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MINIMUM WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND PRESCRIBED HOURS OF WORK FOR EMPLOYEES

IN SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA, AT 30TH JUNE, 1961

(Wages and hours are quoted from Awards, Determinations or Agreements operative at 30th June, 1961)

ADULT MALES

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Wage Rate	Hours	Wage Rate	Hours
	s. d.		s. d.	
<u>ENGINEERING, METAL WORKS, ETC.</u>				
<u>Boilermaking -</u>				
Boilermaker	379 0	40	371 0	40
Helper	312 6	"	304 6	"
Labourer	294 6	"	286 6	"
<u>Engineering -</u>				
Blacksmith	382 0	"	374 0	"
Brassfinisher	379 0	"	371 0	"
Coppersmith	382 0	"	374 0	"
Fitter	379 0	"	371 0	"
Labourer	294 6	"	286 6	"
Patternmaker	408 0	"	400 0	"
Shaper	379 0	"	371 0	"
Striker	318 0	"	310 0	"
Turner	379 0	"	371 0	"
<u>Foundry -</u>				
Coremaker - machine	347 0	"	339 0	"
Coremaker - jobbing	379 0	"	371 0	"
Dresser	344 0	"	336 0	"
Furnaceman	340 6	"	332 6	"
Moulder - machine	347 0	"	339 0	"
Moulder - jobbing	379 0	"	371 0	"
<u>Sheet Metal Working -</u>				
Canister Maker	321 6	"	313 6	"
Machinist	311 0	"	303 0	"
Solderer	321 6	"	313 6	"
Sheet Metal Worker, 1st Class	379 0	"	371 0	"
Sheet Metal Worker, 2nd Class	347 0	"	339 0	"
<u>Vehicle Building -</u>				
Bodymaker, 1st Class	379 0	"	371 0	"
Labourer	287 0	"	279 0	"
Painter	369 6	"	361 6	"
Springfitter	379 0	"	371 0	"
Trimmer	369 6	"	361 6	"
Wheelwright	379 0	"	371 0	"
<u>TEXTILES, CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR</u>				
<u>Bootmaking -</u>				
Clicker	346 6	"	346 6	"
<u>Tailoring (Order) -</u>				
Cutter	475 0	"	408 0	"
Presser	355 6	"	355 6	"
Tailor	371 0	"	371 0	"

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT MALES, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE,

30TH JUNE, 1961 - (Cont'd)

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Wage Rate	Hours	Wage Rate	Hours
	s. d.		s. d.	
<u>TEXTILES, CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR (Cont.)</u>				
<u>Tailoring (Readymade) -</u>				
Cutter	377 6	40	377 6	40
Presser	355 6	"	355 6	"
Tailor	371 0	"	371 0	"
Trimmer	355 6	"	355 6	"
<u>Textile Working (Woollen Mills) -</u>				
Carder	319 0	"	319 0	"
Dyehouseman	324 0	"	324 0	"
Labourer (General)	282 0	"	282 0	"
Scourer (Wool)	336 0	"	336 0	"
Spinner	319 0	"	319 0	"
Loom Tuner	367 6	"	367 6	"
Warper (Plain)	323 0	"	323 0	"
<u>FOOD, DRINK AND TOBACCO</u>				
<u>Baking (Bread) -</u>				
Board Hand	405 0	"	403 0	"
Ovensman	416 0	"	403 0	"
Single Hand	411 6	"	432 10	"
Bread Carter	372 0	"	368 0	"
<u>Baking (Biscuits and Cakes) -</u>				
Baker	364 0	"	339 0	"
Labourer	324 0	"	300 6	"
Mixer	349 0	"	339 0	"
<u>Brewing -</u>				
Cellarman	352 0	"	339 0	"
Driver (Motor, 3 tons)	369 6	"	333 0	"
Labourer	352 0	"	330 0	"
Malt Hand	352 0	"	336 6	"
Towerman	360 6	"	339 0	"
<u>Confectionery -</u>				
Confectioner (Grade 1)	372 0	"	348 0	"
Storeman	349 0	"	330 6	"
<u>Jam Making -</u>				
General Labourer	308 6	"	308 6	"
Solderer	315 0	"	315 0	"
<u>Meat Packing -</u>				
Capper	372 0	"	372 0	"
Guillotine Hand	341 0	"	388 4	"
Jokerman	355 0	"	366 6	"
Packer	341 0	"	366 6	"
Seamer	362 0	"	372 0	"
<u>Milling (Flour) -</u>				
Miller (Shift)	428 0	"	428 0	"
Packerman	348 6	"	348 6	"
Purifierman	354 6	"	354 6	"
Smuttermen	354 6	"	354 6	"
Storeman (Head)	368 0	"	368 0	"
Topman	354 6	"	354 6	"
<u>Pastrycooking -</u>				
Packer	341 0	"	298 0	"
Pastrycook	385 0	"	363 6	"

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT MALES, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE

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Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Wage Rate	Hours	Wage Rate	Hours
	s. d.		s. d.	
<u>SAWMILLING, FURNITURE, ETC.</u>				
<u>Coopering -</u>				
Cooper	379 0	40	406 0	40
<u>Furniture -</u>				
Cabinet Maker	391 0	"	371 0	"
Chairmaker	391 0	"	371 0	"
French Polisher	391 0	"	371 0	"
Wood Carver	391 0	"	371 0	"
Wood Machinist	391 0	"	371 0	"
<u>Sawmilling and Timber Yards -</u>				
Box and Case Maker	334 0	"	326 0	"
Labourer	301 0	"	293 0	"
<u>Machinist -</u>				
Boult's Carver	376 6	"	368 6	"
Moulding	376 6	"	368 6	"
Planing	376 6	"	368 6	"
Shaping	376 6	"	368 6	"
Orderman	344 6	"	336 6	"
<u>Sawyer -</u>				
Band or Jig	379 0	"	371 0	"
Circular	369 0	"	361 0	"
Tallyman	338 0	"	330 0	"
<u>PAPER, PRINTING, ETC.</u>				
<u>Bookbinding -</u>				
Finisher	379 0	"	371 0	"
Bookbinder	379 0	"	371 0	"
Paper Ruler	379 0	"	371 0	"
<u>Printing (Daily Newspapers) -</u>				
<u>Compositor (Machine) -</u>				
Day Work	528 6	"	512 6	38
Night Work	568 6	"	553 6	"
<u>Machinist (First Hand) -</u>				
Day Work	476 6	"	522 0	40
Night Work	511 6	"	568 0	38
<u>Publisher -</u>				
Day Work	420 0	"	441 6	40
Night Work	455 0	"	487 6	38
<u>Reader -</u>				
Day Work	483 0	"	488 0	40
Night Work	518 0	"	529 0	38
<u>Stereotyper -</u>				
Day Work	479 6	"	516 6	39
Night Work	514 6	"	562 6	38
<u>Printing (Jobbing Offices) -</u>				
Compositor	408 0	"	400 0	40
Linotype Operator	408 0	"	400 0	"
Machinist	379 0	"	371 0	"
Reader	388 6	"	380 6	"
Stereotyper	379 0	"	371 0	"
<u>OTHER MANUFACTURING</u>				
<u>Brickmaking -</u>				
Burner	361 0	"	340 6	"
Pitman	377 0	"	366 0	"
Drawer	386 0	"	355 0	"
Trucker	371 0	"	332 0	"
Setter	386 0	"	355 0	"

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT MALES, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE,
30TH JUNE, 1961 - (Cont'd)

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Wage Rate	Hours	Wage Rate	Hours
	s. d.		s. d.	
<u>OTHER MANUFACTURING (Cont'd)</u>				
<u>Electrical Supply -</u>				
Electrical Fitter	482 0	40	396 6	40
Instrument Maker	510 0	"	428 6	"
Linesman	457 0	"	371 0	"
Sub-Station Maintenance Fitter	539 0	"	371 0	"
<u>Gas-making and Supply -</u>				
Coke Trimmer	323 0	"	327 6	"
Gasfitter	397 0	"	388 0	"
Labourer	335 0	"	318 9	"
Meter Tester	354 0	"	357 6	"
Service Layer	357 0	"	364 6	"
Service Layer's Labourer	318 6	"	333 0	"
Operator, Retort House	350 6	"	355 6	"
<u>Jewellery -</u>				
Chainmaker	388 6	"	355 0	"
Mounter	408 0	"	390 0	"
Setter	408 0	"	390 0	"
<u>Leather and Canvas Work -</u>				
Canvas Worker	349 6	"	341 6	"
Leather Worker	349 6	"	341 6	"
<u>Tanning and Currying -</u>				
Beamsman	346 6	"	338 6	"
Labourer	308 0	"	300 0	"
Lime Jobber	343 6	"	335 6	"
<u>Machinist -</u>				
Shaving	356 0	"	348 0	"
Splitting	378 6	"	370 6	"
Unhairing	346 6	"	338 6	"
Tableman	347 6	"	339 6	"
<u>BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION (a) -</u>				
Bricklayer (Surface)	458 4	"	462 6	"
Bricklayer (Sewer or Tunnel)	478 4	"	478 4	"
Carpenter	466 8	"	466 8	"
Electrical Mechanic (Installation)	420 0	"	371 0	"
Mason (Stone)	432 0	"	421 8	"
Painter (b)	423 4	"	460 0	"
Paperhanger (b)	423 4	"	460 0	"
Signwriter (b)	438 4	"	460 0	"
Plasterer (Surface)	445 10	"	462 6	"
Plumber (b)	455 10	"	480 0	"
<u>Labourer -</u>				
Bricklayer's	352 6	"	392 6	"
Carpenter's	352 6	"	392 6	"
Concrete Worker	352 6	"	392 6	"
Earth Excavator	352 6	"	392 6	"
Gear Worker	366 8	"	420 10	"
Scaffold Hand	366 8	"	420 10	"

- (a) Rates are weekly equivalents of hourly rates. They include allowances for excess fares and travelling time, sick pay, public holidays, following the job, etc.
- (b) Allowance for excess fares and travelling time varies with each change of job site.

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT MALES, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE

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Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Wage Rate	Hours	Wage Rate	Hours
	s. d.		s. d.	
RAILWAY SERVICES				
Engine Driver (Loco) -				
Steam, Diesel Electric or Electric	455 0	(a)	448 0	(a)
Express, Mail or Passenger	474 0	(a)	467 0	(a)
Shunting Engine	397 0	(a)	373 0	(a)
Fireman -				
Ordinary	349 0	(a)	342 0	(a)
Express, Mail or Passenger	359 0	(a)	352 0	(a)
Shunting Engine	325 0	(a)	318 0	(a)
Guard -				
1st Class	382 0	(a)	394 0	(a)
2nd Class	351 0	(a)	375 0	(a)
Porter	311 6	(a)	323 0	(a)
Shunter -				
Head	458 6	(b)	..	..
Leading	405 6	(b)	398 6	(b)
Ordinary	351 0	(b)	344 0	(b)
Signalman -				
1st Class	431 0	(b)	390 0	(b)
2nd Class	412 0	(a)	368 6	(a)
3rd Class	397 0	(a)	352 0	(a)
ROAD AND AIR TRANSPORT				
Tramways -				
Conductor -				
1st Year	(c)	(c)	304 6	40
Thereafter	(c)	(c)	323 0	"
Labourer	(c)	(c)	298 0	"
Track Repairer	(c)	(c)	308 6	"
Tram Driver	(c)	(c)	332 6	"
Pitman	(c)	(c)	337 6	"
Motor Omnibuses -				
Conductor -				
1st Year	315 0	(a)	304 6	"
Thereafter	334 0	(a)	323 0	"
Driver	388 6	(a)	358 0	"
Bus Greaser -				
1st Year	321 6	40	310 0	"
2nd Year	324 6	"	313 6	"
3rd Year	328 0	"	316 6	"
Carrying Merchandise -				
Carter -				
1 Horse	341 0	"	305 0	"
2 Horses	358 0	"	321 0	"
Stable Hand	341 6	"	298 0	"
Motor Lorries and Wagons -				
3 tons	371 0	"	333 0	"
Over 3 tons but under 6 tons	386 0	"	345 6	"
SHIPPING AND STEVEDORING				
Wharf Labour -				
Wharf Labourer (per hour)	11 2½		11 2½	
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE				
Butchering (Retail) -				
Carter (1 horse)	336 6	"	328 6	"
General Butcher	377 6	"	369 6	"
Shopman	377 6	"	369 6	"
Smallgoodsman	377 6	"	369 6	"

(a) 80 hours per fortnight.

(b) 76 hours per fortnight.

(c) Last

tram route closed in Sydney in February, 1961.

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Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Wage Rate	Hours	Wage Rate	Hours
	s. d.		s. d.	
<u>WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE - (Cont'd)</u>				
<u>Shop Assistants -</u>				
Boot Salesman	373 0	40	345 3	40
Drapery Salesman	373 0	"	345 3	"
Furniture Salesman	373 0	"	350 3	"
Grocery Salesman	373 0	"	343 9	"
Hardware Salesman	373 0	"	345 3	"
Men's Clothing Salesman	373 0	"	345 3	"
<u>AMUSEMENT, HOTELS, PERSONAL SERVICE, ETC.</u>				
<u>Hotels -</u>				
Barman	334 0	"	326 0	"
Billiard Marker	308 6	"	300 6	"
Cook	430 0	"	422 0	"
Handyman	308 6	"	300 6	"
Kitchenman	308 6	"	300 6	"
Porter	308 6	"	300 6	"
Waiter	308 6	"	300 6	"
<u>Hairdressing -</u>				
Hairdresser	375 0	"	358 0	"
<u>Theatres -</u>				
Electrician	390 0	"	390 0	"
Projectionist	460/6 and 499/6	"	460/6 and 499/6	"
Stage Door Keeper	307 3	"	307 3	"
Usher, Ticket Taker	318 0	"	318 0	"
<u>GENERAL LABOUR</u>				
<u>Factory Engine Driving -</u>				
Engine Driver -				
1st Class	363 6	"	355 6	"
2nd Class	350 0	"	342 0	"
Fireman -				
1st Class	340 6	"	332 6	"
2nd Class	324 6	"	316 6	"
<u>Municipal -</u>				
Labourer	381 6	"	316 0	"
Concrete Floater	412 6	"	358 0	"
<u>Storemen and Packers -</u>				
Packer (General)	349 0	"	330 6	"
Storeman (General)	349 0	"	330 6	"

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT FEMALES, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

30TH JUNE, 1961

<u>TEXTILES, CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR</u>				
<u>Bootmaking</u>	234 6	40	234 6	40
<u>Dressmaking (Readymade) - Cutter</u>	259 0	"	259 0	"
<u>Millinery - Cutter</u>	259 0	"	259 0	"
<u>Shirt Making - Cutter</u>	259 0	"	259 0	"
<u>Underclothing - Cutter</u>	259 0	"	259 0	"
<u>Tailoring (Men's) Order -</u>				
Coat Hand (Machinist)	259 0	"	259 0	"
Trousers and Vest Hand	240 6	"	240 6	"
Tailoress	301 0	"	301 0	"
Adult Female	214 0	"	214 0	"
<u>Tailoring (Men's) Readymade -</u>				
Coat Hand (Machinist)	244 0	"	244 0	"
Trousers and Vest Hand	236 6	"	236 6	"
Adult Female	214 0	"	214 0	"

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT FEMALES, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE,

30TH JUNE, 1961 - (Contd)

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Wage Rate	Hours	Wage Rate	Hours
<u>TEXTILES, CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR-(Cont'd)</u>	s. d.		s. d.	
<u>Textile Working (Woollen Mills)-</u>				
Comb Minder	231 6	40	231 6	40
Darner and Mender	238 0	"	238 0	"
Warper, Plain	234 0	"	234 0	"
Weaver, Loom	238 0	"	238 0	"
Gillbox Minder	229 0	"	229 0	"
Other Adult	211 0	"	211 0	"
<u>FOOD, DRINK AND TOBACCO</u>				
<u>Biscuit Making</u>	246 0	"	231 6	"
<u>Confectionery</u>	244 0	"	225 6	"
<u>PAPER, PRINTING, ETC.</u>				
<u>Bookbinding -</u>				
Folder	242 6	"	236 6	"
Sewer	242 6	"	236 6	"
<u>Cardboard Box -</u>				
Boxmaker	240 0	"	234 0	"
Other	228 0	"	222 0	"
<u>Printing -</u>				
Jobbing Office Assistant	242 6	"	236 6	"
<u>WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE</u>				
<u>Clerks -</u>				
Cashier (Shops)	295 6	"	265 3	"
Clerical Assistant	293 0	"	260 6	"
<u>Shops -</u>				
Boot Saleswoman	295/6 to 373/-	"	242/3 and 345/3	"
Drapery Saleswoman	295/6 to 373/-	"	242/3 and 345/3	"
Fruit and Confectionery Saleswoman	286 0	"	237 3	"
Newsagent and Bookstall Saleswoman	295 6	"	228 0	"
<u>AMUSEMENT, HOTELS, PERSONAL SERVICE, ETC.</u>				
<u>Hotels -</u>				
Barmaid	263 0	"	326 0	"
Housemaid	234 0	"	228 0	"
Laundress	235 0	"	229 0	"
Waitress - Head	242 6	"	236 6	"
Other	234 0	"	228 0	"
<u>Restaurants -</u>				
Pantry Maid	255 0	"	226 0	"
Waitress	255 0	"	226 0	"
<u>Theatres -</u>				
Female Usher, Ticket Taker, etc.	239/3 and 245/-	"	239/3 and 245/-	"
Ticket Seller	245/- and 250/9	36	245/- and 250/9	36