

STATEMENT SHOWING MINIMUM NOMINAL WEEKLY RATES OF WAGE AND ORDINARY HOURS OF
LABOUR FOR WORKERS IN SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA, AT

30TH JUNE, 1955.

(Rates of Wage are quoted from the latest Award, Determination or Agreement operative
On 30th June, 1955.)

ADULT MALES

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Rates of Wage	Hours	Rates of Wage	Hours
<u>WOOD, FURNITURE, SAWMILLS, ETC.</u>				
<u>COOP RING -</u>				
Cooper	318/-	40	323/-	40
<u>FURNITURE -</u>				
Cabinet Maker	315/-	"	310/-	"
Chairmaker	315/-	"	310/-	"
French Polisher	315/-	"	310/-	"
Wood Carver	315/-	"	310/-	"
Wood Machinist	315/-	"	310/-	"
<u>SMITHING & TRUCK YARDS -</u>				
Box and Case Maker	283/-	"	265/- to 310/-	"
Labourer	257/-	"	275/-	"
Machinist -			249/-	"
Boult's Carver	353/-	"	305/-	"
Moulding	262/6 & 313/-	"	256/6 & 305/-	"
Planing	276/- & 313/-	"	278/- & 305/-	"
Shaping	313/-	"	305/-	"
Orderman	201/-	"	283/-	"
Sawyer -				
Band or Jig	285/6 to 318/-	"	277/6 to 310/-	"
Circular	288/- & 310/-	"	280/- & 302/-	"
Tallyman	266/-	"	272/-	"
<u>ENGINEERING, METAL WORKS, ETC.</u>				
<u>BOILERMAKING -</u>				
Boilermaker	318/-	40	310/-	40
Helper	266/-	"	253/-	"
Labourer	252/-	"	244/-	"
<u>BRASSWORKING -</u>				
Finisher	297/- & 318/-	"	285/- & 310/-	"
Moulder	271/- to 318/-	"	263/- to 310/-	"
<u>ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION -</u>				
Electrical Fitter	324/-	"	310/-	"
Linesman	316/-	"	292/6	"
Electrical Mechanic	324/-	"	310/-	"
<u>ELECTRIC SUPPLY -</u>				
Electrical fitter *	355/-	"	327/-	"
Instrument Maker *	379/-	"	352/-	"
Linesman	340/- & 355/-	"	294/6 to 306/6	"
Substation maintenance fitter	370/-	"	327/-	"
<u>ENGINEERING -</u>				
Blacksmith	320/6	"	312/6	"
Brassfinisher	293/- & 318/-	"	285/- & 310/-	"
Coppersmith	320/6	"	312/6	"
Fitter	318/-	"	310/-	"

* Additional Amount of 15/- per week payable if working at power stations.

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WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, DULT MALES 30TH JUNE 1955 (Cont'd.)

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Rates of Wage		Rates of Wage	Hours
	s.	d.	s.	d.
<u>ENGINEERING - (Cont'd.)</u>				
Labourer	252/-		247/-	40
Patternmaker	320/6		322/6	"
Shaper	293/- & 318/-		285/- & 310/-	"
Striker	264/- & 270/6		258/- & 262/6	"
Turner	318/-		310/-	"
<u>FOUNDRY -</u>				
Coremaker - machine	271/- to 293/-		263/- to 285/-	"
- jobbing	295/-		287/-	"
Crosser	271/- to 290/6		263/- to 287/6	"
Furnaceman	280/6 to 288/-		277/6 to 292/-	"
Moulder - machine	271/- to 293/-		263/- to 285/-	"
- jobbing	318/-		310/-	"
<u>SHEET METAL WORKING -</u>				
Canister Maker	273/-		265/-	"
Machinist	255/-		259/-	"
Solderer	265/- & 273/-		257/- & 265/-	"
Sheet Metal Worker 1st class	318/-		287/-	"
Sheet Metal Worker 2nd Class	293/-		272/-	"
<u>FOOD, DRINK, ETC.</u>				
<u>BAKING (BREAD) -</u>				
Board Hand	303/-	40	336/2	38
Bread Carter (1 horse)	291/-	"	289/6	40
Ovensman	311/6	"	336/2	38
Single Hand	308/-	"	359/6	38
<u>BAKING (BISCUITS AND COOKIES) -</u>				
Baker	275/6	"	287/-	40
General Labourer	249/-	"	257/-	"
Mixer	261/- & 268/-	"	227/-	"
<u>BREWING -</u>				
Cellarman	285/- & 292/-	"	291/9	"
Driver (Motor, 3 tons)	299/-	"	290/9	"
Labourer	285/-	"	278/-	"
Malt Hand	225/-	"	283/-	"
Stoverman	292/-	"	231/-	"
<u>BUTCHERING (RETAIL) -</u>				
Carter (1 horse)	278/-	"	258/6	"
General Butcher	303/-	"	295/-	"
Shopman	303/-	"	295/-	"
Smallgoodsman	303/-	"	295/-	"
<u>CONFECTIONERY -</u>				
Confectioner (Grade I)	300/-	"	292/-	"
Storeman	263/-	"	280/6	"
<u>JAM-MAKING -</u>				
General Labourer	262/-	"	267/-	"
Solderer	267/-	"	267/-	"
<u>CAN PACKING -</u>				
Capper	295/6	"	315/-	"
Guillotine Hand	273/-	"	284/-	"
Jokerman	283/-	"	311/-	"
Packer	273/-	"	311/-	"
Power	295/6	"	315/-	"
<u>MILLING (FLOUR) -</u>				
Miller (Shift)	312/6 to 350/-	"	312/6 to 350/-	"
Packerman	278/-	"	278/-	"
Purifierman	292/6	"	292/6	"
Smutterman	292/6	"	292/6	"
Storeman (Head)	295/- & 303/-	"	295/- & 303/-	"
Topman	292/6	"	292/6	"
<u>PASTRY COOKING -</u>				
Packer	276/-	"	255/-	"
Pastrycook	310/-	"	306/-	"

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WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT MALES 30TH JUNE 1955 (Contd.)

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Rates of Wage	Hours	Rates of Wage	Hours
<u>CLOTHING, HATS, BOOTS, ETC.</u>				
<u>BOOTMAKING -</u>				
- Bootmaker	288/-	40	288/-	40
<u>TAILORING (ORDER) -</u>				
Cutter	368/-	"	310/-	"
Presser	287/-	"	287/-	"
Tailor	296/-	"	296/-	"
<u>TAILORING (READYMADE) -</u>				
Cutter	300/-	"	300/-	"
Presser	277/-	"	287/-	"
Tailor	296/-	"	296/-	"
Trimmer	287/-	"	287/-	"
<u>TEXTILE WORKING -</u>				
(Woolen Mills) -				
Carder	265/-	"	265/-	"
Doehouseman	270/-	"	270/-	"
Labourer (General)	241/-	"	241/-	"
Securer (Wool)	270/- to 277/6	"	270/- to 277/6	"
Spinner	265/-	"	265/-	"
Loom Tamer	258/- to 288/-	"	258/- to 288/-	"
Warper (Plain)	267/-	"	267/-	"
<u>BOOKS, PRINTING, BINDING, ETC.</u>				
<u>BOOKBINDING -</u>				
Finisher	318/-	40	310/-	40
Backbinder	318/-	"	310/-	"
Paper Ruler	318/-	"	310/-	"
<u>PRINTING (DAILY AND 24 PER) -</u>				
Compositor (Machine) -				
Day Work	377/6 to 395/-	"	372/6	38
Night Work	397/6 to 415/-	"	387/6	"
Machinist (First Hand) -				
Day Work	341/6 to 349/-	"	357/6	40
Night Work	261/6 to 369/-	"	322/6	38
Publisher -				
Day Work	316/6 to 325/6	"	309/- & 311/6	40
Night Work	336/6 to 346/6	"	334/- & 337/6	38
Reader -				
Day Work	349/6 & 359/6	"	358/-	40
Night Work	359/6 & 379/6	"	383/-	38
Stereotyper -				
Day Work	341/6 to 350/-	"	353/-	39
Night Work	361/6 to 370/-	"	373/-	38
<u>PRINTING (JOBBER OFFICE) -</u>				
Compositor	318/- to 340/6	"	310/- to 332/6	40
Linotype Operator	340/6	"	332/6	"
Machinist	318/-	"	310/-	"
Reader	325/6	"	317/6	"
Stereotyper	318/-	"	310/-	"
<u>OTHER MANUFACTURING</u>				
<u>BRICKMAKING -</u>				
Burner	273/- & 279/-	40	288/-	40
Fitter	290/-	"	302/6 & 308/6	"
Driver	295/6	"	287/6 to 300/-	"
Trucker	287/-	"	282/-	"
Setter	295/6	"	287/6 & 300/-	"
<u>VEHICLE BUILDING</u>				
Bodymaker, 1st Class	318/-	"	310/-	"
Labourer	246/-	"	238/-	"
Painter	271/6 to 310/6	"	263/6 to 302/6	"
Spring maker	318/-	"	310/-	"
Trimmer	293/- & 310/6	"	285/- & 302/6	"
Wheelwright	318/-	"	310/-	"

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT MALES 30TH JUNE, 1955 (Contd.)

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Rates of Wage	Hours	Rates of Wage	Hours
<u>OTHER MANUFACTURING (Contd.)</u>				
<u>GAS-MAKING AND SUPPLY -</u>	s. d.		s. d.	
Coke Trimmer	271/-	40	258/-	40
Gasfitter	332/-	"	317/6	"
Labourer	258/-	"	252/-	"
Peter Tester	272/- & 294/-	"	287/-	"
Service Layer	299/-	"	279/6	"
Service Layer's Labourer	268/-	"	255/-	"
Stoker	289/-	"	277/- & 287/6	"
<u>JEWELLERY -</u>				
Chainmaker	293/-	"	312/-	"
Mounter	275/- to 301/-	"	287/- to 327/-	"
Setter	293/- to 301/-	"	299/6 to 327/-	"
<u>LEATHER AND CANVASS WORK</u>				
Canvas Worker	283/-	"	275/-	"
Leather Worker	295/-	"	287/-	"
<u>TANNING AND CURRYING -</u>				
Beamsman	296/6	"	280/6	"
Labourer	266/6	"	258/6	"
Liveman	288/6	"	280/6	"
<u>MACHINIST -</u>				
Skawing	297/6 to 305/-	"	289/6 to 297/-	"
Splitting	311/6 to 321/6	"	303/6 to 313/6	"
Unskating	296/6	"	288/6	"
Tableman	290/6 to 297/6	"	282/6 to 289/6	"
<u>BUILDING *</u>				
Bricklayer (Surface)	358/4	40	348/2	40
Bricklayer (Sewer & Tunnel)	371/8	"	359/2	"
Carpenter	365/-	"	345/6	"
Mason (Stone)	322/-	"	317/- (1)	"
Painter	346/8	"	345/-	"
Paperhanger	346/8	"	345/-	"
Signwriter	359/2	"	345/-	"
Plasterer (Surface)	355/3	"	347/10	"
Plumber	353/9	"	348/5	"
<u>LABOURER -</u>				
Bricklayer's	295/10	"	282/6	"
Carpenter's	295/10	"	282/6	"
Concrete Worker	295/10	"	282/6	"
Earth Excavator	295/10	"	282/6	"
Gear Worker	306/10	"	292/-	"
Scaffold Hand	306/10	"	292/8	"
<u>RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY SERVICES</u>				
<u>RAILWAYS</u>				
Engine Driver Loco -				
Steam, diesel electric or electric	362/- & 377/-	Ø	355/- & 370/-	Ø
Express, mail or passenger	392/-	Ø	385/-	Ø
Shunting Engine	317/- & 332/-	Ø	302/6 & 311/6	Ø
Fireman -				
Ordinary	270/6 & 291/6	Ø	272/6 & 287/6	Ø
Express, mail or passenger	302/-	Ø	295/-	Ø
Shunting Engine	263/- to 275/6	Ø	253/6 to 268/6	Ø
Guard -				
1st Class	302/- to 320/-	Ø	320/-	Ø
2nd Class	296/-	Ø	291/- to 313/-	Ø
Porter -	259/- to 268/-	Ø	252/6 to 283/-	Ø
Shunter -				
Head	354/6 to 380/-	+	..	+
Loading	312/6 to 338/6	+	305/6 to 331/6	+
Ordinary	275/- to 296/-	+	268/- to 289/-	+

* Rates are weekly equivalents of hourly rates. They include allowances for leave, holidays, following the job etc.

(1) Rate for stonemason, not comparable with previous years when rate for carver (Building) was shown.

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Rate of Wage	Hours	Rate of Wage	Hours
<u>RAILWAYS (Contd.)</u>	<u>RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY SERVICES (Contd.)</u>			
	s. d.		s. d.	
Signalman -				
1st class	350/6		325/-	
2nd class	3-3/6	+	308/-	+
3rd class	332/-	ø	295/-	ø
<u>TRAMWAYS -</u>				
Conductor -				
1st Year	265/6	40	260/-	40
2nd Year	280/6	"	274/6	"
Thereafter	280/6	"	274/6	"
Labourer	258/6	"	255/-	"
Truck Repairer	265/- & 269/-	"	263/	"
Motorman -				
1st Year	288/-	"	282/.	"
2nd Year	288/-	"	282/-	"
Thereafter	288/-	"	282/-	"
Pitman	290/6	"	286/-	"
+ 76 hours per fortnight.		ø 80 hours per fortnight		
	<u>TRANSPORT (OTHER)</u>			
<u>DRIVING MERCHANDISE -</u>				
Motor -				
1 horse	276/-	40	258/6	40
2 horses	283/-	"	271/-	"
Stable Hand	273/6	"	253/-	"
Motor Lorries & Wagons - 3 tons	297/-	"	280/6	"
3 tons but under 6 tons	301/- to 309/-	"	290/.	"
<u>HEAVY LABOUR -</u>				
Harf Labourer (per hour)	8/10		8/10	
	<u>HOTELS, ETC.</u>			
<u>HOTELS -</u>				
Barman	283/-	40	275/-	40
Billiard Marker	263/-	"	253/-	"
Cook	273/- to 358/-	"	265/- to 350/-	"
Barman	263/-	"	255/-	"
Kitchenman	263/-	"	255/-	"
Porter	263/-	"	255/-	"
Waiter	263/-	"	255/-	"
<u>HAIRDRESSING -</u>				
Hairdresser (non's)	295/- to 305/-	"	288/-	"
	<u>GENERAL LABOUR</u>			
<u>FACTORY ENGINE DRIVING -</u>				
Engine Driver -				
1st Class	295/6 & 303/-	40	287/6 & 295/-	40
2nd Class	284/.	"	276/- & 287/6	"
Fireman -				
1st Class	284/.	"	276/-	"
2nd Class	270/-	"	262/.	"
<u>MAINTENANCE -</u>				
Labourer	300/.	"	262/6	"
Street Sweeper	311/.	"	268/-	"
<u>SHOP ASSISTANTS -</u>				
Book Salesman	295/-	"	287/-	"
Stationery Salesman	295/-	"	287/-	"
Furniture Salesman	295/-	"	291/-	"
Grocery Salesman	295/-	"	281/6	"
Hardware Salesman	295/-	"	277/-	"
Men's Clothing Salesman	295/-	"	287/-	"
<u>STORES AND FACTORIES -</u>				
Packer (General)	280/6 & 284/6	"	276/-	"
Storeman (General)	280/6 & 284/6	"	276/-	"

THE WYLLIAMS BROTHERS & HOUSEHOLD, WYLLIAMS BROS. 30TH JUNE, 1955.

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Rates of Wage	Hours	Rates of Wage	Hours
	<u>FOOD</u>			
	s. d.		s. d.	
Biscuit Making	184/-	40	195/9	40
Confectionery	196/-	"	191/-	"
	<u>CLOTHING & TEXTILES</u>			
Bootsmaking	196/-	40	199/-	40
Dressmaking	193/- to 213/-	"	183/- to 213/-	"
Millinery	183/-	"	183/-	"
Shirt Making	183/-	"	183/-	"
Underclothing	183/- to 213/-	"	183/- to 213/-	"
<u>TAILORING - GENT -</u>				
Coat Hand (Machinist)	213/-	"	213/-	"
Trousers & Vest Hand	200/6	"	200/6	"
Tailorress	229/-	"	229/-	"
Adult Female	183/-	"	183/-	"
<u>TAILORING - READY MADE -</u>				
Coat Hand (Machinist)	203/-	"	203/-	"
Trousers & Vest Hand	198/-	"	198/-	"
Shirter	229/-	"	229/-	"
Adult Female	183/-	"	183/-	"
<u>TEXTILE WORKING (WOOLLEN MILLS) -</u>				
Comb Minder	184/-	"	194/-	"
Darnor & Mender	196/- & 199/-	"	196/- & 199/-	"
Warper	196/-	"	196/-	"
Washer (Loam)	199/-	"	199/-	"
Sillbox Minder	193/-	"	193/-	"
Other Adult	181/-	"	181/-	"
	<u>BOOKS, PRINTING, ETC.</u>			
<u>BOOKBINDING -</u>				
Folder	206/-	40	200/-	40
Cover	206/-	"	200/-	"
<u>CARDBOARD BOX -</u>				
Box maker	204/- to 210/6	"	198/- to 204/6	"
Other	194/6	"	188/6	"
<u>PRINTING -</u>				
Jobbing Office Assistant	206/-	"	200/-	"
	<u>HOTELS AND SHOPS, ETC.</u>			
<u>HOTELS -</u>				
Barmaid	219/6	40	273/6	40
Housemaid	199/-	"	189/6	"
Bandress	270/-	"	193/6	"
Waitress - Head	206/-	"	195/6	"
Waitress - Other	199/-	"	189/6	"
<u>RESTAURANTS -</u>				
Pantry Maid	180/6	"	177/6	"
Waitress	189/6	"	187/6	"
<u>CLERKS -</u>				
Cashiers (Shops)	214/-	"	219/6	"
Clerical Assistants	207/-	"	219/6	"
<u>SHOPS -</u>				
Foot Saleswoman	214/- & 295/-	"	201/-	"
Drapery Saleswoman	214/- & 295/-	"	202/6 & 286/6	"
Fruit & Confectionery Saleswoman	214/-	"	196/6	"
Newsagent & Bookstall Saleswoman	214/-	"	185/- & 191/6	"