



COMMONWEALTH BUREAU OF CENSUS AND STATISTICS

STATISTICAL BUREAU'S ANNUAL NATIONAL WEEKLY RATES OF WAGE AND ALLOWANCE HOURS OF  
 LABOUR FOR WORKERS IN MANUFACTURE, AVERAGE

1957 (1957)

(Rates of Wages are quoted from the latest Award, Determination or Agreement operative  
 as from December, 1957.)

ADULT MALES

Industry and Occupation	Wage Rate	Hours	Remarks	Source (a)
<u>WOOD, FURNITURE, SADDLERY, ETC.</u>				
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<u>Coopers</u>	343/-	40		Coopers (Comm'ch) Agreement.
<u>Furniture &amp; cabinet work</u>				
Chair & Table Maker	330/-	"		Furniture Trades (Comm'ch) Award
Chairmaker	330/-	"		
French Polisher	330/-	"		
Wood Carver	330/-	"		
Wood Mechanist	330/-	"	"4" Grade Mechanist	
<u>Shipbuilding &amp; other work</u>				
Boat and Case Maker	295/-	"		Ship Workers (Comm'ch) Award
Labourer	265/-	"	"Experienced" (i.e. with 3 months experience)	
Mechanist -				
Boat's Carver	325/-	"	"4" Grade mechanists, i.e. i. tradesmen or with 4 Years experience	
Moulding	325/-	"		
Planing	325/-	"		
Shaping	325/-	"		
Oudeman	305/-	"		
Sawyer -				
Bank or Jig	330/-	"	Log bank Sawyer	
Circular	322/-	"	Cutting a depth of at least 7/8"	
Tallyman	295/-	"	Man who keeps an account of timber	
<u>IRONWORKING &amp; METAL WORKS, ETC.</u>				
<u>Ironworking</u>				
Boilermaker	330/-	40		Metal Trades (Comm'ch) Award
Helper	275/-	"	Assisting an employee whose margin is 27/6 or more	
Labourer	264/-	"	Wgt. not less than 3 months experience	
<u>Metal Trades, except Blacksmith</u>				
Mechanical Mechanic	330/-	"		Metal Trades (Comm'ch) Award
Mechanical Fitter	330/-	"	Include 20/- power station allowance	
Instrument Maker	335/-	"		
Lineman	335/-	"	"4" Grade	
Sub-Station Maint. & general electrician	335/-	"		
<u>Blacksmithing</u>				
Blacksmith	332/6	"		Metal Trades (Comm'ch) Award
Brassfinisher	330/-	"	Tradesman	
Coppersmith	332/6	"		

(a) Commonwealth reference to awards of the Conciliation and Arbitration Commission, State - refer to determinations of Victorian Wages Boards.

Industry and Occupation	Wage rate	Hours	Remarks	Source	
<u>Manufacturing (Cont'd.)</u>					
Filter	330/-	40		) Metal Trades (Comm'n'l) Award	
Labourer	284/-	"	Wk not less than 3		
Letter-matcher	352/5	"	month's experience		
Shaper	355/-	"	beginner; 1st class		
Turner	282/6	"	On double shift		
Turner	350/-	"			
<u>Food Trades -</u>					
Food-machinery	305/-	"	after 10 months experience		
Coffee-churn, jacking	330/-	"			
Pressers	302/6	"	Shot and cup black, not operating from outside a properly enclosed cabin		
Turner	300/-	"	Cupola		
Food-machinery	305/-	"	After 10 months experience		
Machinist (1st class)	330/-	"			
<u>Engineering -</u>					
Turner (1st class)	285/-	"	By hand	) Metal Trades (Comm'n'l) Award	
Machinist	277/-	"	Power-not elsewhere specified		
Solderer	277/-	"			
1st class metal worker					
2nd class	330/-	"			
3rd class metal worker					
4th class	305/-	"			
<u>Transport (Cont'd.) -</u>					
Boatman	362/6	40		) Broad Trade Board (State)	
Boat Captain	335/6	"			
Overman	355/6	"			
Shoofly Hand	385/10	"			
<u>Transport (Cont'd.) -</u>					
Driver	313/-	40			) Broad Carters (State)
General Labourer	285/-	"			
Miner	313/-	"			
<u>Transport -</u>					
Cartman	305/-	"			
Driver (Motor 3 tons)	300/6	"			
Labourer	298/-	"			
Halt Band	303/-	"			
Teamster	305/-	"			
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<u>WOOD, PAPER, ETC. CONT.</u>				
<u>WOODWORKERS</u> -				
Carpenter	330/-	40		
Cabinet maker	321/-	"		
<u>WINDING</u> -				
Cable (Class 1)	320/-	"		Manufacturers Board (State)
Cable	306/6	"		
<u>WIREWORKERS</u> -				
Cable	282/-	"	With 4 months or more experience	Food Preservers Award (Comm'n)
Wire	287/-	"		
<u>WHEELWRIGHTS</u> -				
Carpenter	341/-	"		
Carpenter (Hand)	353/10	"		
Carpenter	337/-	"		Food Preservers Board (State)
Carpenter	337/-	"		
Carpenter	341/-	"		
<u>WHEELWRIGHTS (Class 1) -</u>				
Carpenter (Hand)	380/-	"	In charge of a shift in mill exceeding 10,000 lb. flour per hour	Flour Millers Award (Commonwealth)
<u>WHEELWRIGHTS</u> -				
Carpenter	318/-	"		
Carpenter	322/6	"		
Carpenter (Hand)	333/-	"	With power to engage or dismiss hands	
Carpenter	322/6	"		
<u>WHEELWRIGHTS</u> -				
Carpenter	281/-	"		Pastrycooks Board (State)
Pastrycook	332/-	"		
<u>WOODWORK, WARE, ETC., ETC.</u>				
<u>WOODWORK</u> -				
Carpenter	312/-	40	Working outside (other than felt fabric rooms or sheds)	Footwear Manufactur- ing Industry Award (Comm'n)
<u>WHEELWRIGHTS (General) -</u>				
Carpenter	353/-	"		
Carpenter	319/-	"		
Carpenter	328/-	"		
<u>WHEELWRIGHTS (General) -</u>				
Carpenter	331/-	"		Shoemaking Trade Award (Comm'n)
Carpenter	315/-	"		
Carpenter	328/-	"		
Carpenter	315/-	"		
<u>WHEELWRIGHTS (General) -</u>				
Carpenter (Hand)	290/-	"	Working by hand operator	
Carpenter	290/-	"		
Carpenter (General)	291/-	"		Textile Industry Award and Workers (Comm'n)
Carpenter (Hand)	299/6	"	Responsible for mixing of fibres and working of looms	
Carpenter	290/-	"		
Carpenter	328/-	"	Traveled loom after 2 yrs. experience	
Carpenter (Hand)	293/-	"		
<u>WOODWORK, WARE, ETC., ETC., ETC.</u>				
<u>WOODWORKERS</u> -				
Carpenter	330/-	"		Graphic Arts Award (Comm'n)
Carpenter	320/-	"		
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Industry and Occupation	Wage rate	Hours	Remarks	Source
<u>BOOKS, PAPERS, PRINTING, ETC.</u>				
<u>PRINTERS (Daily Newspaper)</u>				
Compositors (Machine) --				
Day work	480/8	38		Printing Industry Employees Union Agreement (Unregistered)
Night work	515/8	38		
<u>PRINTERS (Other)</u>				
Day work	456/8	40		Victorian Printers Operatives Union Agreement (Unregistered)
Night work	471/8	38		
Printers Day Work	359/9	40		
Night Work	394/9	38		
Day work	439/-	40		Printing Industry Employees Union Agreement (Unregistered)
Night work	471/-	38		
<u>PHOTODUPLICATION</u>				
Day work	432/-	38		Victorian Printers Operative Union Agreement (Unregistered)
Night work	467/-	38		
<u>BOOKS, PAPERS, PRINTING, ETC.</u>				
Compositors	352/8	40		The Graphic Arts Award (Comm'n)
Linotype Operator	352/8	"		
Machine	330/-	"	e.g. Letterpress Machine	
Printer	337/8	"		
Stereotypes	330/-	"		
<u>OTHER MANUFACTURING</u>				
<u>BRICKS</u>				
Brick	31/-	40		Brick Works Wages Board (State)
Brick	33/-	"	Other Tradesmen (other trades)	
Brick	326/-	"	Employed in Hoffman kilns	
Brick	305/-	"		
<u>VEHICLE INDUSTRY</u>				
Bodymaker, 1st Class	350/-	"		Vehicle Industry Award (Comm'n)
Labourer	250/-	"		
Painter	322/6	"		
Spring fitter	305/-	"		
Trimmer	322/6	"		
Wheelwright	350/-	"		
Wagonmaker	350/-	"		
<u>OTHER MANUFACTURING</u>				
3000 Turner	250/-	40		Gas Employees (Victorian Award of Plumbers Board (State) Gas Employees (Vic. etc.) Award (Comm'n) Gas Meter Board (State)
Cashier	347/8	"		
Labourer	270/-	"		
Level Tester	315/-	"		Gas Employees (Vic. etc.) Award (Comm'n)
Service Layer	305/8	"		
Service Layers' Labourer	281/-	"		
Stoker	305/-	"	Stoker vertical retorts	
<u>JEWELLERY</u>				
Chiselmaker	325/8	"	Maker and repairer	Jewellers Board (State)
Mounter	325/-	"	Practical gem mounter	
Setter	325/-	"	Setter of precious gems	
<u>LEATHER AND SKIN GOODS</u>				
Genroc worker	307/-	"		Saddlery, Leather and Genroc Workers Award (Comm'n)
Leather worker	307/-	"		
<u>SHOE AND LEATHER GOODS</u>				
Bookmaker	308/8	"		Shoemaking Industry Award (Comm'n)
Labourer	278/8	"		
Line fitter	308/8	"		
Machinist				
Shoing	310/-	"		
Splitting	333/8	"		
Unshoing	308/8	"		
Tableman	308/8	"		

Industry and Occupation	Wage rate	Hours	Remarks	Source
Bricklayer	398/7	40	<del>398/7</del> All other bricklayers	Bricklayers Board (State)
Bricklayer (sewer and tunnel)	411/8	"		
Carpenter	350/9	"		Carpenters Board (State)
Carver (Stone)	337/-	"		Stonecarvers (Wool & Wo.) Award (Comm'th)
Painter	376/8	"		
Paperhanger	372/6	"		Painters Board (State)
Signwriter	373/6	"		
Plasterer (surface)	395/7	"		Plasterers Board (State)
Plumber	400/5	"		Plumbers Board (State)
Labourer -				
Bricklayer's	339/9	"	} Builders Labourers - Ordinary	Builders Labourers Board (State)
Carpeniter's	339/9	"		
Concrete worker	338/9	"		
Cart driver	339/9	"		
Over 1. year	341/5	"	} Builders Labourers - Skilled	
Coalfield hand	341/5	"		
<u>RAILWAY &amp; TRAMWAY SERVICES</u>				
<u>Engineer -</u>				
<u>Specialist Engine -</u>				
Driving Diesel Electric or electric	393/-	3	Driver loco or electric train after 1st year	
Driving 120 miles or more per shift	413/-	3		
Shunting Engine	339/8	3	Driver (shunting), after 1st Year	Locomotive Engine Drivers Award (Comm'th)
<u>Fireman -</u>				
Ordinary	319/6	3	Fireman - after 1st year	
Working 120 miles or more per shift	323/-	3		
Shunting Engine	296/6	3	Fireman (shunting), after 2nd Year	
<u>Guard -</u>				
1st Class	356/-	3		
2nd Class	341/-	3	5th year of service	and by Traffic.
<u>Conductor -</u>				
3rd Class	300/6	3	Parale Assistant Class	and by Traffic and shunting engine (Comm'th)
			2nd year of service	
<u>Shunter -</u>				
Leading	355/6	4	Leading, 1st & 2nd year of service	
Ordinary	347/-	4	3rd year of service	
<u>Shunter -</u>				
1st Class	331/-	4		
2nd Class	330/-	4		
3rd Class	322/-	4		
<u>Driver -</u>				
<u>Tramway -</u>				
1st year	306/-	40		
2nd year	300/6	"		
Over 2 year	300/6	"		Tramway Employees (Melbourne) Award - (Comm'th)
T. Driver	281/-	"		
Track Repairer	269/-	"		
Tram Driver	308/-	"		
Tram	312/-	"		

\* Rates are in any equivalent of hourly rates. They include allowances for leave, holidays, retarding the job, etc.

3. 40 hours per fortnight. + 76 hours per fortnight.

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<u>SHIPPING (General)</u>				
<u>SHIP HANDLING -</u>				
Deck -				
1 Horse	278/6	40		} Transport Workers (General) Award - (Comm'ch)
2 Horses	287/6	"		
Stable Hand	275/6	"		
Motor Traction & Waggons -				
3 tons	300/6	"		
Over 3 tons but under 6 tons	310/6	"		
<u>WATER WORKS -</u>				
Water Labourer (per hour)	10/2	"		Waterworks Workers Award (Comm'ch)
<u>HOTELS, BARS,</u>				
<u>BAR -</u>				
Cook	295/6	40		} Liquor Trade (Hotel and Wine Licenses) Award (Comm'ch)
Ballroom Porter	275/6	"		
Cook	310/6	"	1st cook, 6 or more persons employed in kitchen	
Headman	275/6	"		
Miscellaneous	275/6	"		
Porter	275/6	"		
Waiter	275/6	"		
<u>RESTAURANTS -</u>				
Waiter (Male)	320/6	"		Restaurants Board (State)
<u>SHOPS &amp; TRADE</u>				
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Liquor Dealer -				
1st Class	318/6	40	With Condenser	} Liquor Dealers and Miscellaneous (General) Award (Comm'ch)
2nd Class	307/6	"		
3rd Class	300/6	"		
4th Class	287/6	"		
Cleansing Labourer	290/6	"		} Municipal Employees Miscellaneous City Council Award (Comm'ch)
Street Sweeper	294/6	"	Cleansing Labourer	
<u>SHOP ASSISTANTS -</u>				
Foot Salesman	313/6	"		} Shops Board No. 1, Foot Salesmen (State)
Dry-goods Salesman	312/6	"		
Furniture Salesman	317/6	"		
Grocery Salesman	307/6	"		
Hardware Salesman	313/6	"		} Shops Board No. 9 (General and Mens Clothing) (State)
Men's Clothing Salesman	313/6	"		
Women's Clothing Salesman	313/6	"		} Shops Board No. 14 (Furniture Dealers) (State)
Grocery Salesman	307/6	"		
Hardware Salesman	313/6	"		} Shops Board No. 15 (General) (State)
Men's Clothing Salesman	313/6	"		
Women's Clothing Salesman	313/6	"		} Shops Board No. 16 (Hardware) (State)
Men's Clothing Salesman	313/6	"		
Women's Clothing Salesman	313/6	"		} Shops Board No. 9 (Drapery and Men's Clothing) (State)
Men's Clothing Salesman	313/6	"		
<u>STORES AND FACTORIES -</u>				
Porter (General)	306/6	"		} Storemen, Packers and Sorters Board (State)
Warehouse (General)	306/6	"		

WAGE FINALES

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Industry and Occupation	Wage Rate	Hours	Remarks	Source
Biscuits Making	217/-	40	<u>FOOD</u>	Biscuit Board (State)
Confectionery	212/-	"		
<u>PLANNING, WARE, GOODS, AND</u>				
Bookbinding	212/-	"		Printing Board's Printing (Comm'n)
Bookbinding, Heavy Half-Cover	233/-	"		
Military Orders	233/-	"		
Short Binding Orders	233/-	"		
Underclothing "	233/-	"		
<u>BOOKBINDING -</u>				
Books (General)	233/-	"		
Business & Vest Book	218/6	"		
Calendars	222/-	"		Clothing Trades Award (Comm'n)
Other Books	198/-	"		
<u>BOOKBINDING -</u>				
Book Binding (Commercial)	221/6	"		
Business & Vest Book	215/6	"		
Other Books	198/-	"		
<u>BOOKBINDING -</u>				
Book Binding	212/-	"	After 6 months experience	
Books and Stationery	217/-	"	"	Clothing Industry (Woolen & Worsted, Woolen) Award (Comm'n)
Knives, Tools	214/-	"	"	
Knives (Iron)	217/-	"	"	
Knitting Machine	210/-	"	"	
Other Tools	198/-	"	"	
<u>BOOKS, PAPER, AND</u>				
<u>BOOKS -</u>				
Books	215/-	"		Graphic Arts Award (Comm'n)
Books	215/-	"		
<u>BOOKS AND PAPER -</u>				
Books	213/-	"	When books covered with paper	
Other	203/6	"		
<u>BOOKS -</u>				
Jobbing Office Assistant	215/-	"		
<u>BOOKS AND PAPER</u>				
<u>BOOKS -</u>				
Books	235/-	40		Liquor Trades (Hotels and Wine Saloons) Award (Comm'n)
Household	208/-	"		
Leadsheets	208/-	"		
Wallpapers - Bond	215/-	"		
Other	202/-	"		
<u>BOOKS -</u>				
Books	208/6	"		Hotel and Restaurant Board (State)
Waitresses	202/6	"		
<u>BOOKS -</u>				
Books (Shop)	235/6	"		Liquor Trades Board (State)
Books Assistants	235/6	"		
<u>BOOKS -</u>				
Book Saleswomen	222/-	"		Shops Board No. 1 (Dept. Orders)
Book Salesmen	222/-	"		

Industry and Occupation	Wage Rate	Hours	Remarks	Source
Management & Bookbinding Salesmen	215/-	40		Shops Board No. 10 (Bookbinders and Salesmen) (State)
Management & Bookstore Salesmen	211/-	"		Shops Board No. 21 (Booksellers and Newsagents) (State)

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