

COMMONWEALTH BUREAU OF CENSUS AND STATISTICS.

13th April, 1953.

STATEMENT SHOWING MINIMUM NOMINAL WEEKLY RATES OF WAGE AND ORDINARY HOURS
OF LABOUR FOR WORKERS IN SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA AT
30TH JUNE, 1952

(Rates of Wage are quoted from the latest Award, Determination or Agreement
operative on 30th June, 1952)

ADULT MALES

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Rates of Wage	Hours	Rates of Wage	Hours
<u>WOOD, FURNITURE, SAWMILLS, ETC.</u>				
	s. d.		s. d.	
<u>COOPERING</u> -				
Cooper	275/-	40	282/-	40
<u>FURNITURE</u> -				
Cabinet Maker	273/-	"	259/6	"
Chairmaker	273/-	"	259/6	"
French Polisher	273/-	"	259/6	"
Wood Carver	273/-	"	259/6	"
Wood Machinist	273/-	"	242/- to 259/6	"
<u>SAWMILLING & TIMBER YARDS</u> -				
Box and Case Maker	253/-	"	242/-	"
Labourer	237/-	"	226/-	"
Machinist -				
Boults Carver	269/6	"	258/6	"
Moulding	244/6 to 269/6	"	233/6 to 258/6	"
Planing	254/6 & 269/6	"	243/6 & 258/6	"
Shaping	269/6	"	258/6	"
Orderman	256/6	"	245/6	"
Sawyer -				
Band or Jig	254/- to 275/-	"	243/- to 264/-	"
Circular	255/- & 267/6	"	244/- & 256/6	"
Tallyman	254/6	"	243/6	"
<u>ENGINEERING, METAL WORKS, ETC.</u>				
<u>BOILERMAKING</u> -				
Boilermaker	275/-	40	264/-	40
Helper	246/-	"	235/-	"
Labourer	246/-	"	235/-	"
<u>BRASSWORKING</u> -				
Finisher	260/- & 275/-	"	249/- & 264/-	"
Moulder	251/- to 275/-	"	240/- to 264/-	"
<u>ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION</u> -				
Armature Winder	275/-	"	264/-	"
Fitter	275/-	"	264/-	"
Linesman	263/-	"	252/-	"
Mechanic	275/-	"	264/-	"
Wireman	263/-	"	252/-	"
<u>ELECTRICAL SUPPLY</u> -				
Armature Winder	287/-	"	264/-	"
Instrument Maker	290/6	"	279/6	"
Linesman	281/-	"	252/-	"
Shift Electrician	287/-	"	264/-	"
<u>ENGINEERING</u> -				
Blacksmith	276/6	"	265/6	"
Brassfinisher	260/- & 275/-	"	249/- & 264/-	"
Coppersmith	276/6	"	265/6	"
Fitter	275/-	"	264/-	"

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT MALES 30TH JUNE, 1952 (Continued)

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Rates of Wage	Hours	Rates of Wage	Hours
<u>ENGINEERING, METAL WORKS (Contd.)</u>				
<u>ENGINEERING - (Contd.)</u>	s. d.		s. d.	
Labourer	246/-	40	235/-	40
Patternmaker	288/-	"	277/-	"
Shaper	260/- & 275/-	"	249/- & 264/-	"
Striker	246/- & 248/-	"	235/- & 237/-	"
Turner	275/-	"	264/-	"
<u>MOULDING (IRON) -</u>				
Coremaker	251/- to 275/-	"	240/- to 264/-	"
Labourer	246/-	"	235/-	"
Moulder	251/- to 275/-	"	240/- to 264/-	"
<u>MOULDING (STEEL) -</u>				
Coremaker	275/-	"	264/-	"
Labourer	246/-	"	235/-	"
Moulder	275/-	"	264/-	"
<u>SHEET METAL WORKING -</u>				
Canister Maker	249/-	"	238/-	"
Machinist	245/-	"	234/-	"
Solderer	245/- & 249/-	"	234/- & 238/-	"
Tinsmith	260/- & 275/-	"	249/- & 264/-	"
<u>FOOD, DRINK, ETC.</u>				
<u>BAKING (BREAD) -</u>				
Board Hand	283/-	40	279/2	38
Bread Carter (1 horse)	263/-	"	254/-	42
Ovenman	291/6	"	279/2	38
Single Hand	288/-	"	290/-	38
<u>BAKING (BISCUITS AND CAKES) -</u>				
Baker	255/6	"	251/-	40
General Labourer	229/-	"	229/-	"
Mixer	244/- & 248/-	"	250/-	"
<u>BREWING -</u>				
Cellarman	257/- & 262/-	"	256/3	"
Driver (1 horse)	260/-	"	254/-	"
Labourer	257/-	"	248/-	"
Malt Hand	257/-	"	253/-	"
Towerman	262/-	"	257/-	"
<u>BUTCHERING (RETAIL) -</u>				
Carter (1 horse)	258/-	"	235/6	"
General Hand	278/-	"	267/-	"
Shopman	278/-	"	267/-	"
Smallgoodsman	283/-	"	272/-	"
<u>CONFECTIONERY -</u>				
Journeyman	265/-	"	242/- to 254/-	"
Labourer	241/-	"	230/-	"
Storeman	241/- & 265/-	"	242/- to 262/9	"
<u>JAM MAKING -</u>				
General Labourer	237/-	"	237/-	"
Solderer	246/-	"	246/-	"
<u>MEAT PACKING -</u>				
Capper	275/6	"	280/-	"
Guillotine Hand	253/-	"	280/-	"
Jockeyman	263/-	"	280/-	"
Packer	253/-	"	280/-	"
Seamer	275/6	"	280/-	"
<u>MILLING (FLOUR) -</u>				
Miller (Shift)	274/- to 299/-	"	274/- to 299/-	"
Packerman	259/-	"	259/-	"
Purifierman	262/-	"	262/-	"
Smutterman	262/-	"	262/-	"
Storeman (Head)	264/- & 269/-	"	264/- & 269/-	"
Topman	262/-	"	262/-	"
<u>PASTRYCOOKING -</u>				
Packer	248/6	"	226/-	"
Pastrycook	269/6	"	265/-	"

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT MALES 30TH JUNE, 1952 (Continued)

Industry and Occupation	SIDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Rates of Wage	Hours	Rates of Wage	Hours
<u>CLOTHING, HATS, BOOTS, ETC.</u>				
	s. d.		s. d.	
<u>BOOTMAKING</u> -				
Bootmaker	260/-	40	260/-	40
<u>TAILORING (ORDER)</u> -				
Cutter	348/-	"	299/-	"
Presser	263/-	"	263/-	"
Tailor	270/-	"	270/-	"
<u>TAILORING (READYMADE)</u> -				
Cutter	274/-	"	274/-	"
Presser	263/-	"	263/-	"
Tailor	270/-	"	270/-	"
Trimmer	263/-	"	263/-	"
<u>TEXTILE WORKING</u> -				
(Woollen Mills) -				
Cardor	244/-	"	244/-	"
Dyehouseman	249/-	"	249/-	"
Labourer (General)	220/-	"	220/-	"
Securer	249/- to 256/6	"	249/- to 256/6	"
Spinner	244/-	"	244/-	"
Tuner	237/- to 267/-	"	237/- to 267/-	"
Warper	246/-	"	246/-	"
<u>BOOKS, PRINTING, BINDING, ETC.</u>				
<u>BOOKBINDING</u> -				
Finisher	281/-	40	270/-	40
Bookbinding (Journeyman)	281/-	"	270/-	"
Paper Ruler	281/-	"	270/-	"
<u>PRINTING (DAILY NEWSPAPER)</u> -				
Compositor -				
Day Work	349/- to 356/6	"	323/-	38
Night Work	364/- to 372/6	"	348/-	"
<u>Machinist</u> -				
Day Work	309/- to 321/6	"	327/6	40
Night Work	324/- to 337/6	"	352/6	38
<u>Publisher</u> - (Day & Night)	286/6 to 310/-	"	281/6 to 306/6	38 & 40
<u>Reader</u> -				
Day Work	316/- to 324/-	"	323/-	40
Night Work	331/6 to 340/-	"	348/-	38
<u>Stereotyper</u> -				
Day Work	304/- to 316/6	"	323/-	38
Night Work	319/- to 332/6	"	348/-	38
<u>PRINTING (JOBBER OFFICES)</u> -				
Compositor	281/- to 291/6	"	270/- to 280/6	40
Linotype Operator	291/6	"	280/6	"
Machinist	281/-	"	270/-	"
Reader	284/6	"	273/6	"
Stereotyper	281/-	"	270/-	"
<u>OTHER MANUFACTURING</u>				
<u>BRICKMAKING</u> -				
Burner	253/- & 259/-	40	253/-	40
Clayholeman	270/-	"	254/6	"
Drawer	275/6	"	252/6 & 255/-	"
Trucker	267/-	"	247/-	"
Setter	275/6	"	252/6 & 265/-	"
<u>COACHMAKING</u> -				
Bodymaker	275/-	"	264/-	"
Labourer	226/-	"	215/-	"
Painter	248/6 to 269/6	"	237/6 to 258/6	"
Springmaker	275/-	"	264/-	"
Trimmer	269/6	"	258/6	"
Wheelwright	269/6	"	258/6	"

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT MALES 30TH JUNE, 1952 (Continued)

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Rates of Wage	Hours	Rates of Wage	Hours
<u>OTHER MANUFACTURING (Cont'd.)</u>				
	s. d.		s. d.	
<u>GLASS-MAKING AND SUPPLY -</u>				
Coke Trimmer	251/-	40	233/-	40
Gasfitter	289/-	"	269/6	"
Labourer	238/-	"	227/-	"
Meter Tester	252/- & 261/-	"	256/-	"
Service Layer	267/-	"	250/-	"
Service Layer's Labourer	248/-	"	233/-	"
Stoker	262/-	"	245/-	"
<u>JEWELLERY -</u>				
Chainmaker	273/-	"	264/-	"
Mounter	273/-	"	264/-	"
Setter	281/-	"	254/6	"
<u>SADDLERY AND HARNESS MAKING -</u>				
Collar Maker	263/-	"	252/-	"
Harness Maker	263/6	"	252/-	"
<u>TANNING AND CURRYING -</u>				
Beamsman	270/6	"	259/6	"
Labourer	246/6	"	235/6	"
Limeburner	263/6	"	252/6	"
<u>Machinist -</u>				
Shaving	271/6 to 277/6	"	260/6 to 266/6	"
Splitting	277/6 to 284/6	"	266/6 to 273/6	"
Unhairing	270/6	"	259/6	"
Tableman	265/6 to 271/6	"	254/6 to 260/6	"
<u>BUILDING</u>				
Bricklayer	310/-	40	296/8	40
Carpenter	316/8	"	274/6	"
Mason (Stone)	302/-	"	270/- (a)	"
Painter	300/-	"	296/8	"
Paperhanger	300/-	"	296/8	"
Signwriter	312/6	"	296/8	"
Plasterer	306/-	"	296/8	"
Plumber	308/6	"	296/3	"
Labourer - (b)				
Bricklayer's	248/6	"	237/6	"
Carpenter's	248/6	"	237/6	"
Concrete Worker	248/6	"	237/6	"
Earth Excavator	248/6	"	237/6	"
Gear Worker	257/6	"	246/6	"
Scaffold Hand	257/6	"	246/6	"
<u>RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY SERVICES</u>				
<u>RAILWAYS</u>				
<u>Engine Driver Loco -</u>				
1st Class	313/- & 316/-	Ø	290/- to 305/-	Ø
2nd Class	307/-	Ø	287/-	Ø
3rd Class	298/-	Ø	278/-	Ø
<u>Fireman -</u>				
1st Class	266/- & 269/-	Ø	248/- to 255/-	Ø
2nd Class	263/-	Ø	242/-	Ø
3rd Class	259/-	Ø	236/-	Ø
<u>Guard -</u>				
1st Class	263/-	Ø	271/6	Ø
2nd Class	274/- & 277/-	Ø	254/- to 265/6	Ø
3rd Class	269/- & 271/-	Ø	254/- to 265/6	Ø
<u>Porter</u>	240/- to 271/-	Ø	229/6 to 264/-	Ø
<u>Shunter -</u>				
1st Class	282/- & 286/-	*	270/- & 273/-	*
2nd Class	271/6 & 274/6	*	262/6 & 265/6	*
3rd Class	252/- to 268/-	*	243/- & 252/6	*

(a) Not strictly comparable with rates for previous years which included certain special allowances in respect of annual leave.

(b) Rates exclude allowances for statutory holidays, following the job, and sick pay.

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT MALES 30TH JUNE, 1952 (Continued)

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Rates of Wage	Hours	Rates of Wage	Hours
<u>RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY SERVICES (Cont'd.)</u>				
	s. d.		s. d.	
<u>RAILWAYS (Cont'd.)</u>				
Signalman -				
1st Class	298/-	*	276/6	*
2nd Class	290/-	ø	263/6	ø
3rd Class	282/-	ø	255/6	ø
<u>TRAMWAYS -</u>				
Conductor -				
1st Year	244/-	40	235/-	40
2nd Year	250/-	"	241/-	"
3rd Year	250/-	"	241/-	"
Labourer	238/6	"	229/-	"
Maintenance Man	246/- & 249/-	"	238/-	"
<u>Waterman -</u>				
1st Year	253/-	"	235/-	"
2nd Year	253/-	"	241/-	"
3rd Year	253/-	"	241/-	"
Pitman	263/-	"	249/-	"
* 76 hours per fortnight. ø 80 hours per fortnight.				
<u>TRANSPORT (OTHER)</u>				
<u>CARRYING MERCHANDISE -</u>				
Porter -				
1 Horse	254/-	40	235/6	40
2 Horses	259/-	"	243/6	"
Stable Hand	253/6 to 258/6	"	230/-	"
Motor Lorries & Waggon -				
Under 3 tons	256/- to 266/-	"	243/6 & 249/6	"
3 tons and over	270/- to 274/-	"	254/-	"
<u>WHAUF LABOUR -</u>				
Wharf Labourer (per hour)	7/8½		7/8½	
<u>HOTELS, ETC.</u>				
<u>HOTELS -</u>				
Barman	253/-	40	242/-	40
Billiard Marker	243/-	"	232/-	"
Cook	253/- to 293/-	"	242/- to 282/-	"
Handyman	243/-	"	232/-	"
Kitchenman	243/-	"	232/-	"
Porter	243/-	"	232/-	"
Waiter	243/- & 253/-	"	232/- & 242/-	"
<u>HAIRDRESSING -</u>				
Full Hand	273/-	"	270/6	"
Hairdresser	263/-	"	251/-	"
<u>GENERAL LABOUR</u>				
<u>FABRIC ENGINE DRIVING -</u>				
Engine Driver -				
1st Class	260/- & 266/6	40	249/- & 255/6	40
2nd Class	255/- & 260/-	"	244/- & 249/-	"
<u>Fireman -</u>				
1st Class	255/-	"	244/-	"
2nd Class	250/-	"	239/-	"
<u>MUNICIPAL -</u>				
Labourer	246/-	"	231/-	"
Street Sweeper	246/-	"	237/-	"
<u>SHOP ASSISTANTS -</u>				
Boot Salesman	265/-	"	249/-	"
Drapery Salesman	265/-	"	249/-	"
Furniture Salesman	265/-	"	252/-	"
Grocery Salesman	265/-	"	245/-	"
Hardware Salesman	265/-	"	249/-	"
Men's Clothing Salesman	265/-	"	249/-	"
<u>STOREMAN AND PICKERS -</u>				
Packer (General)	255/6 & 258/6	"	253/-	"
Storeman (General)	254/- & 256/6	"	253/-	"

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT FEMALES, 30TH JUNE, 1952.

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Rates of Wage	Hours	Rates of Wage	Hours
<u>FOOD</u>				
Biscuit Making	s. d. 169/-	40	s. d. 178/9	40
Confectionery	180/-	"	172/6	"
<u>CLOTHING & TEXTILES</u>				
Bootmaking	180/-	40	180/-	40
Dressmaking	168/- to 198/-	"	168/- to 198/-	"
Millinery	168/-	"	168/-	"
Shirt Making	168/-	"	168/-	"
Under-clothing	168/- to 198/-	"	168/- to 198/-	"
<u>TAILORING - ORDER -</u>				
Machinist (Coat)	198/-	"	198/-	"
" (Trousers & Vest)	185/6	"	185/6	"
Tailoress (Coat)	214/-	"	214/-	"
" (Trousers & Vest)	185/6	"	185/6	"
<u>TAILORING - READYMADE -</u>				
Machinist (Coat)	188/-	"	188/-	"
" (Trousers & Vest)	183/-	"	183/-	"
Tailoress (Coat)	188/-	"	188/-	"
" (Trousers & Vest)	183/-	"	183/-	"
<u>TEXTILE WORKING WOOLLEN MILLS</u>				
Comb Minder	178/-	"	178/-	"
Drawer & Mender	177/- & 180/-	"	177/- & 180/-	"
Warper	180/-	"	180/-	"
Weaver (Loom)	183/-	"	183/-	"
Gillbox Minder	177/-	"	177/-	"
Other Adult	165/-	"	165/-	"
<u>BOOKS, PRINTING, ETC.</u>				
Folder	191/-	40	183/-	40
Lower	191/-	"	183/-	"
<u>CARDBOARD BOX -</u>				
Boxmaker	189/- & 195/6	"	181/- & 187/6	"
Other	179/6 to 191/6	"	171/6 to 183/6	"
<u>PRINTING -</u>				
Jobbing Office Assistant	191/-	"	183/-	"
<u>HOTELS AND SHOPS</u>				
<u>HOTELS -</u>				
Barmaid	197/-	40	242/-	40
Housemaid	181/-	"	173/-	"
Laundress	185/-	"	177/-	"
Waitress	181/- & 187/-	"	173/- & 179/-	"
<u>SHOPS -</u>				
Foot Saleswoman	189/- & 265/-	"	174/6	"
Drapery Saleswoman	189/- & 265/-	"	174/6 & 249/-	"