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Labour and Industry Acts.

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 Acts, 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 May, 1956.

Dated at Melbourne, this
13th day of June, 1956.

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

STONECUTTERS BOARD.

Clauses 2, 3 and 4 of the Determination published in *Government Gazette* No. 598 of the 15th August, 1955, shall be replaced by the following clauses:—

WAGES FOR ADULTS OTHER THAN APPRENTICES.

2. The minimum rate of wage for an adult other than an apprentice shall, subject to adjustment under clause 18 of this Determination be as follows:—

(a) Weekly Wage.

Classification.	Basic Wage.	Margin for Skill.	Loading for Five Days' Sick Leave (Adjustable).	Tool Allowance.	Total Wage.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.
Carver, building	12 16 0	6 13 0	7 6	1 0	19 17 9
Carver, monumental	12 16 0	4 18 0	6 9	1 0	18 1 9
Stonemason, letter cutter, surfacer operator	12 16 0	3 15 0	6 6	1 0	16 18 6
Carborundum machinist on moulding work, lathe machinist, planer machinist	12 16 0	2 15 6	6 0	..	15 17 6
Carborundum machinist on other than moulding work, carborundum sawyer, frame-saw machinist, polisher (hand or machine)	12 16 0	1 17 0	5 9	..	14 18 9
Labourer or assistant	12 16 0	0 19 0	5 3	..	14 0 3
Man using hand pneumatic tools of 6 lb. or over or exceeding 1½ inch piston and which is not a drill or grinder	12 16 0	20 16 0	13 0	1 0	34 6 0

(b) Hourly Wage.

The hourly equivalent of the weekly rates shall be calculated by dividing the said rates by 40, the result to be to the nearest 1/10th of a penny.

(c) A foreman or leading hand shall be paid in addition to his respective hourly rate as follows:—

	Per Week. £ s. d.
In charge of not more than five men	0 16 3
In charge of six to ten men	1 3 9
In charge of over ten men	1 7 6

APPRENTICES.

3. (a) Youths entering the trade of a stonemason shall be indentured (if between 15 and 17 years of age) for a period of 5 years; if over 17 years of age, for a period of 4 years.

(b) Youths may be taken on probation for a period not exceeding three months before being apprenticed, and the period of probation shall be treated as part of their term of apprenticeship.

(c) If any employer is unable to fulfil his obligation to an apprentice, he may, with the consent of the Wages Board, transfer the apprentice to another employer, who may take and employ him as an apprentice.

(d) Every apprentice may during the term of his apprenticeship attend at night the classes in masonry or similar subjects (chosen by the employer) provided at a Technical College or School, and the fees actually paid per term shall be refunded by the employer on production of a certificate from the instructor that the apprentice has satisfactorily attended the classes during the school term.

(e) The proportion of apprentices to be employed shall not exceed one apprentice to every journeymen stonemasons or fraction of three stonemasons receiving not less than the rate for masons.

(f) The minimum rates of wage of an apprentice shall be the following :—

(i) Where the apprentice is indentured for five years :—

Year.	Percentage of Adult Stonemason's Rate of Wage.	Rate per Week.
		<i>s. d.</i>
1st year	20	67 9
2nd year	27½	93 0
3rd year	37½	127 0
4th year	50	169 3
5th year	70	237 0

(ii) Where the apprentice is indentured for four years :—

Year.	Percentage of Adult Stonemason's Rate of Wage.	Rate per Week.
		<i>s. d.</i>
1st year	25	84 6
2nd year	32½	110 0
3rd year	47½	160 9
4th year	70	237 0

JUVENILE WORKERS AND THEIR RATES.

4. (a) The minimum rates of wage of a juvenile worker shall be the following :—

Age.	Percentage of Adult Polisher's (Hand and/or Machine) Rate of Wage.	Rate per Week.
		<i>s. d.</i>
Under 16 years	20	59 9
Over 16 years and under 17 years	27½	82 3
Over 17 years and under 18 years	35	104 6
Over 18 years and under 19 years	45	134 6
Over 19 years and under 20 years	55	164 3
Over 20 years and under 21 years	70	209 0

(b) The proportion of juvenile workers to be employed shall be one juvenile to every four persons or fraction of four persons receiving not less than the rates for adult males other than apprentices.

Clauses, other than clauses 2, 3 and 4, of the said Determination, shall remain in force.