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Labour and Industry Act 1953.

DETERMINATION OF THE SOFTGOODS—WHOLESALE—BOARD.

NOTE.—This Determination applies to the whole of the State of Victoria.

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 persons employed selling softgoods in wholesale warehouses" has made the following Determination, namely:—

1. That as from the beginning of the first pay period to commence on or after the 14th April, 1955, the last previous Determination of this Board shall be revoked and replaced by this Determination.
- 2.

Apprentices or Improvers.							Other Employees.	
Wages per Week of 40 Hours.							Wages per Week of 40 Hours.	
Experience.	Commencing Age.							
	Under 16 years.	16 years.	17 years.	18 years.	19 years.	20 years.		
							<i>Males.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
<i>Males.</i>							Senior salesman, i.e., a person in immediate control of two or more employees one of whom shall be 21 years of age or over, notwithstanding such senior salesman may be under the orders of a superior who does not devote his whole time to the management of the department	
1st year ..	101 0	115 0	141 0	164 6	190 6	240 0	309 0	
2nd ..	129 0	145 6	169 0	204 6	240 0	..	297 0	
3rd ..	152 6	169 0	204 6	240 0	..	..
4th ..	181 0	209 0	240 0	..	..	..
5th ..	211 6	240 0	..	..	..	..
6th ..	240 0	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Females.</i>							Salesmen and all employees assisting in sales	
1st year ..	75 6	86 0	105 6	123 0	142 6	180 0		
2nd ..	97 0	109 0	128 6	153 0	180 0	..		
3rd ..	114 6	128 6	153 0	180 0	..	..
4th ..	135 6	156 6	180 0	..	..	..
5th ..	158 6	180 0	..	..	..	..
6th ..	180 0	..	..	..	..	..
							<i>Females.</i> Females employed in Millinery, Mantles, Corsets, Underclothing, Hosiery, Haberdashery, Ribbon, Glove, or Lace Departments— Senior saleswoman, i.e., a person in immediate control of two or more employees at least one of whom is 21 years of age or over, notwithstanding that such senior saleswoman may be under the orders of a superior who does not devote his or her whole time to the management of the department 231 3 Other saleswomen 222 9 Females employed in any other Departments— Senior saleswoman, i.e., a person in immediate control of two or more employees at least one of whom is 21 years of age or over, notwithstanding that such senior saleswoman may be under the orders of a superior who does not devote his or her whole time to the management of the department 309 0 Other saleswomen 297 0	

PROPORTION (IN ANY PLACE).

- Apprentices.*
One apprentice to three or fraction of three workers receiving not less than the minimum wage.
- Improvers.*
One improver to each worker receiving not less than the minimum wage.

HOURS OF EMPLOYMENT.

3. The hours to be worked in any one week shall be 40.
The normal daily periods of work shall not commence before 8.30 a.m., and shall finish not later than 5.30 p.m., Monday to Friday, and 12.30 p.m. on Saturday.

OVERTIME.

4. All work done outside the said normal periods, and all work done in excess of 40 hours per week within the said normal periods, shall be overtime, and shall be paid for at the rate of time and a half.

MEAL INTERVAL.

5. From Monday till Friday, both days inclusive, all employees shall be allowed a daily luncheon interval from 1 p.m. to 1.45 p.m.

MEAL MONEY.

6. Any employee required to work after 6.30 p.m. shall be paid not less than 4s. meal money in addition to the overtime rates as prescribed for in this Determination.

TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT.

7. Except where the conduct of an employee justifies instant dismissal, seven days' notice of termination of employment shall be given by either employer or employee, or one week's wages shall be paid or forfeited in lieu thereof. This provision shall only apply in the case of an employee who has been employed continuously for three months or more.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO RATION.

8. Where an employer owing to slackness of trade desires to ration his employees, he shall give at least one clear working day's notice to each employee of his intention to ration such employee.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY.

9. 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 PAY.

10.—(a) Any employee not attending for duty who has had not less than twelve months' continuous service with the same employer shall lose his or her pay for the actual time lost unless such employee produces or forwards within 24 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, but such employee shall not be entitled to payment for non-attendance on the grounds of personal ill health or accident for more than six days in any one calendar year.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-clause (a) hereof, if the full period of sick leave as prescribed is not taken in any year, such portion as is not taken shall be cumulative from year to year up to a period not exceeding eighteen days, which shall be the maximum amount of leave to which an employee may be entitled in any year without deduction of pay.

For the purposes of this sub-clause service prior to 22nd April, 1946, shall be disregarded.

SPECIAL RATES FOR SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS.

11. The special rates for all work done on Sundays or the undermentioned public holidays shall be—
Sunday Double time.
New Year's Day, Australia Day, Good Friday, Easter Saturday, Easter Monday, Labour Day,
Queen's Birthday, Christmas Day, and Boxing Day Double time.

But 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.

UNIFORMS.

12. Where any employee is required to wear any special uniform, dress, frock, overall, or dustcoat, such garment or garments shall be supplied by the employer and laundered free of cost to the employee. The garment or garments shall remain the property of the employer.

REST PERIOD.

13. A rest period of 10 minutes, at a time to be mutually arranged, shall be allowed employees during each morning.

REFERENCE.

14. 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 apply only in the case of an employee who has been employed continuously for nine months or more.

TIME AND WAGES RECORDS.

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

PERIODICAL ADJUSTMENT OF WAGES.

16. The wages rates set out in clause 2 for adult males and adult females "employed in any other departments" 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 as prescribed by clause 17.

BASIO WAGE.

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

ADJUSTMENT OF BASIC WAGE.

17. (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 16.

(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 other than adult females "employed in any other departments" 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 hereunder. Such wages shall be calculated to the nearest 6d., half or less than half of 6d. to be disregarded.

Apprentices or Improvers.

Experience.	Commencing Age.					
	Under 16 Years.	16 Years.	17 Years.	18 Years.	19 Years.	20 Years.
<i>Males.</i>						
	<i>Percentage of Basic Wage.</i>					
1st year ..	43	49	60	70	81	100 plus 5s. Od.
2nd year ..	55	62	72	87	100 plus 5s. Od.	..
3rd year ..	65	72	87	100 plus 5s. Od.	..	..
4th year ..	77	89	100 plus 5s. Od.	..	..	..
5th year ..	90	100 plus 5s. Od.	..	..	..	..
6th year ..	100 plus 5s. Od.	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Females.</i>						
	<i>Percentage of Female Basic Wage.</i>					
1st year ..	43	49	60	70	81	100 plus 4s. Od.
2nd year ..	55	62	73	87	100 plus 4s. Od.	..
3rd year ..	65	73	87	100 plus 4s. Od.	..	..
4th year ..	77	89	100 plus 4s. Od.	..	..	..
5th year ..	90	100 plus 4s. Od.	..	..	..	..
6th year ..	100 plus 4s. Od.	..	..	..	..	..

P. A. RANGLES, J.P., Chairman.

J. V. WILLOX, Secretary.

Melbourne, 31st March, 1955.

