

AUSTRALIA - C-B-C-S

MINIMUM RATES OF WAGE AND PRESCRIBED HOURS OR WORK:  
ADULT MALES AND ADULT FEMALES - STATE CAPITAL CITIES

December 1944 to December 1971

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STATEMENT SHOWING MINIMUM WEEKLY RATES OF WAGE AND ORDINARY  
HOURS OF LABOUR FOR ADULT FEMALE WORKERS IN SYDNEY AND  
MELBOURNE AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1944

Rates of Wage are quoted from latest Award, Determination or  
Agreement in force at 31st December, 1944

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Rates of Wage	Hrs.	Rates of Wages	Hrs.
<u>FOOD</u>				
Biscuit Making .. .. .	55/6	44	63/6	44
Confectionery .. .. .	59/6 & 65/5	"	63/-	"
<u>CLOTHING</u>				
Bootmaking .. .. .	67/3 to 80/9	"	67/3 to 80/9	"
Dressmakers .. .. .	75/- to 79/9	"	75/- to 79/9	"
Milliners .. .. .	75/-	"	75/-	"
Shirt Makers .. .. .	75/-	"	75/-	"
Underclothing .. .. .	75/-	"	75/-	"
<u>Tailoring - Order -</u>				
Machinists (Coat) .. .. .	75/-	"	75/-	"
" (Trousers and Vest) .. .. .	75/-	"	75/-	"
Tailoresses (Coat) .. .. .	75/-	"	75/-	"
" (Trousers and Vest) .. .. .	75/-	"	75/-	"
<u>Tailoring - Readymade</u>				
Machinists (Coat) .. .. .	75/-	"	75/-	"
" (Trousers and Vest) .. .. .	75/-	"	75/-	"
Tailoresses - (Coat) .. .. .	75/-	"	75/-	"
" (Trousers and Vest) .. .. .	75/-	"	75/-	"
<u>Textile Working Woollen Mills -</u>				
Comb Minders .. .. .	65/-	"	65/-	"
Drawers and Menders .. .. .	67/- to 71/-	"	67/- to 71/-	"
Warpers .. .. .	67/-	"	67/-	"
Weavers (Loom) .. .. .	68/-	"	68/-	"
Gillbox minders .. .. .	65/-	"	65/-	"
Others .. .. .	58/- to 65/-	"	58/- to 65/-	"
<u>BOOKS, PRINTING ETC.</u>				
<u>Bookbinding -</u>				
Folders .. .. .	64/6	"	64/-	"
Sewers .. .. .	65/3	"	65/-	"
<u>Cardboard Box -</u>				
Boxmakers .. .. .	62/6	"	62/-	"
Other .. .. .	56/6	"	56/-	"
Jobbing Office Assistants .. .. .	64/6	"	64/-	"
<u>HOTELS AND SHOPS</u>				
Barmaids .. .. .	79/-	"	112/-	"
Housemaids .. .. .	62/6	"	66/-	"
Laundresses .. .. .	68/-	"	69/-	"
Waitresses .. .. .	63/6 & 68/6	"	65/- & 69/-	"
Boot Saleswomen .. .. .	76/6 & 122/-	"	48/6 to 63/-	"
Drapery Saleswomen .. .. .	76/6	"	94/6 to 126/-	"

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Statement showing MINIMUM RATES OF WAGE AND ORDINARY HOURS OF LABOUR  
FOR ADULT MALE WORKERS IN SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA, AT  
31ST DECEMBER, 1944

Rates of Wage are quoted from latest Award, Determination or Agreement  
in force at 31st December, 1944

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Rates of Wages per week	Hrs.	Rates of Wages per week	Hrs.
<u>WOOD, FURNITURE, SAWMILLS ETC.</u>				
<u>COOPERING -</u>				
Coopers .. .. .	135/-	44	153/-	44
<u>FURNITURE -</u>				
Cabinet Makers .. .. .	133/-	"	131/-	"
Chairmakers .. .. .	133/-	"	131/-	"
French Polishers .. .. .	133/-	"	131/-	"
Wood Carvers .. .. .	133/-	"	131/-	"
Wood Machinists .. .. .	133/-	"	131/-	"
<u>SAWMILLING AND TIMBER YARDS -</u>				
Box and Case Makers .. .. .	116/-	"	115/-	"
Labourers .. .. .	102/-	"	101/-	"
Machinists -				
Boult's Carver .. .. .	125/-	"	128/-	"
Moulding .. .. .	108/- to 125/-	"	107/- to 124/-	"
Planing .. .. .	120/- & 123/-	"	119/- & 122/-	"
Shaping .. .. .	129/-	"	128/-	"
Ordermen .. .. .	116/-	"	115/-	"
Sawyers -				
Band or Jig .. .. .	117/- to 132/-	"	116/- to 131/-	"
Circular .. .. .	117/- to 125/-	"	116/- to 124/-	"
Tallymen .. .. .	116/-	"	115/-	"
<u>ENGINEERING, METAL WORKS, ETC.</u>				
<u>BOILERMAKING -</u>				
Boilermakers .. .. .	135/-	"	134/-	"
Helpers .. .. .	111/-	"	110/-	"
Labourers .. .. .	111/-	"	110/-	"
<u>BRASSWORKING -</u>				
Finishers .. .. .	123/- to 135/-	"	122/- to 134/-	"
Moulders .. .. .	114/- to 135/-	"	113/- to 134/-	"
<u>ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION -</u>				
Armature Winders .. .. .	135/-	"	134/-	"
Fitters .. .. .	135/-	"	134/-	"
Linesmen .. .. .	126/-	"	125/-	"
Mechanics .. .. .	135/-	"	134/-	"
Wiremen .. .. .	126/-	"	125/-	"
<u>ELECTRICAL SUPPLY -</u>				
Armature Winders .. .. .	141/-	"	134/-	"
Instrument Makers .. .. .	141/-	"	134/-	"
Linesmen .. .. .	135/-	"	125/-	"
Shift Electricians .. .. .	141/-	"	134/-	"
<u>ENGINEERING -</u>				
Blacksmiths .. .. .	136/-	"	135/-	"
Brassfinishers .. .. .	123/- & 135/-	"	134/-	"
Coppersmiths .. .. .	136/-	"	135/-	"
Fitters .. .. .	135/-	"	134/-	"
Labourers .. .. .	111/-	"	110/-	"
Patternmakers .. .. .	143/-	"	142/-	"
Shapers .. .. .	135/-	"	134/-	"
Strikers .. .. .	111/- to 113/-	"	110/- & 112/-	"
Turners .. .. .	135/-	"	134/-	"

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
<u>ENGINEERING, METAL WORKS (CONTD.)</u>				
<u>MOULDING (IRON) -</u>				
Coremakers ..	114/- to 135/-	44	113/- to 134/-	44
Labourers ..	111/-	"	110/-	"
Moulders ..	114/- to 135/-	"	113/- to 134/-	"
<u>MOULDING (STEEL) -</u>				
Coremakers ..	135/-	"	134/-	"
Labourers ..	111/-	"	110/-	"
Moulders ..	135/-	"	134/-	"
<u>SHEET METAL WORKING -</u>				
Canister Makers ..	114/-	"	113/-	"
Machinists ..	110/-	"	109/-	"
Solderers ..	110/- to 114/-	"	109/- & 113/-	"
Tinsmiths ..	123/- to 135/-	"	122/- & 134/-	"
<u>FOOD, DRINK, ETC.</u>				
<u>BAKING (BREAD) -</u>				
Board Banks ..	139/-	"	139/4	"
Bread Carters (1 horse) ..	128/-	"	106/-	"
Ovenmen ..	146/6	"	139/4	"
Single Hands ..	144/-	"	148/6	"
<u>BAKING (BISCUITS AND CAKES) -</u>				
Bakers ..	120/-	"	115/-	"
General Labourers ..	105/-	"	105/-	"
Mixers ..	109/- & 111/-	"	115/-	"
<u>BREWING -</u>				
Cellarmen ..	112/- & 115/-	"	122/3	"
Drivers (1 horse) ..	112/-	"	106/-	"
Labourers ..	112/-	"	119/-	"
Malt Hands ..	112/-	"	119/-	"
Towermen ..	115/-	"	123/-	"
<u>BUTCHERING (RETAIL)</u>				
Carter (1 horse) ..	108/-	"	107/-	"
General Hands ..	127/-	"	126/-	"
Shopmen ..	127/-	"	126/-	"
Smallgoodsmen ..	127/-	"	126/-	"
<u>CONFECTIONERY -</u>				
Journeymen ..	125/-	"	114/-	"
Labourers ..	104/-	"	98/-	"
Storemen ..	104/- & 125/-	"	107/- to 111/-	"
<u>JAM MAKING</u>				
General Labour ..	107/-	"	107/-	"
Solderers ..	114/-	"	114/-	"
<u>MEAT PACKING -</u>				
Cappers ..	131/6	"	116/6	"
Guillotine Hands ..	110/-	"	116/6	"
Jokermen ..	124/-	"	116/6	"
Packers ..	112/-	"	116/6	"
Seamers ..	131/6	"	116/6	"
<u>MILLING (FLOUR)</u>				
Millers (Shift) ..	136/6 & 147/-	"	136/6 & 147/-	"
Peckermen ..	121/6	"	121/6	"
Purifiermen ..	122/6	"	122/6	"
Smuttermen ..	122/6	"	122/6	"
Storemen (Head) ..	124/6 & 129/6	"	124/6 & 129/6	"
Topmen ..	122/6	"	122/6	"
<u>PASTRYCOOKING -</u>				
Packers ..	111/2	"	98/-	"
Pastrycooks ..	125/6	"	124/-	"
<u>CLOTHING, HATS, BOOTS, ETC.</u>				
<u>BOOTMAKING -</u>				
Bootmakers ..	126/6	"	126/6	"

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE		
<u>CLOTHING, HATS, BOOTS, ETC.</u>					
<u>TAILORING (ORDER) -</u>					
Cutters	..	177/6	44	137/-	44
Pressers	..	127/-	"	127/-	"
Tailors	..	127/-	"	127/-	"
<u>TAILORING (READYMADE)</u>					
Cutters	..	130/-	"	130/-	"
Pressers	..	127/-	"	127/-	"
Tailors	..	127/-	"	127/-	"
Trimmers	..	127/-	"	127/-	"
<u>TEXTILE-WORKING -</u> (WOOLLEN MILLS)					
Carders	..	106/-	"	106/-	"
Dyehousemen	..	107/-	"	107/-	"
Labourers (General)	..	100/-	"	100/-	"
Scourers	..	110/6 to 113/-	"	110/6 to 113/-	"
Spinners	..	106/-	"	106/-	"
Tuners	..	107/- to 124/-	"	107/- to 124/-	"
Warpers	..	108/-	"	108/-	"
<u>BOOKS, PRINTING, BINDING ETC.</u>					
<u>BOOKBINDING -</u>					
Finishers	..	132/-	"	131/-	"
Bookbinding (Journey-men)	..	132/-	"	131/-	"
Paper Rules	..	132/-	"	131/-	"
<u>PRINTING (DAILY NEWSPAPER) -</u>					
<u>Compositors -</u>					
Day Work	..	138/6	"	155/6 & 172/-	38
Night Work	..	148/6	42	165/6 & 182/-	38
<u>Machinists -</u>					
Day Work	..	138/6	44	145/-	40
Night Work	..	148/6	42	163/-	38
Publishers	..	118/6 & 128/6	42	155/6 & 165/6	40 & 38
<u>Readers -</u>					
Day Work	..	146/6	44	155/6	40
Night Work	..	156/6	42	165/6	38
<u>Stereotypers -</u>					
Day Work	..	131/-	42	138/-	39
Night Work	..	141/-	40	148/-	38
<u>PRINTING (JOBGING OFFICES) -</u>					
Compositors	..	132/- & 141/-	"	131/- & 140/-	44
Linotype Operators	..	141/-	"	140/-	"
Machinists	..	132/-	"	131/-	"
Readers	..	135/-	"	134/-	"
Stereotypers	..	132/-	"	131/-	"
<u>OTHER MANUFACTURING</u>					
<u>BRICKMAKING -</u>					
Burners	..	129/- & 134/6	"	116/-	"
Clayholemen	..	126/3	"	120/-	"
Drawers	..	129/-	"	118/- & 120/6	"
Truckers	..	123/6	"	112/6	"
Setters	..	129/-	"	118/- & 120/6	"
<u>COACHMAKING -</u>					
Bodymakers	..	131/- & 135/-	"	130/- & 134/-	"
Labourers	..	102/-	"	101/-	"
Painters	..	131/-	"	130/-	"
Springmakers	..	135/-	"	134/-	"
Trimmers	..	131/-	"	130/-	"
Wheelwrights	..	131/-	"	130/-	"
<u>GAS-MAKING AND SUPPLY -</u>					
Coke Trimmers	..	111/-	"	109/-	"
Gasfitters	..	137/-	"	146/10	"
Labourers	..	108/-	"	101/-	"
Meter Testers	..	110/- to 120/-	"	125/9	"

Industry and Occupation		SYDNEY	MELBOURNE	
<b>OTHER MANUFACTURING (Contd.)</b>				
<b>GAS-MAKING AND SUPPLY (Contd.)-</b>				
Service Layers ..	125/-	44	120/-	44
Service Layers' Labourers ..	107/-	"	109/-	"
Stokers ..	123/-	"	117/- to 125/-	"
<b>JEWELLERY -</b>				
Chainmakers ..	125/-	"	125/6	"
Mounters ..	125/-	"	125/6	"
Setters ..	125/-	"	125/6	"
<b>SADDLERY AND HARNESS MAKING -</b>				
Collar Makers ..	123/-	"	123/-	"
Harness Makers ..	123/-	"	123/-	"
<b>TANNING AND CURRYING -</b>				
Beamsmen ..	116/-	"	116/-	"
Labourers ..	107/-	"	107/-	"
Limemen ..	114/-	"	114/-	"
Machinists -				
Shaving ..	121/- & 122/-	"	121/- & 122/-	"
Splitting ..	127/- & 129/-	"	127/- & 129/-	"
Unhairing ..	116/-	"	116/-	"
Tablemen ..	116/- & 119/-	"	116/-	"
<b>BUILDING</b>				
Bricklayers ..	143/6	"	148/10	"
Carpenters ..	143/6	"	141/-	"
Masons (Stone) ..	146/6	40	139/-	"
Painters ..	136/6	44	132/6	"
Paperhangers ..	136/6	"	132/6	"
Signwriters ..	143/10	"	132/6	"
Plasterer ..	146/-	"	143/9	"
Plumbers ..	144/10	"	146/10	"
Labourers -				
Bricklayers ..	108/-	"	107/-	"
Carpenters ..	108/-	"	107/-	"
Concrete Workers ..	108/-	"	107/-	"
Earth Excavators ..	108/-	"	107/-	"
Gear Workers ..	114/-	"	113/-	"
Scaffold Hands ..	114/-	"	113/-	"
<b>RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY SERVICES</b>				
<b>RAILWAYS -</b>				
<b>Engine Drivers Loco-</b>				
1st Class ..	155/- & 168/-	Ø	154/- & 160/-	Ø
2nd Class ..	149/-	Ø	148/-	Ø
3rd Class ..	143/-	Ø	142/-	Ø
<b>Firemen -</b>				
1st Class ..	128/- & 131/-	Ø	115/- to 121/-	Ø
2nd Class ..	125/-	Ø	112/-	Ø
3rd Class ..	114/- & 119/-	Ø	109/-	Ø
<b>Guards -</b>				
1st Class ..	140/-	Ø	139/-	Ø
2nd Class ..	129/- to 134/-	Ø	124/- to 133/-	Ø
3rd Class ..	116/- to 123/6	Ø	124/- to 133/-	Ø
Porters ..	104/- to 128/-	Ø	109/- to 112/-	Ø
<b>Shunters -</b>				
1st Class ..	138/6 & 141/6	Ø	136/- to 139/-	Ø
2nd Class ..	131/- & 134/-	Ø	128/6 to 131/6	Ø
3rd Class ..	116/- to 126/6	Ø	112/- to 119/6	Ø
<b>Signalmen -</b>				
1st Class ..	150/6	Ø	136/-	Ø
2nd Class ..	144/6	Ø	125/6	Ø
3rd Class ..	138/6	Ø	119/6	Ø
<b>TRAMWAYS -</b>				
<b>Conductors -</b>				
1st Year ..	111/- & 113/-	Ø	113/-	Ø
2nd Year ..	116/-	Ø	116/-	Ø
3rd Year ..	118/-	Ø	119/-	Ø

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE		
<u>RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY SERVICES (Contd.)</u>					
<u>TRAMWAYS (Contd.) -</u>					
Labourers .. .. .	..	105/-	Ø	107/-	Ø
Maintenance Men .. .. .	..	105/- to 111/-	Ø	116/-	Ø
Motormen -					
1st Year .. .. .	..	121/6	Ø	113/-	Ø
2nd Year .. .. .	..	121/6	Ø	116/-	Ø
3rd Year .. .. .	..	121/6	Ø	119/-	Ø
Pitmen .. .. .	..	122/-	Ø	125/-	Ø
Ø 88 hours per fortnight					
<u>TRANSPORT (OTHER)</u>					
<u>CARRYING - MERCHANDISE -</u>					
Carters -					
1 horse .. .. .	..	110/-	44	107/-	44
2 horses .. .. .	..	115/-	"	112/-	"
Stablehands .. .. .	..	109/6 to 114/6	"	102/6	"
Motor Lorries and waggons under -					
3 tons .. .. .	..	112/- to 122/-	"	112/- to 116/-	"
3 tons and over .. .. .	..	126/- to 130/-	"	119/-	"
<u>SHARP LABOUR -</u>					
Sharp Labourers (per hour) .. .. .	..	3/8½ to 4/4½		3/8½ to 4/4½	
<u>HOTELS, ETC.</u>					
<u>HOTELS -</u>					
Barmen .. .. .	..	113/-	44	112/-	44
Billiard Markers .. .. .	..	101/-	"	106/6	"
Cooks .. .. .	..	112/- to 214/-	"	112/6 to 148/-	"
Handymen .. .. .	..	101/-	"	106/6	"
Kitchenmen .. .. .	..	103/-	"	106/6	"
Porters .. .. .	..	101/- & 104/-	"	106/6	"
Waiters .. .. .	..	101/- & 108/-	"	106/6 & 112/-	"
<u>HAIRDRESSING -</u>					
Full Hands .. .. .	..	125/-	"	156/6	47
Hairdressers .. .. .	..	120/-	"	124/-	48
<u>GENERAL LABOUR</u>					
<u>FACTORY ENGINE DRIVING -</u>					
Engine Drivers -					
1st Class .. .. .	..	117/- & 120/-	"	116/- & 119/-	"
2nd Class .. .. .	..	114/- & 117/-	"	113/- & 116/-	"
Firemen -					
1st Class .. .. .	..	114/-	"	113/-	"
2nd Class .. .. .	..	109/6	"	108/6	"
<u>MUNICIPAL -</u>					
Labourers .. .. .	..	107/-	"	107/-	"
Street Sweepers .. .. .	..	107/-	"	106/-	"
<u>SHOP ASSISTANTS -</u>					
Boot Salesmen .. .. .	..	122/-	"	121/6	46
Drapery Salesmen .. .. .	..	122/-	"	126/-	46
Furniture Salesmen .. .. .	..	122/-	"	131/-	46
Grocery Salesmen .. .. .	..	122/-	"	115/-	46
Hardware Salesmen .. .. .	..	122/-	"	117/-	46
Men's Clothing Salesmen .. .. .	..	122/-	"	126/-	46
<u>STOREMEN AND PACKERS -</u>					
Packers (General) .. .. .	..	115/6 & 118/6	"	114/6	44
Storemen (General) .. .. .	..	114/- & 116/6	"	114/6	44