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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
17th day of March, 1955.

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

CLOTHING BOARD.

Clauses 2 and 3 of the Determination published in *Government Gazette* No. 218 of the 12th April, 1954, shall be replaced by the following clauses:—

APPRENTICES OR IMPROVERS.

2. (a)

Wages.

Experience.	Males.	Females.	
		First Commencing at the Trade when Under the Age of 18 Years.	First Commencing at the Trade Between the Age 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 five years.
(ii) The term to be served at the industry by female apprentices or improvers shall be not more than four years.

(b) (i)

PROPORTION (IN ANY FACTORY OR PLACE).

Male Apprentices or Improvers.

Tailoring.	Pressing.	Other Classes of Work.
One apprentice or improver to every journeyman tailor employed.	One apprentice or improver to every four or fraction of four journeymen employed	One apprentice or improver to every three or fraction of three journeymen employed

Females.

One apprentice or improver to every journeywoman employed.

(ii) For the purpose 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 (other than one to be employed at order cutting) 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 the Board on 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 rates 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.

Prohibition of Employment of New Male Improvers in Groups A. and B. and Also Female Improvers in Group A.

(j) After the commencement of this Determination no male in Groups A. and B. or female in Group A. shall:—

- (i) be engaged to work as an improver in any such section of the industry; or
- (ii) be transferred from one section to another such section to work there as an improver; or
- (iii) be employed as an improver in any such section.

3. OTHER PERSONS (EXCEPT APPRENTICES OR IMPROVERS.)

GROUP A.

Order Tailoring for Males—i.e., work done in connexion with the making and/or altering and/or repairing of all male outer garments of any description (including dressing gowns) made to order, as defined herein:—

	Wages Per Week.		
	£	s.	d.
1. Cutters, namely, males or females employed marking in and/or cutting out garments	16	3	0
2. Head of a table or a bench of machines, namely, males in charge of four or more persons employed making any part of a garment by hand or by machine	14	19	0
3. Tailors, namely, males employed making and/or altering and/or repairing and/or adorning any part of a garment	14	14	0
4. Females employed making and/or altering by hand or by machine any part of a dress coat, frock coat, dinner jacket or body coats of all descriptions	14	14	0
5. Females employed putting in sleeves, stitching on pockets, or stitching edges inside and/or outside of all kinds of overcoats for adults made of material exceeding in weight 20 ounces to the lineal yard	14	14	0
6. Examiners, namely, males employed examining for faults in the construction of any garment or part of a garment made or being made by male or female employees	14	14	0
7. Machinists, namely, males employed machining any part of a garment	14	7	0
8. Fitters-up and/or shapers, namely, males or females employed fitting-up and/or shaping garments	14	7	0
9. Trimmers, namely, males or females employed marking in and/or cutting out linings or trimmings	14	7	0
10. Pressers, namely, males or females employed pressing and/or under pressing and/or seam pressing garments or any part of a garment, other than the garment which the worker is making	14	7	0
11. Brushers and/or folders, namely, males employed matching and/or sorting and/or despatching and/or brushing and/or folding garments	13	8	0
12. All other adult males not herein classified	12	8	0

Journeywomen.

i.e.—Journeywomen as defined herein and adult females other than such adult females as specified by clause 4 of this Determination.

	Wages Per Week.
	£ s. d.
13. Head of table or a bench of machines, namely, females in charge of four or more persons employed making any part of a garment by hand or by machine	11 17 0
14. Tailoresses, namely, females employed making coats by hand or by machine and who in the ordinary course of employment are performing similar work to that performed by tailors in any establishment	11 12 0
15. Coat table hands or coat machinists, namely, females employed making and/or repairing and/or altering any part of coats of all descriptions and performing work other than as specified in classification No. 14 of this Determination.	10 16 0
16. Examiners, namely, females employed examining for faults in the construction of any garment or part of a garment made or being made by male or female employees	11 12 0
17. Trouser makers, namely, females employed making and/or repairing and/or altering any part of all descriptions of trousers, breeches, or other articles of leg wear	10 3 6
18. Vest makers, namely, females employed making and/or repairing and/or altering any part of all descriptions of vests	10 3 6
19. Hand sewers of buttons	9 8 6
20. All other adult females not herein classified	9 6 0

GROUP B.

Ready Made Clothing For Males—i.e., work done in connexion with the making and/or altering and/or repairing of all ready made male outer garments of any description (including dressing gowns):—

	Wages Per Week.
	£ s. d.
21. Cutters, namely, males or females, employed laying up and/or hooking up and/or marking in and/or cutting out garments	14 18 0
22. Head of table or a bench of machines, namely, males in charge of four or more persons employed making any part of a garment by hand or by machine	14 19 0
23. Tailors, namely, males employed making and/or altering and/or repairing and/or adorning any part of a garment	14 14 0
23. (a) Machinists, namely, males employed machining any part of a garment	14 7 0
24. Females making and/or altering by hand or by machine any part of a dress coat, frock coat, dinner jacket or body coats of all descriptions	14 14 0
25. Examiners, namely, males employed examining for faults in the construction of any garment or part of a garment made or being made by male or female employees	14 14 0
26. Fitters, up and/or shapers, namely, males or females fitting up and/or shaping garments	14 7 0
27. Trimmers, namely, males or females employed laying up and/or hooking up and/or marking in and/or cutting out linings or trimmings	14 7 0
28. Pressers, namely, males or females employed pressing and/or under pressing and/or seam pressing garments or any part of a garment other than the garment which the worker is making	14 7 0
29. Brushers and folders, namely, males employed matching and/or sorting and/or despatching and/or brushing and/or folding garments	13 8 0
30. Proofer, namely, males employed proofing garments with oil or other substances	13 13 0
31. All other adult males not herein classified	12 8 0

Journeywomen.

i.e., Journeywomen as defined herein and adult females as specified by clause 4 of this Determination.

	Wages Per Week.
	£ s. d.
32. Females employed on manufacturing (i.e., machinists and table hands) all kinds of overcoats for adults made of material exceeding in weight 20 oz. to the lineal yard	10 16 0
33. Examiners, namely, females employed examining for faults in the construction of any garment or part of a garment made or being made by male or female employees	11 12 0
34. Head of a table or bench of machines, namely, females in charge of four or more persons employed making any part of a garment by hand or by machine	10 11 0
35. Coat table hands or coat machinists, namely, females employed making and/or repairing and/or altering any part of coats of all descriptions	10 6 0
36. Trouser makers, namely, females employed making and/or repairing and/or altering any part of all descriptions of trousers, breeches, or other articles of leg wear	10 1 0
37. Vest makers, namely, females making and/or repairing and/or altering any part of all descriptions of vests	10 1 0
38. Brushers and folders, namely, females employed matching and/or sorting and/or despatching and/or brushing and/or folding garments	9 16 0
39. Hand sewers of buttons	9 8 6
40. 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. Provided that the weekly earning of pieceworkers shall, for every £1 earned, be increased in the following manner:—

Males	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12s.	7½d.
Tailoresses	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11s.	4½d.
Female coat hand	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12s.	8½d.
Female vest and trouser hand	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14s.	0½d.

Provided that a proportionate amount shall be added for any amount of less than £1. To the amount so ascertained for males the amount of 5s. shall be added for a full week or a proportionate amount for any shorter period.