STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1961 No. 442

WAGES COUNCILS

The Wages Regulation (Laundry) Order, 1961

Made - - - -	13*th March*, 1961
Coming into Operation	29*th March*, 1961

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

Now, therefore, the Minister, by virtue of the powers conferred on him by section 11 of the Wages Councils Act, 1959(a), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Wages Regulation (Laundry) Order, 1961.

2.—(1) In this Order the expression "the specified date" means the 29th day of March, 1961, 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), shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament and as if this Order and the Order hereby revoked were Acts 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 Wages Regulation (Laundry) Order, 1960(c), shall cease to have effect.

Dated this 13th day of March, 1961.

John Hare,
Minister of Labour.

(a) 7 & 8 Eliz. 2. c. 69. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (c) S.I. 1960/856 (1960 III, p. 3571).

SCHEDULE

The following minimum remuneration shall be substituted for the statutory minimum remuneration fixed by the Wages Regulation (Laundry) Order, 1960 (Order W. (84)).

STATUTORY MINIMUM REMUNERATION

PART I

GENERAL

1.—(1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph 14 relating to guaranteed weekly remuneration, and to the provisions of sub-paragraph (2) of this paragraph, the minimum remuneration payable to a worker to whom this Schedule applies is as follows:—

(*a*) (i) in the case of a time worker, the hourly general minimum time rate applicable to the worker under the provisions of this Schedule;

(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;

(iii) in the case of a worker regularly remunerated on a system of payment by results, not being a piece worker, such time rates with the addition of bonus rates as would yield to an ordinary worker, in the circumstances of the case, at least the same amount of money as one and one-eighth times the hourly general minimum time rate which would be applicable to the worker under Part II or Part III of this Schedule if the worker were a time worker;

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

(2) The minimum remuneration specified in sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph shall be increased as follows:—

(*a*) in respect of any time to which the supplemental shift work rate applies under paragraph 12, by that rate;

(*b*) in respect of any time to which the supplemental night work rate applies under paragraph 13, by that rate.

2. In this Schedule—

(*a*) "system of payment by results" means a system of payment which, in addition to remuneration related to time worked, includes an amount related to output or saving of time over a standard time, whether such amount is calculated on an individual or a collective basis;

(*b*) "time worker" means any worker who is not a piece worker and who is not remunerated on any other system of payment by results.

PART II

GENERAL MINIMUM TIME RATES

MALE WORKERS INCLUDING TRANSPORT WORKERS

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:—

	Per hour	*Per week of 43 hours*
	s. d.	s. d.
Workers aged—		
21 years or over	3 5½	147 10
20 and under 21 years	3 1½	133 6
19 „ „ 20 „	2 9½	119 2
18 „ „ 19 „	2 6	107 6
17 „ „ 18 „	2 2½	94 1
16 „ „ 17 „	1 11½	84 2½
Under 16 years	1 8½	74 4½

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

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:—

	Per hour s. d.	*Per week of 43 hours* s. d.
Workers aged—		
19 years or over	*2 6*	*107 6*
18 and under 19 years	*2 0½*	*87 9½*
17 „ „ 18 „	*1 10*	*78 10*
16 „ „ 17 „	*1 8*	*71 8*
15 „ „ 16 „	*1 5¾*	*63 7½*

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 *2s. 5d.* per hour or *103s. 11d.* per week of *43 hours.*

PART III

GENERAL MINIMUM TIME RATES

FEMALE WORKERS EMPLOYED AS SUBSTITUTES FOR MALE WORKERS

WASHHOUSE OR GENERAL INSIDE WORKERS

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	*3 5¼*
(*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 11¼*
(*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 11¼*
(*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 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

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	*3 5½*
(*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 ...	*3 1*
(*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 if she were a male worker.

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

PART IV

PIECE WORK BASIS TIME RATES

MALE OR FEMALE WORKERS

8.—(1) 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 if the worker were a time worker.

	Per hour s. d.
(2) The piece work basis time rate applicable to female workers of all ages employed on piece work is	*2 8½*

PART V

OVERTIME AND WAITING TIME

MINIMUM OVERTIME RATES—ALL WORKERS

9. Minimum overtime rates are payable to any worker as follows:—

(*a*) On a customary holiday or the worker's weekly day of rest—	
for all time worked	DOUBLE TIME
(*b*) On any day other than a customary holiday, the worker's weekly short day or weekly day of rest—	
for all time worked in excess of 10 hours ...	TIME-AND-A-HALF
(*c*) On the worker's weekly short day, not being a customary holiday—	
for all time worked in excess of 7 hours ...	TIME-AND-A-HALF
(*d*) In any week, excluding any time to which a minimum overtime rate is applicable under the provisions of (*a*) above—	
(i) for the first 5 hours worked in excess of *43 hours*	TIME-AND-A-QUARTER
(ii) thereafter	TIME-AND-A-HALF

Provided that—

(1) no weekly overtime payment shall be made under (*d*) of this paragraph in any week in which the total period of daily overtime under (*b*) and (*c*) of this paragraph equals or exceeds the total period of the said weekly overtime ;

(2) where the total period of daily overtime under (*b*) and (*c*) of this paragraph is less than the total period of weekly overtime under (*d*) of this paragraph, the latter shall be reduced by the period of such daily overtime, which shall be set off first against the weekly overtime payable at the rate of time-and-a-quarter and then, if the case so requires, against the weekly overtime payable at the rate of time-and-a-half.

WAITING TIME

10.—(1) A worker is entitled to payment of the minimum remuneration specified in Part I of 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 payable if the worker were a time worker.

INTERPRETATION

11. In this Part of this Schedule

(1) The expression " customary holiday " means the under-mentioned days (of which at least three shall be fixed between 15th March and 1st October in each year), that is to say :—

(*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 and any day proclaimed as an additional Bank Holiday or a general holiday ;

(ii) in Scotland—

six weekdays 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, and any day proclaimed as an additional Bank Holiday or a general holiday ; provided that in a burgh two of the said weekdays, which shall not be less than three months apart, shall be the days fixed by the town council for the purposes of section 78 (1) of the Factories Act, 1937(a) ;

or (*b*) in the case of each of the said days, such weekday as may be substituted therefor, being a day mutually agreed between the employer and the worker or his representative.

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

(a) 1 Edw. 8 & 1 Geo. 6. c. 67.

(*b*) in the case of a worker employed on piece work, or a worker regularly remunerated on a system of payment by results, not being a piece worker—

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

(ii) the minimum remuneration applicable to the worker under paragraph 1 (1) (*a*).

(3) The expression " weekly day of rest " means Sunday, or (except where in the case of a woman or young person such substitution is unlawful) Saturday in the case of a worker of the Jewish religion who is normally employed on Sunday and not on Saturday.

(4) The expression " weekly short day " means :—

(*a*) in the case of a worker to whom the Shops Act, 1950(a) applies, the worker's statutory half holiday ;

(*b*) in the case of a worker of the Jewish religion (not being a worker to whom the provisions of (*a*) of this sub-paragraph apply) who is normally employed on Sunday and not on Saturday (except where in the case of a woman or young person such employment is unlawful) Sunday or such other day as may be substituted therefor ;

(*c*) in any other case, Saturday, or (except where in the case of a woman or young person such substitution is unlawful) such other weekday as may be substituted therefor.

PART VI

SUPPLEMENTAL SHIFT WORK RATE

12.—(1) A supplemental rate of 2d. per hour is payable to a shift worker employed on a daily two-shift system, and the said rate is payable in addition to the minimum remuneration payable to the worker under the provisions of this or any preceding Part of this Schedule.

(2) A shift worker on a daily two-shift system is a worker who is employed on either a morning or an afternoon shift in an undertaking in which a daily two-shift system is operated.

SUPPLEMENTAL NIGHT WORK RATE

13. The supplemental night work rate is payable to a worker for any time worked between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. and the said rate is payable in addition to the minimum remuneration payable to the worker for the said work under the provisions of this or any preceding Part of this Schedule. The amount of the supplemental night work rate is one-fifth of the hourly general minimum time rate applicable to the worker, or which would be applicable if the worker were a time worker.

PART VII

GUARANTEED WEEKLY REMUNERATION

14.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, a worker who ordinarily works for the employer at least 40 hours weekly (or *33 hours* weekly in a case where the proviso to the next following sub-paragraph applies) on work to which this Schedule applies shall be paid, in respect of any week in which he works for less than 40 hours (or *33 hours* where the said proviso applies) on such work, not less than the guaranteed weekly remuneration.

(2) The guaranteed weekly remuneration is 40 hours' pay calculated at the hourly general minimum time rate ordinarily applicable to the worker under the provisions of Part II or Part III of this Schedule :

(a) 14 Geo. 6. c. 28.

Provided that where the business of a laundry is subject in the course of the year to fluctuation by reason of changes in population of a seasonal nature and in consequence in any twelve months ending on 31st March there is, as between a period of not less than ten consecutive weeks and any other such period, a reduction of at least twenty per cent. in the average of the weekly hours of all the workers, working at or from the laundry, in relation to whom the Council operates, the guaranteed weekly remuneration shall, in respect of the next ensuing period of twelve months, be *33 hours'* pay calculated as aforesaid.

(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 Act, 1959.

(4) In calculating the number of hours worked in any week for the purposes of this paragraph, a 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 Act, 1959, the number of hours ordinarily worked by him on that day of the week, provided that a 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 him as a holiday, 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 (*a*) in any week in which work is not available to him by reason of a strike or lock-out or circumstances outside the employer's control, if he has given the worker not less than four days' notice of his inability to provide such employment and the notice has expired; or (*b*) in respect of any week if the worker's employment is terminated before the end of that week.

(7) The guaranteed weekly remuneration applicable to a piece worker or a worker regularly remunerated on a system of payment by results, not being a piece worker, shall be the sum to which he would be entitled if he were a time worker.

PART VIII

APPLICABILITY OF STATUTORY MINIMUM REMUNERATION

15. This Schedule does not apply to male workers employed, wholly or mainly, as enginemen or stokers or (except in the case of the workers specified in Part III of this Schedule) to female workers employed in any of the operations specified in clause 2 of the definition of the Trade set out below, but save as aforesaid, this Schedule applies to workers in relation to whom the Laundry 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 (Laundry Trade, Great Britain) (Constitution and Proceedings) Regulations, 1940(a), which reads as follows:—

"TRADE

1. The laundering of articles of every description and all processes and operations incidental thereto performed by way of trade or for the purpose of gain.

(a) S.R. & O. 1940/1492 (1940 I, p. 1038).

2. The following work when done in connection with a laundry undertaking by persons in the employment of the undertaking:—

(*a*) the transport of articles to be laundered and of laundered articles including the collection, loading, unloading and delivery of the articles, and attending to the articles during transport;

(*b*) driving and assisting in driving or control of, and acting as attendant to, any goods vehicle while being used for the purpose of any of the work specified in (*a*) above;

(*c*) operations performed by persons engaged on any work specified in sub-paragraph (*a*) or (*b*) above which are incidental to such work.

3. The Laundry Trade shall not include the following processes and operations, and such processes and operations shall not constitute a laundry undertaking for the purpose of this definition, that is to say:—

Processes and operations specified in the Trade Boards (Women's Clothing) Order, 1919(a), the Trade Boards (Shirtmaking) Order, 1920(b), or the Trade Boards (Linen and Cotton Handkerchief and Household Goods and Linen Piece Goods) Order, 1920(c), or in any Special Order which may hereafter vary the provisions of any of the Orders aforesaid."

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order, which has effect from 29th March, 1961, sets out the statutory minimum remuneration payable in substitution for that fixed by the Wages Regulation (Laundry) Order, 1960 (Order W. (84)), which is revoked.

New provisions are printed in italics.

(a) S.R. & O. 1919/1263 (1919 II, p. 531). (b) S.R. & O. 1920/711 (1920 II, p. 790).
(c) S.R. & O. 1920/103 (1920 II, p. 780).