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Labour and Industry Acts.

DETERMINATION OF THE BISCUIT BOARD.

NOTES.—(a) This Determination applies to the whole of the State of Victoria.

(b) on the 21st June, 1913, the powers of the Biscuit Board were extended to enable it to "determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person employed as storeman, packer, or sorter in connexion with the trade or business of making biscuits."

IN accordance with the provisions of the *Labour and Industry Acts* the Wages Board appointed to "determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person employed in making biscuits," has made the following Determination, namely:—

1. That as from the beginning of the first pay period to commence in June 1956, the last previous Determination of this Board shall be revoked and placed by this Determination.

2.

Apprentices or Improvers.					Other Employees.		
WAGES PER WEEK OF 40 HOURS.					WAGES.		
	Per-centage of Basic Wage.	Male Apprentices or Improvers.	Per-centage of Female Basic Wage.	Female Apprentices or Improvers.		Per week of 40 hours.	
		<i>s. d.</i>		<i>s. d.</i>		<i>£</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
Under 16 years of age	38	97 6	63	121 0	Bakers (including Wafer Bakers and Branette Bakers)	15	6 0
16 years of age ..	40	102 6	63	121 0	Brakeman	15	1 0
17 years of age ..	56	143 6	70	134 6	Machine Attendant	15	1 0
18 years of age ..	64	164 0	81	155 6	Men carrying and stacking flour	15	1 0
19 years of age ..	75	192 0	88	169 0	Mixers (including Wafer Mixers and Sugar Cream Mixers)	15	6 0
20 years of age ..	85	217 6	96	184 6	Oven firemen	15	1 0
					Adult males operating "Enroba" chocolate dipping machine	15	1 0
					Despatch hands	14	13 6
					All other males	13	16 0
					Females taking off gas fired wafer ovens	10	17 0
					All other females	10	12 0

Apprentice or improvers engaged attending gas ovens during the baking of wafers and branettes shall be paid 6s. per week in addition to the above rates.

Apprentices or Improvers—continued.

PROPORTION (IN ANY PLACE).

Apprentices.

MALES.

One male apprentice to every three or fraction of three male workers receiving not less than 27s. per week of 40 hours.

FEMALES.

One female apprenticeship to every three or fraction of three female workers receiving not less than 21s. per week of 40 hours.

Improvers.

MALES.

Two male improvers to every male worker receiving not less than 27s. per week of 40 hours.

FEMALES.

Four female improvers to every female worker receiving not less than 21s. per week of 40 hours.

TERMS OF ENGAGEMENT.

3. Employees who work less than 40 hours in any week may be paid *pro rata* according to the number of hours worked.

OVERTIME.

4.

- (a) Places in which the week's work is performed in 5½ days—
 Time worked in excess of 8 hours on any one day, Monday to Friday (inclusive) .. Time and a half.
 Time worked in excess of 4 hours on Saturday Time and a half.
- (b) Places in which the week's work is performed in 5 days—
 Time worked in excess of 8 hours on any one day, Monday to Friday (inclusive) .. Time and a half.
- (c) Any time worked in excess of 40 hours in any week Time and a half.

TEA MONEY.

5 An allowance of 3s. for tea money shall be paid to all employees when work extends for more than two hours beyond the usual time of ending work.

ALLOWANCES.

6. Employees who wear, when at work, overalls, the laundering of which is not paid for by the employer, shall be paid an allowance of 2s. 6d. per week in addition to their ordinary weekly wage.

TIME BOOK OR OTHER RECORD.

7. The correct times of beginning and ending work shall be recorded daily in a book, time card, or by mechanical means to be furnished by the employer; such record to be open for inspection by the permanent Secretary-Treasurer of the Victorian Branch of the Biscuit Makers' Union of Australia.

MEAL TIME.

8. A meal period of not less than 30 minutes and not more than one hour shall be allowed after a period of five hours continuous work. Such meal period shall not be calculated as time worked.

EXTRA RATES.

9.

- (i) All employees working on night work between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6.30 a.m. shall receive the rate of 10s. per night additional to the usual wage rate: Provided that when the employee works for less than half of the normal shift such payment in addition to the usual wage shall be 5s.
- (ii) All employees on day work whose normal time of finishing work is 6 p.m. or up to 9 p.m. shall receive 5s. per shift in addition to the usual wages rate for such work subject to the provisions of clauses 3 and 4.
- (iii) All employees on day work commencing work before 3 a.m. shall receive the rate of 10s. per shift in addition to the usual wages rate.
- (iv) All employees on day work commencing between the hours of 3 a.m. and 6.30 a.m. shall receive the rate of 5s. per shift in addition to the usual wages rate.
- (v) No female of any age shall be employed between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6.30 a.m.

SHIFT WORK.

10. Each employee engaged on shift work shall have a break of 10 hours between shifts.

SUNDAY WORK.

11. For all work done on Sunday, double time shall be paid with a minimum of 20s.

PAYMENT FOR HOLIDAYS.

12. Employees shall be entitled to the following holidays without deduction of pay:—New Year's Day, Australia Day, Union Picnic Day (i.e., second Monday in February in each year), Good Friday, Easter Monday, Anzac Day, Labour Day, Queen's Birthday, Melbourne Cup Day, Christmas Day, and Boxing Day; or any other day substituted for the above days by Act of Parliament or Proclamation.

Provided that an employee who fails to attend for work on the working days before and/or after such public holiday without reasonable excuse shall not be entitled to be paid for such public holiday.

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, 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.

ANNUAL HOLIDAYS.

13. The annual holiday shall be as prescribed by the provisions of the *Labour and Industry Acts*.

SICK LEAVE.

14. (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 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 July, 1949, shall be disregarded, provided that any accumulated sick leave, not exceeding 80 hours of working time, standing to the credit of the employee on the 1st July, 1951, shall not be reduced by virtue of the provisions of this sub-clause.

REST PERIOD.

15. Female employees shall be allowed a period of ten minutes in the morning and ten minutes in the afternoon at a time to be mutually arranged between the employer and the Secretary-Treasurer of the Biscuit Maker's Union, such time to count as time worked. Reasonable facilities shall be provided by the employer for female employees to make tea during such interval if they so desire; provided that:—

- (i) Such period shall not be allowed within one hour of commencing or finishing work for the day or one hour before or after a meal break; and
 (ii) Employees shall conform to such arrangement as the employer may make to ensure the continuity of operations.

PIECEWORK.

16. (a) Subject to the minimum wages prescribed by clause 2 an employer may pay any of his employees under any system of payment by results based on rates which will enable workers of average capacity working under like conditions to earn at least 10 per cent. above the wages prescribed by clause 2.
- (b) Any system of payment by results shall provide that all female employees doing the same class of work shall receive the same piecework, bonus or task rates.
- (c) Any such system or any variation thereof shall be posted by the employer in a suitable position in the factory.
- (d) Employees working under such system shall be paid for overtime, holidays, sick leave and annual leave at the amount applicable to time rate employees.

AUTHORIZED PERSON MAY ENTER FACTORY.

17. The permanent Secretary-Treasurer of the Biscuit Makers' Union of Australia, Victorian Branch, shall have the right to enter and inspect, during working hours, any part of a biscuit factory or workshop in which any work is being carried on. The Secretary-Treasurer of the Biscuit Makers' Union shall have the right to interview employees in regard to conditions of employment.

DANGEROUS MACHINERY.

18. A mixer may not be required to use machinery which is agreed between the management and the Secretary-Treasurer of the Biscuit Makers' Union of Australia, Victorian Branch, to be dangerous unless another adult male is on the premises.

PERIODICAL ADJUSTMENT OF WAGES.

19. The wages rates for 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 as prescribed by clause 20.

Basic Wage.

Place.	Basic Wage (Adjustable).	Index Number Set Assigned.
	£ s. d.	
Throughout the State	12 16 0	Melbourne

ADJUSTMENT OF BASIC WAGE.

20. (a) For the purposes of this Determination, the expression "Commonwealth Statistician's 'C' series 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 August, 1956, 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 an August, a November, a February, or a May, the amount of the basic wage shall be adjusted by the following method, namely, by multiplying the last published Commonwealth Statistician's "C" series retail price index number by the factor $\cdot 103$ 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 $\cdot 5$ 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. Such 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 in clause 2. Such wages shall be calculated to the nearest 6d., half or less than half of 6d. to be disregarded.

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

J. V. WILLOX, Secretary.

Melbourne, 21st May, 1956.

