1955 No. 1478

The Stamped or Pressed Metal-Wares Wages Council (Great Britain) Wages Regulation Order, 1955

Made - - - - 23*rd September*, 1955
Coming into Operation 7*th October*, 1955

Whereas the Minister of Labour and National Service (hereafter in this Order referred to as "the Minister") has received from the Stamped or Pressed Metal-Wares 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 Stamped or Pressed Metal-Wares Wages Council (Great Britain) Wages Regulation Order, 1955.

2.—(1) In this Order the expression "the specified date" means the 7th day of October, 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 Stamped or Pressed Metal-Wares Wages Council (Great Britain) Wages Regulation Order, 1953(**c**), and the Stamped or Pressed Metal-Wares Wages Council (Great Britain) Wages Regulation (Amendment) Order, 1954(**d**), shall cease to have effect.

Signed by order of the Minister of Labour and National Service this 23rd day of September, 1955.

Guildhaume Myrddin-Evans,
Deputy Secretary,
Ministry of Labour and National Service.

(**a**) 8 & 9 Geo. 6. c. 17. (**b**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (**c**) S.I. 1953/787 (1953 II, p. 2728).
(**d**) S.I. 1954/1302 (1954 II, p. 2735).

SCHEDULE

The following minimum remuneration shall be substituted for the statutory minimum remuneration fixed by the Stamped or Pressed Metal-Wares Wages Council (Great Britain) Wages Regulation Order, 1953, (Order Q. (78)), as amended by the Stamped or Pressed Metal-Wares Wages Council (Great Britain) Wages Regulation (Amendment) Order, 1954, (Order Q. (80)).

STATUTORY MINIMUM REMUNERATION

PART I

GENERAL

1.—(1) The minimum remuneration payable to a worker to whom this Schedule applies (except in any week for which guaranteed weekly remuneration is payable under paragraph 10 of this Schedule) is as follows, that is to say:—

(*a*) for all work except work to which a minimum overtime rate applies under Part IV of this Schedule—

(i) in the case of a time worker, the hourly general minimum time rate applicable to the worker,

(ii) in the case of a worker employed on piece work, piece rates each of which would yield, in the circumstances of the case, to an ordinary worker, at least the same amount of money as the hourly piece work basis time rate applicable to the worker;

(*b*) for all work to which a minimum overtime rate applies under Part IV of this Schedule, that rate.

(2) In this Schedule, in relation to a male worker to whom a weekly rate applies the expressions "hourly general minimum time rate" and "hourly piece work basis time rate" mean respectively the weekly general minimum time rate and the weekly piece work basis time rate applicable to the worker under Part II of this Schedule divided, in either case, by 44.

PART II

MALE WORKERS

GENERAL MINIMUM TIME RATES AND PIECE WORK BASIS TIME RATES

POLISHERS, BRAZIERS, BURNISHERS, DROP-STAMPERS, DIPPERS WHO ARE ALSO BRONZERS, DIPPERS OR ANNEALERS

2. The general minimum time rates and piece work basis time rates applicable to male workers employed as Polishers, Braziers, Burnishers, Drop-Stampers, Dippers who are also Bronzers, Dippers or Annealers are:—

(*a*) in the case of workers aged 21 years or over, the rates specified in the next following Table:—

	General minimum time rates Per week of 44 hours		Piece work basis time rates Per week of 44 hours	
	Workers aged 21½ years or over	Workers aged 21 and under 21½ years	Workers aged 21½ years or over	Workers aged 21 and under 21½ years
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
(i) Polishers:—				
Grade I	*140 4*	*133 1*	*148 1*	*143 1*
Grade II	*149 10*	*149 10*	*160 4*	*160 4*
Grade III...	*157 10*	*157 10*	*169 4*	*169 4*
(ii) Braziers, burnishers, drop-stampers, or dippers who are also bronzers:—				
Grade I	*140 4*	*133 1*	*148 1*	*143 1*
Grade II	*147 10*	*147 10*	*157 7*	*157 7*
Grade III...	*155 10*	*155 10*	*166 7*	*166 7*
(iii) Dippers or annealers ...	*140 4*	*133 1*	*148 1*	*143 1*

Provided that where a worker is employed on work of more than one grade the rate applicable in respect of all such work shall be that applicable to the highest grade upon which he is employed.

(*b*) in the case of workers aged less than 21 years, as follows:—

	General minimum time rates Per week of 44 hours	Piece work basis time rates Per week of 44 hours
	s. d.	s. d.
Workers aged 20 and under 21 years	*101 6*	*110 9*
„ „ 19 „ „ 20 „	*90 0*	*97 6*
„ „ 18 „ „ 19 „	*77 3*	*83 3*
„ „ 17 „ „ 18 „	*65 0*	*70 3*
„ „ 16 „ „ 17 „	*55 3*	*59 3*
„ „ under 16 years	*45 9*	*49 0*

ALL OTHER MALE WORKERS

3. The following general minimum time rates and piece work basis time rates are applicable to male workers other than the workers specified in paragraph 2 of this Schedule:—

	General minimum time rates	Piece work basis time rates
	Per hour s. d.	Per hour s. d.
Workers aged 21 years or over...	2 11½	3 2
,, ,, 20 and under 21 years	2 5	2 6¾
,, ,, 19 ,, ,, 20 ,, ...	2 1½	2 3
,, ,, 18 ,, ,, 19 ,, ...	1 10¼	1 11½
,, ,, 17 ,, ,, 18 ,, ...	1 6¾	1 7¾
,, ,, 16 ,, ,, 17 ,, ...	1 3¾	1 4¾
,, ,, under 16 years	11¾	1 0¼

PART III

FEMALE WORKERS

GENERAL MINIMUM TIME RATES AND PIECE WORK BASIS TIME RATES

POLISHERS OR DROP-STAMPERS

4. The general minimum time rates and piece work basis time rates applicable to female workers employed as POLISHERS or DROP-STAMPERS are:—

	General minimum time rates	Piece work basis time rates
	Per hour s. d.	Per hour s. d.
(*a*) in the case of workers aged 18 years or over:—		
(i) during the first 12 months of employment after the age of 18 years ...	2 4	2 6
(ii) thereafter	2 5	
Provided that where a worker is first employed as a polisher or drop-stamper at or over the age of 18 years the rates applicable during the first two months of such employment shall be	2 2¾	2 5¾
(*b*) in the case of workers aged 17 and under 18 years	1 10¼	2 1¼
16 ,, ,, 17 ,, ...	1 6¼	2 0¼
under 16 years...	1 2¼	1 11

HAND BRUSH JAPANNERS, HAND BRUSH LACQUERERS, BLOW PIPE BRAZIERS, SOLDERERS AND DIPPERS

5. The general minimum time rates and piece work basis time rates applicable to female workers—

who are employed as HAND BRUSH JAPANNERS capable of finishing all classes of work (or, in the case of workers aged under 18 years, are training to qualify as such); or

who are employed as HAND BRUSH LACQUERERS capable of finishing all classes of work (or, in the case of workers aged under 18 years, are training to qualify as such); or

who are employed as BLOW PIPE BRAZIERS using hard solder; or

who are employed as SOLDERERS using ordinary hand iron or blow pipe with bar, strip or wire solder; or

who are employed as DIPPERS engaged wholly or partially in dipping articles into any of the following acids:—aqua fortis, hydrochloric acid or sulphuric acid;

are as follows:—

	General minimum time rates	Piece work basis time rates
	Per hour s. d.	Per hour s. d.
(*a*) in the case of workers aged 18 years or over:—		
(i) during the first 12 months of employment after the age of 18 years ...	2 2¾	2 5
(ii) thereafter	2 4	
Provided that where a worker is first employed in any of the said operations at or over the age of 18 years the rates applicable during the first two months of such employment shall be	2 1¾	2 4¾
(*b*) in the case of workers aged 17 and under 18 years	1 9¼	2 0¼
16 „ „ 17 „	1 5¼	1 11¼
under 16 years...	1 1	1 10

ALL OTHER FEMALE WORKERS

6. The following general minimum time rates and piece work basis time rates are applicable to female workers other than the workers specified in paragraph 4 or paragraph 5 of this Schedule:—

	General minimum time rates	Piece work basis time rates
	Per hour s. d.	Per hour s. d.
Workers aged 18 years or over...	2 2¼	2 3¾
,, ,, 17 and under 18 years	1 8¼	1 9½
,, ,, 16 ,, ,, 17 ,, ...	1 4½	1 5½
,, ,, under 16 years	1 0½	1 1½

PART IV

OVERTIME AND WAITING TIME

MINIMUM OVERTIME RATES

7. Subject to the provisions of this Schedule, minimum overtime rates are payable to any worker as follows:—

(*a*) on a Sunday or a customary holiday—for all time worked ... ... DOUBLE TIME

(*b*) on a Saturday, not being a customary holiday —for all time worked in excess of 4½ hours ... TIME-AND-A-HALF

(*c*) in any week, exclusive of any time in respect of which a minimum overtime rate is payable under the preceding provisions of this paragraph—

(i) for the first two hours worked in excess of 44 ... ... TIME-AND-A-QUARTER

(ii) thereafter ... ... TIME-AND-A-HALF

8. In this Part of this Schedule:—

(1) the expressions "time-and-a-quarter", "time-and-a-half" and "double time" mean respectively—

(*a*) in the case of a time worker, one and one quarter times, one and a half times and twice the hourly general minimum time rate otherwise applicable to the worker;

(*b*) in the case of a worker employed on piece work,

(i) a time rate equal respectively to one quarter, one half and the whole of the hourly general minimum time rate which would be payable to the worker if he were a time worker and a minimum overtime rate did not apply and, in addition thereto,

(ii) piece rates each of which would yield, in the circumstances of the case, to an ordinary worker, at least the same amount of money as the hourly piece work basis time rate applicable to the worker.

(2) the expression "customary holiday" means—

(*a*) (i) In England and Wales—

Christmas Day (or, if Christmas Day falls on a Sunday, such weekday as may be appointed by national proclamation, or, if none is so appointed, the next following Tuesday), Boxing Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Whit Monday and August Bank Holiday;

(ii) In Scotland—

New Year's Day (or, if New Year's Day falls on a Sunday, the following Monday);

the local Spring holiday;

the local Autumn holiday; and

three other days (being days on which the worker normally works for the employer) in the course of a calendar year, to be fixed by the employer and notified to the worker not less than three weeks before the holiday;

or (*b*) in the case of each of the said days (other than a day fixed by the employer in Scotland and notified to the worker as aforesaid) such weekday as may be substituted therefor, being a day recognised by local custom as a day of holiday in substitution for the said day or a day agreed between the employer and the worker or his representative.

WAITING TIME

9.—(1) A worker is entitled to payment of the minimum remuneration specified in this Schedule for all time during which he is present on the premises of his employer, unless he is present thereon in any of the following circumstances:—

(*a*) without the employer's consent, express or implied;

(*b*) for some purpose unconnected with his work and other than that of waiting for work to be given to him to perform;

(*c*) by reason only of the fact that he is resident thereon;

(*d*) during normal meal times in a room or place in which no work is being done, and he is not waiting for work to be given to him to perform.

(2) The minimum remuneration payable under sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph to a piece worker when not engaged on piece work is that which would be applicable if he were a time worker.

PART V

GUARANTEED WEEKLY REMUNERATION

10.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, a worker who ordinarily works for the employer at least 34 hours weekly on work to which this Schedule applies shall be paid the guaranteed weekly remuneration in respect of any week in which he is in the employment of the employer, and either performs no work to which this Schedule applies or works for less than 34 hours on such work.

(2) The guaranteed weekly remuneration is 34 hours' pay calculated at the general minimum time rate ordinarily applicable to the worker:

Provided that where in any week a worker is absent from work by reason of a recognised holiday allowed by his employer, not being a holiday allowed to the worker under the provisions of the Wages Councils Acts, 1945 to 1948, the worker's guaranteed weekly remuneration in that week shall be

reduced by an amount which is in the same proportion to 34 hours' pay, calculated as aforesaid, as the number of hours for which the worker is absent from work in that week by reason of the recognised holiday is to the number of hours ordinarily worked in a week by him for the employer on work to which this Schedule applies; and for the purposes of this proviso the expression "recognised holiday" means—

(i) a customary holiday within the meaning of sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 8 of this Schedule; and

(ii) during the twelve months commencing on the 1st day of May in each year, one period of not more than fifteen consecutive days or two periods of consecutive days aggregating not more than sixteen days being the period or periods during which the establishment at which the worker ordinarily works is closed for the purpose of giving persons there employed an annual holiday.

(3) The guaranteed weekly remuneration in any week shall be reduced by the amount of any holiday remuneration paid, or payable, by the employer to the worker in respect of any holiday allowed to, and taken by, the worker in that week under the provisions of the Wages Councils Acts, 1945 to 1948.

(4) In calculating the number of hours worked in any week for the purposes of this paragraph, the worker shall be treated as though he had worked on any holiday allowed to, and taken by, him in that week under the provisions of the Wages Councils Acts, 1945 to 1948, the number of hours ordinarily worked by him on that day of the week, provided that the worker shall not be treated as having worked in any week throughout which he is on holiday.

(5) Payment of the guaranteed weekly remuneration in any week is subject to the condition that the worker throughout the period of his ordinary employment in that week, excluding any day allowed to him as a holiday, (whether under the Wages Councils Acts, 1945 to 1948, or because the day is, or forms part of, a recognised holiday, as defined in the proviso to sub-paragraph (2) of this paragraph) is—

(*a*) capable of and available for work; and

(*b*) willing to perform such duties outside his normal occupation as the employer may reasonably require if his normal work is not available to him in the establishment in which he is employed.

(6) The guaranteed weekly remuneration shall not be payable to a worker for any week—

(*a*) in which work is not available for him by reason of a strike or lock-out; or

(*b*) in which the worker has been dismissed on the grounds of serious misconduct; or

(*c*) if at any time in the week the worker is absent from work by reason of sickness; or

(*d*) if at any time in the week or during the preceding four weeks the worker has been absent from work without the leave of his employer; or

(*e*) in which the amount of remuneration payable to the worker, calculated in accordance with the preceding paragraphs of this Schedule, exceeds the amount of the remuneration which would be payable to him under the provisions of this paragraph.

(7) The guaranteed weekly remuneration applicable to a piece worker shall be the sum to which he would be entitled if he were a time worker.

PART VI

INTERPRETATION

11. In this Schedule the expressions "Grade I", "Grade II" and "Grade III" have the following meanings—

(*a*) in the case of a POLISHER

"Grade I" means a worker employed in polishing who is not of Grade II or Grade III;

"Grade II" means a worker who has had not less than six years' experience as a polisher, is employed in any process of any class of common work and bobs or mops;

"Grade III" means a worker who, in addition to fulfilling the conditions of Grade II, is also an expert in all processes of both common and best work or is a charge hand responsible for all work and order in the shop;

(*b*) in the case of a BRAZIER

"Grade I" means a worker employed in brazing who is not of Grade II or Grade III;

"Grade II" means a worker who has had not less than six years' experience as a brazier, and is employed in brazing all classes of metal except aluminium;

"Grade III" means a worker who, in addition to fulfilling the conditions of Grade II, is also employed in brazing aluminium or is a charge hand responsible for all work and order in the shop;

(*c*) in the case of a BURNISHER

"Grade I" means a worker employed in burnishing who is not of Grade II or Grade III;

"Grade II" means a worker who has had not less than six years' experience as a burnisher, is employed as a hook and straight burnisher at the vice and satisfactorily burnishes deep thin shell work at the lathe;

"Grade III" means a worker who, in addition to fulfilling the conditions of Grade II, is an expert in speed and quality in all classes of work or is a charge hand responsible for all work and order in the shop;

(*d*) in the case of a DROP-STAMPER

"Grade I" means a worker employed in drop-stamping who is not of Grade II or Grade III;

"Grade II" means a worker who has had not less than six years' experience as a drop-stamper and is employed in all classes of deep or shallow work;

"Grade III" means a worker who, in addition to fulfilling the conditions of Grade II, is an expert in all classes of work or is a charge hand responsible for all work and order in the shop;

(*e*) in the case of a DIPPER WHO IS ALSO A BRONZER

"Grade I" means a worker employed in dipping and bronzing who is not of Grade II or Grade III;

"Grade II" means a worker who has had not less than six years' experience as a dipper and bronzer and is employed in dipping or bronzing, or on art bronzing and colouring, or electro-plating;

"Grade III" means a worker who, in addition to fulfilling the conditions of Grade II, has also an expert knowledge of art bronzing or metal colouring or electro depositing and solutions or is a charge hand responsible for all work and order in the shop.

APPLICABILITY OF STATUTORY MINIMUM REMUNERATION

12. This Schedule does not apply to workers who are persons registered as handicapped by disablement in pursuance of the Disabled Persons (Employment) Act, 1944(a), in respect of their employment by Remploy Limited, but save as aforesaid applies to workers in relation to whom the Stamped or Pressed Metal-Wares Wages Council (Great Britain) operates, that is to say, workers employed in Great Britain in the trade specified in the Schedule to the Trade Boards (Stamped or Pressed Metal-Wares Trade, Great Britain) (Constitution and Proceedings) Regulations, 1924(b), namely:—

(1) the manufacture from metal in sheet or strip form by cold stamping or cold pressing of articles known in the trade as metal small wares;

(2) the cutting, shearing, annealing and hardening of metal in an establishment in which the metal is used for such manufacture;

(3) the covering of corset steels prior to capping or tipping in an establishment in which the steels are capped or tipped;

(4) finishing (including dipping, nickelling, plating, tinning, japanning, stove-enamelling, lacquering, bronzing, colouring, painting, varnishing, barrelling, burnishing, grinding, planishing, polishing, and the capping, counting, lopping, studding, or tipping of corset busks or steels) and similar operations when done in conjunction with such manufacture;

(5) viewing, inspecting, testing, sorting, boxing, carding, carrying, delivering, despatching, labelling, packeting, packing, portering, warehousing, weighing and similar processes or operations when done in conjunction with such manufacture;

(6) the assembling of the above-mentioned wares or parts thereof, whether the things assembled are made inside or outside Great Britain; and

(7) any process or operation which is included in the Button-making Trade, as defined for the purposes of the Trade Boards Acts, when carried on in an establishment mainly engaged in any of the processes or operations defined in the preceding sub-paragraphs hereof;

excluding:

(i) the production by the processes and operations defined in sub-paragraphs (1) to (6) above of any article or part of any article in an establishment in which such article or part is incorporated with or fitted to any other article made in that establishment or part of any other article made in that establishment, unless

(*a*) such other article or part is wholly or mainly made by the processes or operations specified in sub-paragraphs (1) to (4) and (6) above, or

(*b*) the establishment is mainly engaged in the processes or operations specified in sub-paragraphs (1) to (7) above;

(ii) any processes or operations included in the following Orders or any amendments or variations thereof:—

the Trade Boards (Coffin Furniture and Cerement-making) Order, 1919(c);

the Trade Boards (Hollow-ware) Order, 1913(d);

the Trade Boards (Perambulator and Invalid Carriage) Order, 1919(e);

the Trade Boards (Pin, Hook and Eye, and Snap Fastener) Order, 1919(f);

the Trade Boards (Toy) Order, 1920(g);

(a) 7 & 8 Geo. 6. c. 10. (b) S.R. & O. 1924/1485 (1924, p. 1776).
(c) S.R. & O. 1919/1839 (1919 II, p. 508).
(d) Scheduled to, and confirmed by, 3 & 4 Geo. 5. c. clxii.
(e) S.R. & O. 1919/1796 (1919 II, p. 521). (f) S.R. & O. 1919/1840 (1919 II, p. 523).
(g) S.R. & O. 1920/470 (1920 II, p. 792).

(iii) (*a*) the manufacture of articles known in the trade as real or imitation jewellery, and (*b*) the manufacture of any article or part of any article in an establishment mainly engaged in the manufacture of such jewellery;

(iv) (*a*) the manufacture of steel and base metal pens and loose leaf metals, and (*b*) the manufacture of any article or part of any article in an establishment mainly engaged in the manufacture of such pens or metals;

(v) (*a*) the manufacture of locks and latches (other than locks which are parts of fittings of bags or cases), and (*b*) the manufacture of any article or part of any article in an establishment mainly engaged in the manufacture of such locks or latches;

(vi) the manufacture of any article or part of any article in an establishment mainly engaged in the manufacture of any electrical machinery appliances, apparatus or accessories other than small electric light fittings;

(vii) the manufacture of any article or part of any article in an establishment mainly engaged in the manufacture of cast iron hollow-ware;

(viii) any operation done in an establishment mainly engaged in work known in the trade as the work of an establishment of an outplater to the trade;

(ix) (*a*) the manufacture of the component parts of cycles, motor cars or motor cycles, and (*b*) the manufacture of any article or part of any article when made in an establishment mainly engaged in the manufacture of cycles, motor cars or motor cycles, or of component parts of cycles, motor cars or motor cycles;

(x) the manufacture of accessories or parts thereof primarily intended for use on motor cars;

(xi) the manufacture of any article or part of any article known in the trade as electro-plate and articles of similar character if manufactured of Britannia metal or nickel or similar white alloys;

(xii) the manufacture of any article or part of any article from precious metals, or base metals covered when in sheet or strip form wholly or partially by any process or operation with precious metals;

(xiii) the manufacture of any article or part of any article from wire, either round, flat or shaped;

(xiv) the manufacture of lamps, medals, iron and steel hinges, harness furniture, driving chains, ammunition, domestic kitchen utensils or parts of such articles;

(xv) processes or operations specified in sub-paragraphs (1) to (6) above, when performed in an establishment mainly engaged in any process or operation which is included in the Button-making Trade as defined for the purposes of the Trade Boards Acts.

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 7th October, 1955, sets out the statutory minimum remuneration payable in substitution for that fixed by the Stamped or Pressed Metal-Wares Wages Council (Great Britain) Wages Regulation Order, 1953, (Order Q. (78)), as amended by the Stamped or Pressed Metal-Wares Wages Council (Great Britain) Wages Regulation (Amendment) Order, 1954, (Order Q. (80)), which Orders are revoked.

New provisions are printed in italics.