

COMMONWEALTH BUREAU OF CENSUS AND STATISTICS.

CANBERRA - AUSTRALIA.

Statements showing MINIMUM RATES OF WAGE AND ORDINARY HOURS OF
LABOUR FOR ADULT MALE WORKERS IN SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1947. 30th June 1948

Rates of Wage are quoted from latest Award, Determination or Agreement
in force at 31st December, 1947. 30th June 1948

Industry & Occupation	SYDNEY.		MELBOURNE.	
	Rates of Wages per week.	Hrs.	Rates of Wages per week.	Hrs.
WOOD, FURNITURE, SAWMILLS, ETC.				
<u>COOPERING</u> -				
Cooper	164/- 168/-	42 1/2	174/- 185/-	44 1/2
<u>FURNITURE</u> -				
Cabinet Maker	146/- 166/-	40	156/6 162/6	"
Chairmaker	146/- 166/-	"	156/6 162/6	"
French Polisher	146/- 166/-	"	156/6 162/6	"
Wood Carver	146/- 166/-	"	156/6 162/6	"
Wood Mechanist	146/- 166/-	"	156/6 162/6	"
<u>SAWMILLING & TIMBER YDS.</u>				
Box and Case Maker	129/- 141/6	44	126/- 140/6	"
Labourer	115/- 124/-	"	112/- 123/-	"
Mechanist				
Boults Carver	142/- 156/-	"	140/- 155/- 158/-	"
Moulding 131/- to 156/-	131/- to 148/-	"	129/6 to 145/-	"
Planing 141/- to 156/-	137/- & 136/-	"	129/6 to 145/-	"
Shaping	142/- 156/-	"	129/- 155/- 158/-	"
Orderman	129/- 141/6	"	126/- 140/6	"
Sewer -				
Bend or Jig 143/- to 168/-	130/- to 145/-	"	127/- to 142/-	"
Circular 143/- to 168/-	130/- to 145/-	"	127/- to 142/- 153/6	"
Tallymen	129/- 141/6	"	126/- 140/6	"
ENGINEERING, METAL WORKS, ETC.				
<u>BOILERMAKING</u> -				
Boilermaker	164/- 168/-	42 1/2	161/- 167/-	44 1/2
Helper	129/6 139/-	"	126/6 135/-	"
Labourer	129/6 139/-	"	126/6 135/-	"
<u>BRASSWORKING</u> -				
Finisher	147/- to 164/-	"	144/- to 162/-	"
Moulder	129/6 to 164/-	"	129/6 to 161/-	"
<u>ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION</u>				
Armature Winder	164/- 168/-	"	161/- 167/-	"
Fitter	164/- 168/-	"	161/- 167/-	"
Linesman	151/6 156/-	"	148/6 155/-	"
Mechanic	164/- 168/-	"	161/- 167/-	"
Wireman	151/6 156/-	"	148/6 155/-	"
<u>ELECTRICAL SUPPLY</u> -				
Armature Winder	170/- 180/-	40	161/- 167/-	"
Instrument Maker	170/- 180/-	"	170/6 181/6	"
Linesman	154/- 174/-	"	148/6 168/-	"
Shift Electrician	170/- 180/-	"	161/- 167/-	"
<u>ENGINEERING</u> -				
Blacksmith	165/6 169/6	44	162/6 165/6	"
Brassfinisher 153/- to 168/-	147/- & 164/-	"	157/6 & 161/-	"
Coppersmith	165/6 169/6	"	162/6 165/6	"
Fitter	164/- 168/-	"	161/- 167/-	"
Labourer	129/6 139/-	"	126/6 135/-	"
Pettermaker	174/- 181/-	"	174/- 180/-	"
Shapers	164/- 153/4 168/-	"	161/- 152/- 167/-	"
Striker 139/- to 141/-	129/6 to 142/6	139/6 129/6 & 129/6	161/- 167/- 140/6	"
Turner	164/- 168/-	"	161/- 167/-	"
<u>CUDDING IRON</u> -				
Screamer	142/6 168/-	"	129/6 to 151/-	"
Labourer	129/6 139/-	"	126/6 135/-	"
Moulder 144/- to 168/-	132/6 to 164/-	"	123/6 to 151/- 167/-	"

ENGINEERING. METAL WORKS (CONTD).

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<u>ROLLING (STEEL)</u>				
Coremaker	164/-	165/-	44-40	181/- 167/-
Labourer	120/6	137/6	"	128/6 138/-
Moulder	164/-	168/-	"	161/- 167/-
<u>SHEET METAL WORKING -</u>				
Canister Maker	138/-	142/-	"	135/- 141/-
Machinist	134/-	138/-	"	131/- 137/-
Solderer	135/- & 142/-	134/- & 138/-	"	137/- 141/- & 138/-
Tinsmith	153/- to 168/-	149/- to 164/-	"	153/- 148/- To 161/- 169/-

FOOD, DRINK, ETC.

<u>BAKING (BREAD) -</u>				
Board Hand	167/-	171/-	40	153/8 170/10
Bread Carter (1 horse)	141/-	151/6	"	119/- 126/6
Ovenman	174/6	178/6	"	153/6 170/10
Single Hand	172/-	176/-	"	166/8 180/-
<u>BAKING (BISCUITS & CAKES)</u>				
Baker	133/-	148/6	"	133/- 149/6
General Labourer	118/-	122/-	"	118/- 132/-
Mixer	137/- & 148/-	132/- & 134/-	"	132/- 148/-
<u>BREWING -</u>				
Cellarmen	144/-	143/6	"	138/- 144/6
Driver (1 horse)	136/-	143/6	"	118/- 126/6
Labourer	134/-	140/-	"	118/- 126/6
Malt Hand	134/-	140/-	"	118/- 126/6
Towermen	137/-	143/6	"	130/- 145/-
<u>BUTCHERING (RETAIL) -</u>				
Carter (1 horse)	181/-	143/6	44	118/- 142/-
General Hand	140/-	161/6	"	127/- 139/-
Shopman	140/-	161/6	"	137/- 160/-
Smallgoodsman	140/-	166/6	"	137/- 165/6
<u>CONFECTIONERY -</u>				
Journeyman	147/6	151/6	40	135/6 141/6
Labourer	121/-	125/3	"	120/- 126/6
Storeman	121/-	125/3	"	125/- to 145/6
<u>JAM MAKING -</u>				
General Labourer	129/-	134/6	44	119/- 134/6
Solderer	126/-	141/6	"	126/- 141/6
<u>MEAT PACKING -</u>				
Copper	144/6	148/6	40	144/6 151/6
Guillotine Hand	123/-	127/6	"	144/6 157/6
Jokermen	137/-	141/6	"	144/6 151/6
Packer	125/-	129/6	"	144/6 151/6
Seamer	144/6	148/6	"	144/6 151/6
<u>MILLING (FLOUR)</u>				
Miller (Shift)	148/6	159/6	44	148/6 & 159/6
Packerman	143/6	153/6	"	143/6 153/6
Purifiermen	134/6	156/6	"	134/6 154/6
Smuttermen	134/6	156/6	"	134/6 154/6
Storeman (Head)	136/6	142/6	"	136/6 & 142/6
Topman	134/6	154/6	"	134/6 154/6
<u>PAstryCOOKING -</u>				
Pecker	124/2	137/6	40	117/- 128/6
Pastrycook	128/6	157/6	"	128/- 157/6

CLOTHING, HATS, BOOTS, ETC.

<u>BOOTMAKING -</u>				
Bootmaker	139/6	145/-	44 40	139/6 145/-
<u>TAILORING (ORDER) -</u>				
Cutter	120/6	172/6	40	120/- 172/6
Presser	129/-	158/-	44	129/- 158/-
Tailor	129/-	165/-	"	129/- 165/-
<u>TAILORING (READYMADE) -</u>				
Cutter	122/-	169/-	"	122/- 169/-
Presser	129/-	158/-	"	129/- 158/-
Tailor	129/-	165/-	"	129/- 165/-
Trimmer	129/-	158/-	"	129/- 158/-
<u>TEXTILE WORKING -</u>				
<u>WOOLLEN MILLS)</u>				
Carder	124/-	129/-	"	124/- 129/-
Dyehousmen	124/-	141/-	"	124/- 141/-

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TEXTILE WORKING (contd)					
Labourer (General)	112/-	117/-	4440	112/-	117/-
Scourer	134/- to 151/-	124/- to 131/-	"	124/-	to 131/-
Spinner	124/-	129/-	"	124/-	129/-
Tuner	124/- to 149/-	119/- to 144/-	"	119/-	to 144/-
Warper	126/-	136/-	"	126/-	136/-

BOOKS, PRINTING, BINDING ETC.

BOOKBINDING -					
Finisher	150/-	166/6	4440	154/-	165/6
Bookbinding (Journeyman)	156/-	166/6	"	154/-	165/6
Paper Ruler	166/-	166/6	"	154/-	165/6
PRINTING (DAILY NEWSPAPER)					
Compositor -	178/6	194/6	40 "	166/6	& 184/-
Day Work	188/6	204/6	"	175/6	& 194/-
Night Work				185/-	198/-
Machinist -					
Day Work	178/6	194/6	"	181/-	183/-
Night Work	188/6	204/6	"	196/-	198/-
Publisher	158/6 & 168/6	174/6	"	148/6	& 168/6
Reader -					
Day Work	186/6	204/6	"	166/6	169/6
Night Work	196/6	212/6	"	176/6	179/6
Stereotyper -					
Day Work	171/-	187/-	"	168/6	170/-
Night Work	181/-	197/-	"	187/6	188/6
PRINTING (JOBING OFFICES)					
Compositor	155/-	& 165/-	42 "	155/-	& 165/-
Linotype Operator	165/-	177/-	"	165/-	176/-
Machinist	156/-	166/6	"	154/-	163/6
Reader	159/-	170/-	"	157/-	169/6
Stereotyper	156/-	166/6	"	154/-	165/6

OTHER MANUFACTURING

BRICKMAKING -					
Burner	141/-	145/-	40	137/-	143/-
Clayholeman	147/-	& 147/6	"	140/-	152/-
Drawer	142/-	153/6	"	144/-	& 146/6
Trucker	136/6	150/6	"	138/6	144/6
Setter	140/-	157/-	"	144/-	& 146/6
COACHMAKING -					
Bodymaker	163/-	158/6 & 164/-	44 "	155/6	& 161/-
Labourer	115/-	117/-	"	112/-	118/-
Painter	144/6 & 158/6	164/-	"	144/6	& 155/6
Springmaker	164/-	155/-	"	161/-	167/-
Trimmer	158/6	162/6	"	155/6	164/6
Wheelwright	158/6	162/6	"	155/6	161/6
GAS-MAKING AND SUPPLY -					
Coke Trimmer	124/-	128/-	"	120/-	125/-
Gasfitter	131/-	136/-	"	124/6	128/6
Labourer	115/-	121/-	"	112/-	117/-
Meter Tester	124/-	to 133/-	"	139/6	145/6
Service Layer	128/-	131/-	"	131/-	135/-
Service Layers' Labourer	120/-	129/-	"	120/-	125/2
Stoker	136/-	145/-	"	128/-	to 136/-
JEWELLERY -					
Chainmaker	138/-	166/-	40 "	151/6	167/-
Mounter	128/-	166/-	"	151/6	167/-
Setter	138/-	174/6	"	151/6	157/6
SADDLERY AND HARNESS MAKING -					
Collar Maker	148/-	156/-	44 "	143/-	155/-
Harness Maker	148/-	156/-	"	143/-	155/-
TANNING AND CURRYING -					
Beamsman	146/-	151/-	"	146/-	150/-
Labourer	125/-	127/-	"	125/-	126/2
Limeman	124/-	144/-	"	134/-	143/-
Mechinist -	152/-	to 158/-	"	151/-	& 157/-
Shaving	137/-	to 143/-	"	137/-	to 143/-

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TANNING & CURRING contd -					
Splitting	158/-	165/-	44	157/-	162/-
Unhairing	144/-	150/-	"	144/-	150/-
Tablemen	146/-	151/-	"	146/-	151/-
Tablemen		146/- & 151/-	"	146/- & 151/-	"
BUILDING					
Bricklayer	180/-	182/-	40	187/-	190/-
Carpenter	180/-	182/-	"	187/-	190/-
Mason (Stone)	192/8	196/2	"	191/8	200/9
Painter	167/9	171/9	"	166/8	169/8
Paperhanger	167/9	171/9	"	166/8	169/8
Signwriter	170/8	179/1	"	166/8	171/2
Plasterer	170/8	182/-	"	166/8	171/2
Plumber	174/-	183/-	"	184/8	186/11
Labourer -					
Bricklayer's	154/8	141/6	44	140/7	140/6
Carpenter's	154/8	141/6	"	140/7	140/6
Concrete Worker	154/8	141/6	"	140/7	140/6
Earth Excavator	154/8	141/6	"	140/7	140/6
Gear Worker	161/-	150/6	"	152/2	149/6
Scaffold Hand	161/-	150/6	"	152/2	149/6

RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY SERVICES.

RAILWAYS -					
Engine Driver Loco -		208/-	208/-	171/-	206/-
1st Class	198/-	& 201/-	0	183/-	& 198/-
2nd Class	187/-	179/-	0	180/-	183/-
3rd Class	174/-	170/-	0	171/-	177/-
Fireman -		186/-		149/-	156/-
1st Class	144/-	& 151/-	0	141/-	to 148/-
2nd Class	148/-	153/-	0	145/-	143/5
3rd Class	148/-	151/-	0	129/-	137/-
Guard -		155/-		152/-	171/6
1st Class	140/-	to 149/-	0	127/-	to 145/-
2nd Class	140/-	to 146/-	0	127/-	to 145/-
3rd Class	140/-	to 146/-	0	127/-	to 145/-
Porter -		117/6	to 147/6	0	144/6
Shunter -				171/6	to 152/6
1st Class	171/-	& 174/-	0	150/6	to 157/6
2nd Class	163/6	& 166/6	0	143/6	to 146/6
3rd Class	144/-	& 156/6	0	128/-	to 135/6
Signalman -		153/-		169/6	149/-
1st Class	177/-	141/8	0	148/6	156/6
2nd Class	177/-	141/8	0	148/6	156/6
3rd Class	177/-	141/8	0	148/6	156/6
TRAMWAYS -					
Conductor -		131/-		124/-	138/-
1st Year	124/-	& 125/-	0	127/-	141/-
2nd Year	129/-	137/-	0	130/-	144/-
3rd Year	129/-	137/-	0	130/-	144/-
Labourer	118/-	124/-	0	118/-	131/-
Maintenance Men	118/-	124/-	0	127/-	141/-
Motormen -		144/6		124/-	138/-
1st Year	144/6	146/6	0	127/-	141/-
2nd Year	144/6	146/6	0	130/-	144/-
3rd Year	144/6	146/6	0	130/-	144/-
Fitmen	145/-	149/-	0	136/-	152/-

0 88 hours per fortnight

TRANSPORT (OTHER)

CARRYING MERCHANDISE -					
Carter -					
1 horse	126/-	142/-	40	117/-	127/-
2 horses	127/-	147/-	"	124/6	133/6
Stable hand	127/8	132/6	"	117/-	120/6
Motor Lorries & Waggon -	141/6	146/6	"	124/6	130/6
under 3 tons	130/-	to 140/-	"	124/6	to 130/6
	144/-	154/-		162/9	

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<u>TRANSPORT (OTHER)</u>				
<u>CARRYING - MERCHANDISE -</u>				
	<u>contd.</u>			
3 tons and over	158/-	162/-		
	144/- to 148/-		135/-	162/9
<u>WHARF LABOUR -</u>	4/3 1/2		4/3 1/2	
Wharf Labourer (Per hour)	4/1 1/2	4/6 1/2	4/1 1/2	4/6 1/2
<u>HOTELS, ETC.</u>				
<u>HOTELS -</u>				
Barmen	126/-	132/-	122/-	145/-
Billiard Marker	114/-	127/6	117/6	135/-
Cook	126/-	127/6	122/-	145/-
Handymen	114/-	127/6	117/6	135/-
Kitchenmen	116/-	127/6	117/6	135/-
Porter	114/-	127/6	117/6	135/-
Waiter	114/-	127/6	117/6	135/-
<u>HAIRDRESSING -</u>				
Full hand	128/-	152/-	127/6	173/6
Hairstresser	122/-	142/-	125/-	142/-
<u>GENERAL LABOUR</u>				
<u>FACTORY ENGINE DRIVING -</u>				
Engine Driver -	153/-		152/-	158/6
1st Class	126/6	159/6	126/6	142/6
2nd Class	124/-	138/6	121/-	136/6
Firemen -	145/-	153/-	147/-	152/-
1st Class	124/-	148/6	121/-	147/6
2nd Class	128/6	143/6	125/6	142/6
<u>MUNICIPAL -</u>				
Labourer	124/-	137/6	118/-	131/6
Street Sweeper	124/-	139/-	117/-	131/6
<u>SHOP ASSISTANTS -</u>				
Boot Salesman	125/-	146/6	122/6	144/6
Drapery Salesman	125/-	146/6	127/-	147/-
Furniture Salesman	125/-	146/6	120/-	150/6
Grocery Salesman	125/-	146/6	126/-	139/6
Hardware Salesman	125/-	146/6	121/-	144/6
Mens Clothing Salesman	125/-	146/6	127/-	147/6
<u>STOREMEN AND PACKERS -</u>				
Pecker (General)	128/6	145/6	125/6	142/6
Storeman (General)	127/-	143/6	125/6	142/6

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