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DETERMINATION OF THE PLASTERERS BOARD.

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

(B) Plastering was proclaimed on 28th November, 1928, as an apprenticeship trade under the *Apprenticeship Act 1928* for the Metropolitan District.

Full particulars of the apprenticeship regulations for these trades may be obtained on application to the Secretary, Apprenticeship Commission, 103 Russell-street, Melbourne. (Price 3d.)

IN accordance with the provisions of the *Labour and Industry Act 1953*, the Wages Board which now has the power to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons—

- (1) wheresoever employed in the process, trade, or business of plastering or cementing ;
- (2) employed in the process, trade, or business of fixing all laths used in connexion with the erection or repair of buildings, whether such laths are of wood or of a substitute therefor ;
- (3) employed in the finishing of all plastering work in sewers, tunnels, or channels ;
- (4) employed in finishing all kinds of plastic acoustic work, waterproofing work, and texture work formed in cement plaster or patent material ;
- (5) employed in the making or laying of marble mosaic, granolithic, terrazo, or flooring of which cement and/or bitumen forms a part or the laying of magnesite flooring ;
- (6) employed in the making or fixing of all pre-cast or moulded work (except such work as is subject to the Determination of the Fibrous Plasterers Board) ;
- (7) employed in the laying or fixing of tiles, tablets, or slabs of plastic or substitute material on a prepared surface of bituminous adhesive

has made the following Determination, namely :—

NOTE.—On the the 1st April, 1952, the Tilelayers Board was deprived of the powers set out in paragraph (7) hereof and such powers were conferred on this Board.

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

PART I.

1. This Part applies only in respect of the employment of persons on the construction renovation alteration repair or demolition of buildings performed on the site thereof, and in particular it shall have no application—

- (i) to employment by an employer in any industry where the work performed by the employee is subsidiary or auxiliary to the chief and principal purpose and business of such industry ; or
- (ii) to employment in workshops.

**2. WAGES.**

Apprentices.					Improvers.				
Per Week.					Per Week.				
—	Percentage of Basic Wage.	Adjustable Wage.	Loading.	Total Wage.	—	Percentage of Basic Wage.	Adjustable Wage.	Loading.	Total Wage.
		<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>			<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
1st year ..	29	68 0	2 8	70 8	15 years of age	29	68 0	2 8	70 8
2nd year ..	38	89 0	5 4	94 4	16 years of age	38	89 0	5 4	94 4
3rd year ..	53	124 0	8 0	132 0	17 years of age	53	124 0	8 0	132 0
4th year ..	76	178 0	10 8	188 8	18 years of age	76	178 0	10 8	188 8
5th year ..	98	229 6	13 4	242 10	19 years of age	98	229 6	13 4	242 10
6th year ..	100 plus 27s.	261 0	16 0	277 0	20 years of age	100 plus 27s.	261 0	16 0	277 0

**PROPORTION (by any employer).**

One apprentice to every three or fraction of three workers receiving not less than 345s. per week of 40 hours.

**PROPORTION (by any employer).**

One improver to the first five workers, and thereafter one to every seven additional workers receiving not less than 345s. per week of 40 hours.

**OTHER EMPLOYEES.**

	Per Hour.	Per Week.
	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
Men employed on swings, bosun's chairs, lifts, or any other suspended platform ..	8 11	356 8
All other plasterers ..	8 7½	345 0

Foreman, i.e., a plasterer in charge of two others, but not exceeding ten men, 2s. a day extra; where the number exceeds ten he shall be paid 4s. a day extra. On each job where there are three or more plasterers employed one shall be deemed to be and shall be paid as a foreman.

**ORDINARY HOURS OF WORK.**

3. The ordinary hours of work shall be 40 per week, to be worked in five days, the daily hours being not more than 8 hours on Monday to Friday inclusive between 7.45 a.m. and 5.15 p.m. The lunch break shall be not less than 45 minutes.

**OVERTIME.**

4. The following rates shall be paid:—

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| <p>(a) For work done within the times of beginning and ending work and in excess of 8 hours on any day (Monday to Friday inclusive).</p> <p>(b) For work done outside the times of beginning and ending work on any day (Monday to Friday inclusive).</p> <p>(c) For work done on a Saturday.</p> | <p>Time and a half for the first two hours, and double time thereafter.</p> |
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Provided that for any work done between the hours of 10.15 p.m. on one day and 7.45 a.m. on the following day, or after noon on a Saturday, double time shall be paid.

**CASUAL LABOUR.**

5. Casual employees (i.e., persons employed during the week for not more than one-half the maximum number of hours fixed in this Determination as a week's work) shall be paid at the rate of 2d. per hour extra.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER.**

6. Each employee shall be paid an allowance at ordinary rates for time lost through inclement weather, subject to the following conditions:—

- (i) That such allowance shall not exceed the equivalent of eight hours' pay in any one week.
- (ii) That weather shall not be regarded as inclement for the purpose of this clause, unless the employer or his representative on the job, and a representative of the men on such job, agree that it shall be so regarded. Failing such agreement weather shall not be regarded as inclement and work shall continue.
- (iii) Any intermission of work owing to inclement weather so regarded as aforesaid shall immediately cease and work shall be immediately resumed on the employer or his representative calling for a resumption of work.
- (iv) An employee shall not be entitled to payment as provided for in this clause, unless he remains on the job until a decision to cease work for the day has been made by agreement between the employer or his representative and a representative of the men.
- (v) The intermission of work by employees who would be exposed to or working in inclement weather so regarded in accordance with this clause shall not be a ground for intermission of work in places where employees are not so exposed to or are not called upon to work in such inclement weather.

## ALLOWANCE IN RESPECT OF EXCESS FARES AND TRAVELLING TIME.

7. (a) The following payments shall be made in lieu of fares and travelling time within the radii named using G.P.O., Melbourne (cr. Bourke and Elizabeth streets) or the principal Post Offices at Ballarat, Bendigo, and Geelong as centres:—

	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Up to and including 12 miles .. .. .	3	3 per day
Over 12 miles and including 20 miles .. .. .	3	10 per day
Over 20 miles and including 30 miles .. .. .	4	6 per day.

These allowances shall not be payable if the employer provides or offers to provide transport free of charge, in which case 2s. 5d. per day travelling allowance shall be paid.

(b) Where fares are necessarily incurred on distant jobs, as defined in clause 9 (a) of this Part, or on work performed outside the radii named in sub-clause (a) hereof the provisions of that sub-clause shall apply except that the local Post Office shall be the centre.

## TRANSFER FROM JOB TO JOB.

8. An employee transferred by the employer from one job to another job on the same day shall be paid for the time occupied in travelling as for time worked and the cost of such transfer shall be borne by the employer.

## ALLOWANCES IN RESPECT OF DISTANT JOBS.

9. (a) When distance and/or travelling facilities reasonably prevent an employee going from and returning each day to his usual place of residence, reasonable and suitable board and sleeping accommodation including stretcher and mattress for each employee shall be provided. When work is situated away from suitable accommodation, the employer shall supply tents or huts with sleeping accommodation therein including stretcher and mattress for each employee in addition to any allowance provided in this clause; the allowance to be made shall be—

	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
For less than a full week .. .. .	12	9 per day
For a full working week at the rate of .. .. .	52	6 per week.

Provided that the foregoing allowances shall be increased if the employee satisfies the employer that he reasonably incurred a greater outlay than that prescribed.

(b) In lieu of the payments prescribed in clause 7 (a) of this Part an employee to whom sub-clause (a) applies shall be paid travelling time (not exceeding ordinary working hours per day) at ordinary rates of pay, and, where incurred, second-class return fare, and 5s. to cover expense of reaching his home railway station and transport of tools if any cost necessary. Provided that the return fare shall not be payable if the employee is dismissed for misconduct or is held incompetent within one week of starting work or leaves within one month of engagement. Travelling time shall be calculated as from Spencer-street and Flinders-street Railway Stations or the home Central Railway Station (if residing in the country) to destination by rail or usual travelling facilities.

(c) If an employee elects to return to his home at the week end after three months of continuous service and thereafter at three-monthly periods he shall be paid a second-class return fare (Victorian Railways only) on the pay day which immediately follows the date on which he returns to the job.

If the work upon which the employee is engaged will terminate in the ordinary course within a further 28 days after the expiration of three months this sub-clause shall not apply.

## ALLOWANCE IN RESPECT OF MEALS.

10. Where an employee is required to work overtime in excess of one hour and has not been given notice of same on the previous working day, he shall be allowed an amount of 4s. for a meal. When working overtime for two hours or more, employees shall be allowed to take, without deduction of pay, 20 minutes for crib immediately after the ordinary ceasing time, and thereafter 30 minutes for crib shall be allowed after each four hours of continuous work. Provided that where an employee works overtime for two hours without taking the prescribed interval of 20 minutes, he shall be deemed to have worked two and one-third hours.

## EMPLOYEE REQUIRED TO ATTEND FOR WORK.

11. An employee who is required to attend for work and is kept waiting to commence work, shall be paid at his ordinary rate of pay for the time he is so kept waiting.

## SPECIAL RATES.

12. Double time shall be the rate for all work done on Sunday, New Year's Day, Australia Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Labour Day, Christmas Day, Anzac Day, Queen's Birthday, Melbourne Cup Day, and Boxing Day.

## EMPLOYEE NOTIFIED TO COMMENCE WORK.

13. An employee notified to commence work and actually attending for work and not allowed to start shall be paid an amount of 5s. and the fares necessarily incurred.

## EXCESS OF HOURS.

14. An employee who has worked continuously (except for meal intervals) for 20 hours, shall have a break of at least twelve hours before again starting work.

## REST PAUSE.

15. (a) There shall be a rest period of ten minutes from the time of ceasing to the time of resuming work between the hours of 9.30 a.m. and 11 a.m. without deduction of pay.

(b) The employer shall provide facilities to enable the employees to obtain an adequate supply of boiling water at meal times and rest periods.

## ANNUAL HOLIDAY.

16. 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.

## TRANSPORT AT NIGHT.

17. Any employee who completes his work during the night after trams and other public conveyances have ceased to run shall, unless provided with means of transport by the employer, be reimbursed for any expense necessarily incurred in reaching his home.

## INJURY TO EMPLOYEE.

17. In the event of an employee being injured during his employment his employer shall provide suitable means for his conveyance to the nearest available medical attention.

PAYMENT OF WAGES.

18. All employees shall be paid not later than Friday in each week within five minutes of ceasing time, except where otherwise mutually agreed. An employee whose service ends before pay time shall be paid at or before the time of its ending, or shall be paid by post or otherwise within 24 hours thereafter. If wages be not paid within the periods prescribed the employee shall be paid at ordinary rates for all times in excess of fifteen minutes beyond such time until the wages are paid or posted to his last known place of address.

INSPECTION OF TIME SHEETS AND BOOKS.

20. The Secretary for Labour may authorize at any time (except pay day) or place, the inspection of all wages sheets, time sheets or other wages records by a person nominated by the Victorian Plasterers' Society and approved by the Secretary for Labour and Industry, provided that 24 hours' notice of such inspection is given to the employer.

STORING OF TOOLS.

19. Where six or more plasterers are engaged on a job, adequate provision shall be made for the storing of tools. No cement, lime, or building materials shall be stored in such place.

FIRST-AID OUTFIT.

20. An efficient first-aid outfit shall be supplied on all jobs where building permits are necessary.

SANITARY CONVENIENCE.

21. Suitable and adequate sanitary conveniences shall be provided by the employer.

TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT.

22. Except where the conduct of an employee justifies instant dismissal, one hour's notice of termination of employment shall be given by either employer or employee, or one hour's pay shall be paid or forfeited in lieu thereof. Half an hour shall be allowed the employee to gather, clean, pack, and transport his tools, and in such case wages shall be paid at the commencement of such half hour.

APPRENTICES.

25. The provision of clause 24 of this Part shall not apply to the employment of apprentices.

PART II.

1. This Part applies in respect of the employment of all persons coming within the ambit of the Determination, other than those provided for in Part I. hereof.

2. WAGES.

Apprentices.					Improvers.				
Per Week.					Per Week.				
—	Percentage of Basic Wage.	Adjustable Wage.	Loading.	Total Wage.	—	Percentage of Basic Wage.	Adjustable Wage.	Loading.	Total Wage.
		<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>			<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
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6th year ..	100 plus 27s.	261 0	16 0	277 0	20 years of age	100 plus 27s.	261 0	16 0	277 0

PROPORTION (by any employer).  
 One apprentice to every three or fraction of three workers receiving not less than 33s. 4d. per week.

PROPORTION (by any employer).  
 One improver to the first five workers, and thereafter one to every seven additional workers receiving not less than 33s. 4d. per week.

OTHER EMPLOYEES.

	Per Hour.	Per Week.
	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
Men employed on under-ground sewer or tunnel plastering .. .. .	8 6½	342 2*
All other plasterers .. .. .	8 5½	338 4*

Foreman, i.e., a plasterer in charge of two others, but not exceeding ten men, 2s. a day extra; where the number exceeds ten he shall be paid 4s. a day extra. On each job where there are three or more plasterers employed one shall be deemed to be and shall be paid as a foreman.

ORDINARY HOURS OF WORK.

3. The ordinary hours of work shall be 40 per week, to be worked in five days, the daily hours being not more than 8 hours on Monday to Friday inclusive between 7.45 a.m. and 5.15 p.m. The lunch break shall be not less than 45 minutes.

## OVERTIME.

4. The following rates shall be paid :—

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|---|--|
| (a) For work done within the times of beginning and ending work and in excess of 8 hours on any day (Monday to Friday inclusive). | } Time and a half for the first two hours, and double time thereafter. |
| (b) For work done outside the times of beginning and ending work on any day (Monday to Friday inclusive).                         |  |
| (c) For work done on a Saturday.  |  |

Provided that for any work done between the hours of 10.15 p.m. on one day and 7.45 a.m. on the following day, or after noon on a Saturday, double time shall be paid.

## CASUAL LABOUR.

5. Casual employees (i.e., persons employed during the week for not more than one-half the maximum number of hours fixed in this determination as a week's work) shall be paid at the rate of 2d. per hour extra.

## WET WEATHER.

6. When work is stopped by wet weather an employee who is instructed to wait on the job shall be paid for all time lost in waiting in excess of one hour in any one day.

## ALLOWANCE IN RESPECT OF EXCESS FARES AND TRAVELLING TIME, FARES, AND TRAVELLING TIME.

7. (a) At the time of his engagement an employee may notify his employer that in relation to fares and travelling time he chooses to be paid under either Part A, or Part B of this clause as provided hereunder, and he shall be paid accordingly.
- (b) If the employee expresses no such choice, Part A shall apply and he shall be paid accordingly.

## PART A.

(i) *Allowance in Respect of Excess Fares and Travelling Time.*—The following payments shall be made in lieu of fares and travelling time within the radii named using G.P.O., Melbourne (corner Bourke and Elizabeth-streets), or the principal post office of any City, Town, Borough, or Township (other than a City, Town, Borough, or Township within the Metropolitan District) whichever is nearer to the employer's principal place of business :—

	s.	d.
Up to and including 12 miles .. .. .	3	3 per day
Over 12 miles and including 20 miles .. .. .	3	10 per day
Over 20 miles and including 30 miles .. .. .	4	6 per day.

These allowances shall not be payable if the employer provides or offers to provide transport free of charge, in which case 2s. 5d. per day travelling allowance shall be paid.

(ii) Where fares are necessarily incurred on distant jobs, as defined in sub-clause (iii) hereof the provisions of clause 8 hereof shall apply.

(iii) A distant job is one where the distance and/or travelling facilities reasonably prevent an employee going from and returning each day to his usual place of residence.

## PART B.

(i) *Fares.*—(a) Where an employee is engaged on a job up to 10 miles from the "centre" he shall be paid an amount of 3s. 6d. per week for fares.

(b) Where an employee is engaged on a job more than 10 miles from the "centre" and is able to return to his home each day, he shall be paid the daily fares, not exceeding 6s., actually and necessarily incurred in travelling to and from the job.

(ii) *Travelling Time.*—Where an employee is engaged on a job more than 12 miles and up to 24 miles from the "centre" he shall be paid in respect of time lost in travelling a daily sum of 1s. 6d.; where the distance travelled from the "centre" exceeds 24 miles a daily sum of 2s. 6d. shall be paid.

## ALLOWANCES.

8. An employee when engaged to proceed to work in such a locality as to necessitate his sleeping elsewhere than at his usual place of residence shall receive :—

- (a) When the time occupied on the job is less than a working week 10s. per day with a maximum of 60s. per week ;
- (b) When the time occupied on the job is in excess of a working week 7s. per day with a maximum of 42s. in any week.

The employer shall convey the worker to and from the job free of charge or pay his fare. Ordinary rates shall be paid for such travelling time. An employee shall not suffer any loss in regard to the above allowances where work is stopped by wet weather, or by reason of a Public Holiday.

## TRANSFER FROM JOB TO JOB.

9. An employee transferred by the employer from one job to another job on the same day shall be paid for the time occupied in travelling as for time worked and the cost of such transfer shall be borne by the employer.

## TEA MONEY.

10. Any employee who is required to work overtime for more than two hours on any day and who has not been notified on the previous day that he would be required to work such overtime shall be paid an allowance of four shillings.

## EMPLOYEE REQUIRED TO ATTEND FOR WORK.

11. An employee who is required to attend for work and is kept waiting to commence work, shall be paid at his ordinary rate of pay for the time he is so kept waiting.

## EMPLOYEE NOTIFIED TO COMMENCE WORK.

12. An employee notified to commence work and actually attending for work and not allowed to start shall be paid an amount of 5s. and the fares necessarily incurred.

**SPECIAL RATES.**

13. Double time shall be the rate for all work done on Sunday, New Year's Day, Australia Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Labour Day, Queen's Birthday, Melbourne Cup Day, Christmas Day, Anzac Day, and Boxing Day; but if any other day be by Act of Parliament or Proclamation substituted for any of the above-named holidays the special rate shall only be payable for work done on the day so substituted.

**REST INTERVAL.**

14. There shall be an interval of ten minutes at a time fixed by the employer between 9.30 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. for rest on each day Monday to Friday inclusive in each week for each employee, such time to count as time worked. Boiling water for tea shall be provided by the employer for the employee during such interval if the employee so desires.

**ANNUAL HOLIDAY.**

15. 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.

**TRANSPORT AT NIGHT.**

16. Any employee who completes his work during the night after trams and other public conveyances have ceased to run shall, unless provided with means of transport by the employer, be reimbursed for any expense necessarily incurred in reaching his home.

**INJURY TO EMPLOYEE.**

18. In the event of an employee being injured during his employment, his employer shall provide suitable means for his conveyance to the nearest available medical attention.

**PAYMENT OF WAGES.**

19. Wages, allowances, and other moneys due shall be paid not later than the time of ceasing work on Thursday of each working week, or otherwise by mutual arrangement. On termination of employment by the employer all wages, allowances, and other moneys shall be paid at the time of dismissal.

**STORING OF TOOLS.**

21. Where six or more plasterers are engaged on a job, adequate provision shall be made for the storing of tools. No cement, lime, or building materials shall be stored in such place.

**FIRST-AID OUTFIT.**

22. An efficient first-aid outfit shall be supplied on all jobs where building permits are necessary.

**SANITARY CONVENIENCE.**

23. Suitable and adequate sanitary conveniences shall be provided by the employer.

**TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT.**

24. One hour's notice of termination of employment shall be given by either employer or employee or one hour's pay shall be paid or forfeited in lieu thereof. Such hour shall be allowed the employee to gather, clean, pack, and transport his tools.

**PART III.**

This Part applies in respect of all persons covered by this Determination.

**PERIODICAL ADJUSTMENT OF WAGES.**

1. The adult wages rates set out in clause 2 of Parts I. and II. are based upon the following basic wage for adult males, and, pursuant to the provisions of Section 33 of the *Labour and Industry Act 1953*, the Wages Board hereby determines that such rates shall be automatically adjusted as prescribed in clause 2 of this Part.

Place.	Basic Wage (Adjustable).	Index Number Set Assigned.
Throughout the State .. .. .	£ s. d. 11 14 0	Melbourne

**ADJUSTMENT OF BASIC WAGE.**

2. (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 February, 1955, the amount of the basic wage shall be as prescribed in clause 1 of this Part.

(c) During each future successive period beginning with the first pay period to commence in a February, a May, an August, or a November, 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 weekly wage and hourly rate prescribed for "All other plasterers" are ascertained as follows:—

	£	s.	d.	
Basic wage .. .. .	11	14	0	} Allowing two weeks for statutory holidays, one week's sick pay, and in respect of Part I. only one week for following the job, the weekly wage should be in respect of the said employees in Part I. £17 5s. per week = 8s. 7½d. per hour. (i.e. $\frac{£15\ 18\ 6 \times 52}{48 \times 40}$ )
Margin for skill .. .. .	3	15	0	
Tool allowance .. .. .	0	4	0	
Disabilities allowance .. .. .	0	5	6	
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>6</b>	} and in respect of the said employees in Part II. should be £16 18s. 4d. per week = 8s. 5½d. per hour. (i.e. $\frac{£15\ 18\ 6 \times 52}{49 \times 40}$ )

The weekly rates for other adult employees shall be increased or decreased by the same amount as the increase or decrease in the rates prescribed for "All other plasterers" in the respective Parts and the hourly rates shall be 1/40th of the said weekly rates as so adjusted.

#### ADJUSTMENT OF WAGES OF APPRENTICES AND IMPROVERS.

3. The wages rates of apprentices and Improvers shall be automatically adjusted to accord with the wages rates, as adjusted from time to time, for apprentices who are under the jurisdiction of the Apprenticeship Commission.

A. V. BARNES, J.P., Chairman.

J. W. RYAN, Secretary.

Melbourne, 8th December, 1954.

