hours worked: provided that the number of part time employees in any shop shall not exceed one for each three or fraction of three engaged as weekly employees.

(c) *Casual Employment.*—Where a person is ready, willing, and available to work the number of hours required by an employer, such being less than the number of hours prescribed herein as a week's work, he or she shall be paid as follows :—

For time worked up to the first 20 hours—

(i) In any week in which two or more Holidays occur—at the ordinary wages rate with an addition of 50 per centum;

(ii) In any other week—at the ordinary wages rate with an addition of 33½ per centum; with a minimum payment as for two hours fifty-five minutes' work on a Saturday and for four hours' work on any other day and for time worked beyond the 20 hours aforesaid—the ordinary wages rate; provided that the total amount payable, excluding any overtime, shall not exceed the wage prescribed for a week's work.

(d) Provided always that any employee who is required to work less than 25 hours per week, but who is required to work for any period during a Friday or a Saturday shall be deemed a casual employee and any employee who is required to work less than 20 hours per week or in any week shall be deemed a casual employee and paid accordingly.

SICK LEAVE.

7 (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.

MEAL ALLOWANCE.

8. For each day upon which more than one hour's overtime is worked, each person who works such overtime shall be paid 5s. meal money in addition to the prescribed overtime rate.

MEAL INTERVALS.

9. All employees shall be allowed the following meal intervals with permission to leave the shop for the whole of such intervals, viz.:—From Monday to Friday, one hour for lunch between noon and 3 p.m.

REST PERIOD.

10. All employees shall be allowed two rest intervals on each day (Monday to Friday inclusive) as follows:—(a) The first of 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.

CLOTHING ALLOWANCE.

11. Where any employee is required by his employer to wear any special uniform, dress or clothing, it shall be supplied, paid for, and, if necessary, laundered by the employer. Any such garment shall remain the property of the employer.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO RATION.

12. Where an employer owing to slackness of trade desires to ration his employees, he shall give seven day's notice to each employee of his intention to ration such employee.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY.

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.

TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT.

14. Except in a case where an employee or an employer has been guilty of misconduct, or where an employee has been engaged temporarily for a period not exceeding six weeks in duration, 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.

SPECIAL RATES FOR SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS.

15. The special rates for all work done on Sundays or the undermentioned Holidays shall be—

Sunday	} Double time.
New Year's Day, Australia Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Labour Day, Queen's Birthday,	
Melbourne Cup Day (Metropolitan District only) Christmas Day, Boxing Day, and after	
12.30 p.m. on Show Day in such localities mentioned in the Sixth Schedule to the	
<i>Public Service Act 1946</i> , as are within the area to which this Determination applies.	
Easter Saturday	Three times the ordinary rate.

If, by Act of Parliament or Proclamation, any other day be substituted for any of the above-named holidays, the special rate shall be payable only for work done on the day so substituted.

All employees, except those employed under terms of casual employment shall be entitled to the above-named holidays without deduction of pay.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

15A. New Year's Day, Australia Day, Labour Day, Good Friday, Easter Saturday, Easter Monday, Queen's Birthday, Christmas Day, and Boxing Day, or any other day by Act of Parliament or Proclamation substituted for any of the said days shall be observed as Public Holidays.

PAYMENT OF WAGES.

16. Payment of all moneys due shall be made not later than Thursday of each week, and during working hours.

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 duties performed. This provision shall apply only in the case of an employee who has been employed continuously for three months or more.

DETERMINATION TO BE AVAILABLE.

18. A copy of this Determination shall be kept in a conspicuous place on each floor of a building in which work covered by this Determination is done. Such Determination shall readily be available for inspection at any time. Nothing in this clause shall however, operate where a copy of the Determination is kept posted on the notice board in a staff room in the establishment.

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 Industry 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.

20. (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 19.

(c) During each future successive period beginning with the first pay period to commence in a May, an August, 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 and 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. BARNS, J.P., Chairman.

J. W. RYAN, Secretary.

Melbourne, 3rd 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.