1955 No. 232

The Laundry Wages Council (Great Britain) Wages Regulation (Amendment) Order, 1955

Made - - - - 9*th February*, 1955
Coming into Operation 28*th February*, 1955

Whereas the Minister of Labour and National Service (hereafter in this Order referred to as "the Minister") has received from the Laundry Wages Council (Great Britain) the wages regulation proposals set out in the Schedule hereto;

Now, therefore, the Minister, by virtue of the powers conferred on him by section 10 of the Wages Councils Act, 1945(**a**), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Laundry Wages Council (Great Britain) Wages Regulation (Amendment) Order, 1955.

2.—(1) In this Order the expression "the specified date" means the 28th day of February, 1955, provided that where, as respects any worker who is paid wages at intervals not exceeding seven days, that date does not correspond with the beginning of the period for which the wages are paid, the expression "the specified date" means, as respects that worker, the beginning of the next such period following that date.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(**b**), applies to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. The wages regulation proposals set out in the Schedule hereto shall have effect as from the specified date and as from that date the Laundry Wages Council (Great Britain) Wages Regulation (Amendment) Order, 1953(**c**), shall cease to have effect.

Signed by order of the Minister of Labour and National Service this 9th day of February, 1955.

Godfrey H. Ince,
Secretary,
Ministry of Labour and National Service.

SCHEDULE

Statutory Minimum Remuneration

The Laundry Wages Council (Great Britain) Wages Regulation Order, 1952(**d**) (Order W. (69)), shall have effect as if in the First Schedule thereto for Parts II, III and IV there were substituted the following Parts:—

"Part II

GENERAL MINIMUM TIME RATES
MALE WORKERS INCLUDING TRANSPORT WORKERS

Paragraph 3

The general minimum time rates payable to all male workers, other than workers employed, wholly or mainly, as enginemen or stokers, are as follows:—

Workers aged—	Per hour s. d.	s. d.	
21 years or over	*2 8*	*120 0*	Per week of 45 hours.
20 and under 21 years ...	*2 4*	*105 0*	„ „ 45 „
19 „ „ 20 „ ...	*2 1½*	*95 7½*	„ „ 45 „
18 „ „ 19 „ ...	*1 10½*	*84 4½*	„ „ 45 „
17 „ „ 18 „ ...	*1 7*	*71 3*	„ „ 45 „
16 „ „ 17 „ ...	*1 4½*	*61 10½*	„ „ 45 „
Under 16 years	*1 2½*	*53 2*	„ „ 44 „

(**a**) 8 & 9 Geo. 6. c. 17. (**b**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (**c**) S.I. 1953/1463 (1953 II, p. 2478).
(**d**) S.I. 1952/1621 (1952 III, p. 3698).

FEMALE WORKERS (OTHER THAN TRANSPORT WORKERS AND WORKERS TO WHOM PART III APPLIES)

Paragraph 4

The general minimum time rates payable to all female workers (other than transport workers and workers to whom Part III of this Schedule applies) are as follows:—

Workers aged—	Per hour s. d.	s. d.	
19 years or over	*1 10¾*	*85 3¾*	Per week of 45 hours.
18 and under 19 years ...	*1 6¼*	*68 5¼*	„ „ 45 „
17 „ „ 18 „ ...	*1 4*	*60 0*	„ „ 45 „
16 „ „ 17 „ ...	*1 2½*	*54 4½*	„ „ 45 „
15 „ „ 16 „ ...	*1 1*	*47 8*	„ „ 44 „

Provided that the general minimum time rate payable to a female worker to whom this paragraph applies who enters, or has entered, the trade for the first time at or over the age of *19 years* shall, during the first three months of her employment in the trade, be *1s. 9¾d.* per hour or *81s. 6¾d.* per week of 45 hours.

PART III

GENERAL MINIMUM TIME RATES
FEMALE WORKERS EMPLOYED AS SUBSTITUTES FOR MALE WORKERS WASHHOUSE OR GENERAL INSIDE WORKERS

Paragraph 5

The general minimum time rates payable to female workers employed in substitution for male washhouse or general inside workers are as follows:—

	Per hour s. d.
(*a*) Where the worker performs in full either the duties of an adult male worker whom she replaces or the duties which prior to the war were normally undertaken in the laundry by an adult male worker ...	*2 8*
(*b*) Where the worker does not perform in full either the duties of an adult male worker whom she replaces or the duties which prior to the war were normally undertaken in the laundry by an adult male worker, but is mainly engaged in either of the said duties	*2 2½*
(*c*) Where the worker is aged 20 years or over and performs, wholly or mainly, either the duties of a male worker aged under 21 years whom she replaces or the duties which prior to the war were normally undertaken in the laundry by a male worker aged under 21 years	*2 2½*
(*d*) Where the worker is aged under 20 years and performs, wholly or mainly, either the duties of a male worker aged under 21 years whom she replaces or the duties which prior to the war were normally undertaken in the laundry by a male worker aged under 21 years	The rate which would be applicable under paragraph 3 of this Schedule if she were a male worker.

Provided that where the laundry, prior to replacement of male by female workers, worked a night shift on a shift system, the foregoing provisions of this paragraph shall apply only to workers engaged in machine washing and hydro extraction processes.

DRIVERS

Paragraph 6

The general minimum time rates payable to female workers employed, in substitution for male workers, as drivers are as follows:—

	Per hour s. d.
(*a*) Where the worker (not being a worker to whom (*c*) of this paragraph applies) performs in full either the duties of a male driver whom she replaces or the duties which prior to the war were normally undertaken in the laundry undertaking by a male driver	*2 8*
(*b*) Where the worker (not being a worker to whom (*c*) of this paragraph applies) does not perform in full either the duties of a male driver whom she replaces or the duties which prior to the war were normally undertaken in the laundry undertaking by a male driver, but is mainly engaged in either of the said duties ...	*2 4*
(*c*) Where the worker is aged under 20 years and either replaces, or is employed in substitution for, a male driver who was aged under 21 years at the date of his replacement by a female worker	The rate which would be applicable under paragraph 3 of this Schedule if she were a male worker.

Paragraph 7

In this Part of this Schedule the expression 'prior to the war' means during the period of six months immediately preceding the 3rd day of September, 1939.

PART IV

PIECE WORK BASIS TIME RATES

MALE OR FEMALE WORKERS

Paragraph 8

(i) The hourly piece work basis time rate applicable to a male worker employed on piece work is one and one-eighth times the hourly general minimum time rate which would be applicable to the worker under paragraph 3 of this Schedule if the worker were a time worker.

	Per hour s. d.
(ii) The piece work basis time rate applicable to female workers of all ages employed on piece work is	*2 0¾"*

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order, which has effect from the 28th February, 1955, amends the Laundry Wages Council (Great Britain) Wages Regulation Order, 1952 (Order W. (69)), as amended by the Laundry Wages Council (Great Britain) Wages Regulation (Amendment) Order, 1953 (Order W. (71)), by increasing the statutory minimum remuneration fixed by those Orders. Order W. (71) is revoked.

New provisions in the Schedule are printed in italics.