

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

30TH JUNE, 1957.

(Rates of Wage are quoted from the latest Award, Determination or Agreement operative  
at 30th June, 1957.)

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Industry and Occupation	Wage rate	Hours	Remarks	Source (a)
	<u>WOOD, FURNITURE, SAWMILLS, ETC.</u>			
	s. d.			
<u>COOPERING</u> - Cooper	343/-	40		Coopers (Comm'th) Agreement.
<u>FURNITURE</u> - Cabinet Maker	330/-	"		
Chairmaker	330/-	"		} Furnishing Trades (Comm'th) Award
French Polisher	330/-	"		
Wood Carver	330/-	"		
Wood Machinist	330/-	"	"A" Grade Machinist	
<u>SAWMILLING &amp; TIMBER YDS.</u> - Box and Case Maker	295/-	"		
Labourer	269/-	"		} Timber Workers (Comm'th) Award
Machinist - Bolts Carver	325/-	"	"Experienced" (i.e. with 3 months experience)	
Moulding	325/-	"	} "A" Grade machinists. n.i.c.	
Planing	325/-	"		
Shaping	325/-	"	} tradesmen or with 4 years experience	
Orderman	303/-	"		
Sawyer - Band or Jig	330/-	"	Log band sawyer	
Circular	322/-	"		
Tallyman	298/-	"	Man who keeps an account of timber	
	<u>ENGINEERING, METAL WORKS, ETC.</u>			
<u>BOILERMAKING</u> - Boilermaker	330/-	40		
Helper	278/-	"	Assisting an employee whose margin is 27/6 or more	
Labourer	264/-	"	With not less than 3 months experience	
<u>ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION</u> - Electrical Mechanic	330/-	"		} Metal Trades (Comm'th) Award
<u>ELECTRICAL SUPPLY</u> - Electrical Fitter	358/-	"	) Include 20/- power station allowance	
Instrument Maker	358/-	"		
Lineeman	338/-	"		
Sub Station Maintenance Fitter	338/-	"		
<u>ENGINEERING</u> - Blacksmith	332/6	"		
Brassfinisher	330/-	"		
Coppersmith	332/6	"	Tradesman	

(a) Commonwealth-refers to awards of the Commonwealth and Arbitration Commission.  
State-refers to determinations of Victorian Wages Boards.

Industry and Occupation	Wage rate	Hours	Remarks	Source (a)	
<u>ENGINEERING</u> Contd.					
Fitter	330/-	40		) Metal Trades (Comm'th)Award	
Labourer	264/-	"	With not less than 3 months experience		
Patternmaker	352/6	"			
Shaper	330/-	"	Machinist 1st Class on double fires		
Striker	282/6	"			
Turner	330/-	"			
<u>SMELTING</u> -					
Coromakers-machine	305/-	"	After 18 months experience		
Coromakers-jobbing	330/-	"	) Shot and sand blast-not operating from outside a properly enclosed cabin		
Dressers	302/6	"			
Furnaceman	300/-	"	Cupola After 18 months experience		
Moulders-machine	305/-	"			
Moulders-jobbing	330/-	"			
<u>SHEET METAL WORKING</u> -					
Canister Maker	285/-	"	By hand		
Machinist	277/-	"	Power-not elsewhere specified		
Solderer	277/-	"			
Sheet metal worker 1st class	330/-	"			
Sheet metal worker 2nd Class	305/-	"			
<u>FOOD, DRINK, ETC.</u>					
<u>BAKING (BREAD)</u> -					
Board Hand	362/6	40		Bread Trade Board (State)	
Bread Carter	335/6	"			
Ovensman	362/6	"		Bread Carters Board(State)	
Single Hand	385/10	"			
<u>BAKING (BISCUITS &amp; CAKES)</u> -					
Baker	313/-	40		Biscuit Board (State)	
General Labourer	283/-	"			
Mixer	313/-	"			
<u>BREWING</u> -					
Cellarman	305/-	"		The Liquor Trades (Breweries)Award (Comm'th)	
Driver(Motor 3 tons)	300/6	"		Transport Workers (General)(Comm'th)	
Labourer	298/-	"		The Liquor Trades (Breweries)Award (Comm'th)	
Malt Hand	303/-	"		Liquor Trades (Malsters) (Comm'th)	
Towerman	305/-	"		Liquor Trades (Breweries) Award (Comm'th)	
<u>BUTCHERING (RETAIL)</u> -					
Carter (1 horse)	298/-	"		) The Meat Industry (Shops and Sausage) Factories) Award-(Comm'th)	
General Butcher	330/-	"	Acts as Shopman or is principally engaged in cutting for window display		

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<u>BUTCHERING</u> Contd.		<u>FOOD, DRINK, ETC. Contd.</u>		
Shepherd	330/-	40		
Smallgoods maker	323/-	"		
<u>CONFECTIONERY</u> -				
Confectioner (Grade 1)	320/-	"		)Confectioners Board ) (State)
Stevedor	306/6	"		
<u>FOOD PRESERVING</u> -				
General labourer	282/-	"	With 4 months or more experience	Food Preservers Award (Comm'th)
Soldier	287/-	"		
<u>MEAT PACKING</u> -				
Copper	341/-	"		) Meat Preservers Board (State)
Chilloutine Hand	353/10	"		
Jeckerman	337/-	"		
Packer	337/-	"		
Scorer	341/-	"		
<u>MILLING (FLOUR)</u> -				
Miller (Shift)	370/-	"	In charge of a shift in mill exceeding 10,000lb flour per hour	Flour Millers Award (Commonwealth)
Packerman	308/-	"		)
Parfleurman	312/6	"		
Scutterman	312/6	"		
Storeman(Head)	323/-	"	With power to engage or dismiss hands	
Tepman	312/6	"		
<u>PASTRYCOOKING</u> -				
Packer	281/-	"		)Pastrycooks Board (State)
Pastrycook	332/-	"		
<u>CLOTHING, HATS, BOOTS, ETC.</u>				
<u>BOOTMAKING</u> -				
Clicker	312/-	40	Clicking outside (other than felt fabric reans or splits)	Footwear Manufacturing Industry Award (Comm'th)
<u>TAILORING (ORDER)</u> -				
Cutter	353/-	"		)
Presser	315/-	"		
Tailor	326/-	"		
<u>TAILORING (READYMADE)</u> -				
Cutter	331/-	"		)Clothing Trade Award (Comm'th)
Presser	315/-	"		
Tailor	326/-	"		
Trimmer	315/-	"		
<u>TEXTILE WORKING</u> -				
(Woolen Mills) -				
Carder	290/-	"	Balling up card operator	)Textile Industry (Woolen and Worsted Section) Award (Comm'th)
Dyehouseman	290/-	"		
Labourer(General)	261/-	"		
Securer (Wool)	299/6	"	Responsible for mixing of liquors and working of bowls	
Spinner	290/-	"		)
Loom Tuner	328/-	"	Jacquard loom after 2 yrs experience	
Warper (Plain)	293/-	"		
<u>BOOKBINDING</u> -				
<u>BOOKS, PRINTING, BINDING, ETC.</u>				
Finisher	330/-	"		)Graphic Arts Award (Comm'th)
Bookbinder	330/-	"		
Paper Ruler	330/-	"		

Industry and Occupation	Wage Rate	Hours	Remarks	Source
<u>BOOKS, PRINTING, BINDING, ETC.</u>				
<u>PRINTING (DAILY NEWSPAPER)</u>				
Compositor(Machine) - Day Work	457/6	38		)Printing Industry )Employees Union )Agreement
Night Work	492/6	38		
<u>MACHINING</u>				
Day Work	419/9	40		)Victorian Printers )Operatives Union )Agreement
Night Work	454/9	38		
Publisher-(Day & Night)	356/9	40		)Printing Industry )Employees Union )Agreement
Setting - Day Work	391/9	38		
Night Work	413/-	40		)Victorian Printers )Operative Union )Agreement
Stencilyner - Day Work	415/3	39		
Night Work	450/3	38		
<u>PRINTING (JOBBER OFFICES)</u>				
Compositor	352/6	40		)The Graphic Arts )Award-(Comm'th)
Linotype Operator	352/6	"		
Machinist	330/-	"	e.g. Letterpress Machinist	
Reader	337/6	"		
Stencilyner	330/-	"		
<u>OTHER MANUFACTURING</u>				
<u>BRICKMAKING -</u>				
Burner	314/-	40		)Brick Trade Wages )Board ) (State)
Pitman	334/6	"	Other Facemen(other bricks)	
Drawer	326/-	"	Employed in Hoffman Kiln	
Trucker	308/-	"		
Setter	326/-	"		
<u>VEHICLE BUILDING -</u>				
Bodymaker, 1st Class	330/-	"		)Vehicle Industry )Award-(Comm'th)
Labourer	258/-	"		
Painter	322/6	"		
Spring fitter	330/-	"		
Trimmer	322/6	"		
Wheelwright	330/-	"		
<u>GAS-MAKING AND SUPPLY-</u>				
Coke Trimmer	284/-	40		)Gas Employees ) (Vic. etc.) Award (Vic. ) Plumbers Board (State) ) Gas Employees (Vic. ) etc.) Award-(Comm'th) ) Gas Motor Board (State)
Gasfitter	346/6	"		
Labourer	273/-	"		
Motor Tester	313/-	"		
Service Layer	305/6	"		
Service Layers' Labourer	281/-	"		
Stoker	303/-	"	Stoker vertical retorts	
<u>JEWELLERY -</u>				
Cruciblemaker	325/6	"	Melter and Alloyer	)Jewellers Board (State)
Mounter	353/-	"	Precious gem mounter	
Setter	353/-	"	Setter of precious gems	
<u>LEATHER AND CANVAS WORK-</u>				
Canvas Worker	307/-	"		)Saddlery, Leather and ) Canvas Workers Award ) (Comm'th)
Leather Worker	307/-	"		
<u>TANNING AND CURRYING-</u>				
Beamsman	308/6	"		)Tanning Industry ) Award (Comm'th)
Labourer	273/6	"		
Lime jobber	306/6	"		
Machinist - Shaving	316/-	"		
Splitting	333/6	"		
Unhairing	308/6	"		
Tableman	309/6	"		

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<u>BUILDING &amp;</u>				
Bricklayer	374/8	40	All other bricklayers	Bricklayers Board (State)
Bricklayer (sewer and tunnel)	392/3	"		
Carpenter	348/6	"		Carpenters and Joiners Award (Comm'th)
Mason (Stone)	337/-	"		
Painter	374/2	"		Painters Board (St)
Paperhanger	370/9	"		
Signwriter	370/9	"		
Plasterer (Surface)	376/8	"		
Plumber	380/9	"		Plasterers Board (State)
Labourer -				Plumbers Board (State)
Bricklayer's	331/8	"	) Builders Labourers -	) Builders Labourers (Construction on Site) Award (Comm'th)
Carpenter's	331/8	"		
Concrete Worker	331/8	"	) Builders Labourers -	
Earth Excavator	331/8	"		
Gear Worker	342/6	"		
Scaffold Hand	342/6	"		
<u>RAILWAY &amp; TRAMWAY SERVICES</u>				
<u>RAILWAYS -</u>				
Shunting Driver Loco -				
Steam, Diesel electric or electric	398/-	Ø	Driver Loco or electric train after 1st year	Locomotive Enginemen's Award (Comm'th)
Driving 120 miles or more per shift	413/-	Ø		
Shunting Engine	339/6	Ø	Driver (shunting) - After 1st Year	
<u>Fireman</u>				
Ordinary	315/6	Ø	Fireman - After 1st year	Railway Traffic, Permanent Way and Signalling Wages Staff (Comm'th) Award.
Working 120 miles or more per shift	323/-	Ø		
Shunting Engine	296/6	Ø	Fireman (shunting), after 2nd Year	
<u>Guard -</u>				
1st Class	356/-	Ø	5th year of service	Railway Traffic, Permanent Way and Signalling Wages Staff (Comm'th) Award.
2nd Class	341/-	Ø		
Porter -	294/6	Ø	Parcels, Class 1-2nd Year of service	
<u>Shunter -</u>				
Loading	359/6	+	Loading, Class 1-2nd year of service	Tramway Employees Melbourne Award - (Comm'th)
Ordinary	317/-	+	3rd year of service	
<u>Signalman -</u>				
1st Class	353/-	+		
2nd Class	336/-	Ø		
3rd Class	323/-	Ø		
<u>TRAMWAYS -</u>				
<u>Conductor -</u>				
1st year	286/-	40		Tramway Employees Melbourne Award - (Comm'th)
2nd year	300/6	"		
Thereafter	300/6	"		
Labourer	281/-	"		
Track Repairer	289/-	"		
Tram Driver	308/-	"		
Plumman	312/-	"		

\* Rates are weekly equivalents of hourly rates. They include allowances for leave, holidays, following the job, etc.  
 Ø 80 hours per fortnight. + 76 hours per fortnight.

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<u>TRANSPORT (OTHER)</u>			
<u>CARRYING MERCHANDISE -</u>			
<u>Carter -</u>			
1 Horse	278/6	40	} Transport Workers (General) Award - (Comm'th)
2 Horses	291/-	"	
Stable Hand	273/-	"	
Motor Lorries & Waggons -			
3 tons	300/6	"	
Over 3 tons but under 6 tons	310/-	"	
<u>WHARF LABOUR -</u>			
Wharf Labourer (per hour)	10/2	"	Waterside Workers Award (Comm'th)
<u>HOTELS, ETC.</u>			
<u>WOMEN -</u>			
Barman	295/-	40	} Liquor Trades (Hotels and Wine Saloons) Award - (Comm'th)
Billiard Marker	275/-	"	
Cook	370/-	"	
Handyman	275/-	"	
Kitchenman	275/-	"	
Porter	275/-	"	} 1st cook, 3 or more persons employed in kitchen
Waiter	275/-	"	
<u>HAIRDRESSING -</u>			
Hairdresser (Mens)	328/-	"	Hairdressers Board (State)
<u>GENERAL LABOUR</u>			
<u>TRUCK AND ENGINE DRIVING -</u>			
<u>Truck Driver -</u>			
1st Class	318/-	40	} Engine Drivers and Firemen (General) Award - (Comm'th)
2nd Class	307/6	"	
<u>Tramways</u>			
1st Class	300/-	"	
2nd Class	287/6	"	
<u>MUNICIPAL</u>			
Labourer	288/6	"	} Municipal Employee Melbourne City Council Agreement (Comm'n)
Street Sweeper	294/-	"	
<u>SHOP ASSISTANTS -</u>			
Boot Salesman	313/-	"	} Shops Board No. 1, Boot dealers (State) Shops Board No. 9 (Drapers and Mens Clothing) (State) Shops Board No. 14 (Furniture Dealers) (State) Shops Board No. 15 (Grocers) (State) Shops Board No. 16 (Hardware) (State) Shops Board No. 9 (Drapers and Mens Clothing) (State)
Drapery Salesman	313/-	"	
Furniture Salesman	317/-	"	
Grocery Salesman	307/6	"	
Hardware Salesman	313/-	"	
Men's Clothing Salesman	313/-	"	
Women's Clothing Salesman	313/-	"	
<u>STEROMAN AND PACKERS -</u>			
Packer (General)	306/6	"	} Steroman, Packers and Sorters Board (State)
Steroman (General)	306/6	"	

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Industry and Occupation	Wage Rate		Hours	Remarks	Source
	s.	d.			
Biscuit Making Confectionery	217/-		40	<u>FOOD</u>	Biscuit Board (State) Confectioners Board (State)
	212/-		"		
Boatmaking	214/-		"	<u>CLOTHING, HATS, BOOTS, ETC.</u>	Footwear Manufactur Award-(Comm'th)
Dressmaking, Ready Made- Cutter	233/-		"		Clothing Trades Award (Comm'th)
Millinery Cutter	233/-		"		
Shirt Making Cutter	233/-		"		
Underclothing "	233/-		"		
<u>TAILORING (MEN'S)-ORDER-</u> Coat Hand (Machinist)	233/-		"		
Trousers & Vest Hand	218/6		"		
Tailorress	254/-		"		
Adult Female	198/-		"		
<u>TAILORING (MEN'S) READYMADE-</u> Coat Hand (Machinist)	221/6		"		
Trousers & Vest Hand	215/6		"		
Adult Female	198/-		"		
<u>SEWING WORKING WOOLLEN -MENS</u> Comb Minder	212/-		"	After 6 months exper- ience	Textile Industry (Woollen & Worsted. Section) Award- (Comm'th)
Barber and Mender	217/-		"	"	
Warper, Plain	214/-		"	"	
Weaver (loom)	217/-		"	"	
Gillbox Minder	210/-		"	"	
Other Adult	196/-		"	"	
				<u>BOOKS, PRINTING, ETC.</u>	
<u>PAINTING -</u> Folder	215/-		"		Graphic Arts Award- (Comm'th)
Sewer	215/-		"		
<u>CARDBOARD BOX-</u> Boxmaker	213/-		"	When boxes covered with Paper	
Other	203/6		"		
<u>WRITING-</u> Jobbing Office Assistant	215/-		"		
				<u>HOTELS AND SHOPS</u>	
<u>DOMESTIC -</u> Barmaid	295/-		40		Liquor Trades (Hotels and Wine Saloons) Award-(Comm'th)
Housemaid	208/-		"		
Laundress	209/-		"		
Waitress - Head	215/-		"		
Other	208/-		"		
<u>RESTAURANTS -</u> Pantry Maid	208/6		"		Hotel and Restaurant Board (State)
Waitress	208/6		"		
<u>CLERKS -</u> Cashiers (Shops)	239/6		"		Commercial Clerks Board (State)
Clerical Assistants	239/6		"		
<u>SHOPS -</u> Boot Saleswoman	222/-		"		Shops Board No. 1. (Boot Dealers) (State) Shops Board No. 9 (Drapers & Men's Clo- ing) (State)
Drapery Saleswoman	222/-		"		

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<u>SHOES-</u>				
Fruit & Confectionery Saleswoman	218/-	40		Shops Board No.19 (Confectionery etc) (State)
Newsagent & Bookstall Saleswoman	211/-	"		Shops Board No.21 (Booksellers and Newsagents)State)

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