

Textile, Clothing, Footwear and Associated Industries Award 2010

This Fair Work Commission consolidated modern award incorporates all amendments up to and including 16 November 2015 ([PR573679](#)).

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Schedule H—2015 Part-day Public Holidays

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Part 1—Application and Operation of Award

1. Title

This award is the *Textile, Clothing, Footwear and Associated Industries Award 2010*.

2. Commencement and transitional

[Varied by [PR988362](#), [PR542137](#)]

2.1 This award commences on 1 January 2010.

2.2 The monetary obligations imposed on employers by this award may be absorbed into overaward payments. Nothing in this award requires an employer to maintain or increase any overaward payment.

2.3 This award contains transitional arrangements which specify when particular parts of the award come into effect. Some of the transitional arrangements are in clauses in the main part of the award. There are also transitional arrangements in Schedule A. The arrangements in Schedule A deal with:

- minimum wages and piecework rates
- casual or part-time loadings
- Saturday, Sunday, public holiday, evening or other penalties
- shift allowances/penalties.

[2.4 varied by [PR542137](#) ppc 04Dec13]

2.4 Neither the making of this award nor the operation of any transitional arrangements is intended to result in a reduction in the take-home pay of employees covered by the award. On application by or on behalf of an employee who suffers a reduction in take-home pay as a result of the making of this award or the operation of any transitional arrangements, the Fair Work Commission may make any order it considers appropriate to remedy the situation.

[2.5 varied by [PR542137](#) ppc 04Dec13]

2.5 The Fair Work Commission may review the transitional arrangements in this award and make a determination varying the award.

[2.6 varied by [PR542137](#) ppc 04Dec13]

2.6 The Fair Work Commission may review the transitional arrangements:

- (a) on its own initiative; or
- (b) on application by an employer, employee, organisation or outworker entity covered by the modern award; or

- (c) on application by an organisation that is entitled to represent the industrial interests of one or more employers or employees that are covered by the modern award; or
- (d) in relation to outworker arrangements, on application by an organisation that is entitled to represent the industrial interests of one or more outworkers to whom the arrangements relate.

3. Definitions and interpretation

[Varied by [PR993032](#), [PR994546](#), [PR997772](#), [PR503619](#), [PR542901](#), [PR542137](#), [PR545984](#)]

3.1 In this award, unless the contrary intention appears:

[Definition of **Act** varied by [PR993032](#) ppc 18Feb10]

Act means the *Fair Work Act 2009* (Cth)

[Definition of **agreement-based transitional instrument** inserted by [PR994546](#) from 01Jan10]

agreement-based transitional instrument has the meaning in the *Fair Work (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Act 2009* (Cth)

allied manufacturing and fabricating industries includes but is not limited to:

- processing and treatment of raw cotton;
- spinning, throwing, texturing, creping, extruding, mercerising, impregnating, processing and treatment of fibres, filaments, threads, tyre cords, or yarns of all descriptions including animal or vegetable fibres, artificial silk, cotton, flax, pure silk, filament, synthetic fibres or wool, or any of them combined with one another or with any other animal, natural or synthetic fibre;
- weaving, including hand weaving braids, fabrics, materials and/or webbing tapes of all kinds and descriptions;
- dyeing, bleaching, coating, calendering, cleaning and/or finishing of all types of fabrics, filament yarns, wool tops, yarns and articles of all descriptions up to and including the completed product;
- printing including hand printing, screen and/or roller printing and stamping of fabrics and/or articles of all kinds and descriptions;
- mending and/or repairing (including invisible mending) of fabrics and/or articles of all kinds and descriptions;
- manufacturing of artificial silk, filament yarns, man made fibres and/or synthetic fibres;
- knitting and the manufacture of hosiery, half hose, children's hose, underwear, outerwear, jersey piecegoods, fabrics and like goods or materials;
- storing, sorting, scouring, carbonising, mixing, blending and combing of wool and top-making;

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- storing, blending, carding or garnetting of wool, hair, or other fibres, felting, needling, milling, tenting and/or drying; and
- every operation, process, duty and function or calling carried on or performed in or in connection with or incidental to any of the foregoing

[Definition of **award-based transitional instrument** inserted by [PR994546](#) from 01Jan10]

award-based transitional instrument has the meaning in the *Fair Work (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Act 2009* (Cth)

bag making industry includes:

bag making and repairing, including manufacture of jute, hessian, calico and stockinette bags, water bags, tents, tarpaulins, blinds and covers

button making industry includes:

haberdashery and manufacture and/or treatment of buckles, buttons and of badges

clothing industry includes:

wholly or partly designing, preparing, manufacturing, processing, labelling or finishing, or wholly or partly controlling, managing or supervising the designing, preparing, manufacturing, processing or finishing, of any type of garment, apparel or articles (including aprons, napery, nappies, manchester, linen, handkerchiefs, mosquito nets, artificial flowers, cot covers, blankets, collars, cuffs, neckwear, earmuffs, rugs and mats, hats and headwear, umbrellas or parasols or the like) whether inside or outside of a factory or workroom

[Definition of **Commission** deleted by [PR993032](#) ppc 18Feb10]

[Definition of **default fund employee** inserted by [PR545984](#) ppc 01Jan14]

default fund employee means an employee who has no chosen fund within the meaning of the *Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992* (Cth)

[Definition of **defined benefit member** inserted by [PR545984](#) ppc 01Jan14]

defined benefit member has the meaning given by the *Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992* (Cth)

[Definition of **Division 2B State award** inserted by [PR503619](#) ppc 01Jan11]

Division 2B State award has the meaning in Schedule 3A of the *Fair Work (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Act 2009* (Cth)

[Definition of **Division 2B State employment agreement** inserted by [PR503619](#) ppc 01Jan11]

Division 2B State employment agreement has the meaning in Schedule 3A of the *Fair Work (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Act 2009* (Cth)

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[Definition of **eligible entity** deleted by [PR993032](#) ppc 18Feb10]

[Definition of **employee** substituted by [PR994546](#), [PR997772](#) from 01Jan10]

employee means national system employee within the meaning of the Act

[Definition of **employer** substituted by [PR994546](#), [PR997772](#) from 01Jan10]

employer means national system employer within the meaning of the Act

[Definition of **enterprise award** deleted by [PR994546](#) from 01Jan10]

[Definition of **enterprise award-based instrument** inserted by [PR994546](#) from 01Jan10]

enterprise award-based instrument has the meaning in the *Fair Work (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Act 2009* (Cth)

[Definition of **exempt public sector superannuation scheme** inserted by [PR545984](#) ppc 01Jan14]

exempt public sector superannuation scheme has the meaning given by the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993* (Cth)

[Definition of **Fair Work Australia** inserted by [PR993032](#) ppc 18Feb10; deleted by [PR542137](#) ppc 04Dec13]

[Definition of Fair Work Commission inserted by [PR542137](#) ppc 04Dec13]

Fair Work Commission means the Fair Work Commission or its successor

footwear industry includes:

design or cutting of patterns for and/or wholly or partly preparation, manufacturing, making and repairing of footwear, boots, shoes, sandals, surgical and fitted boots and slippers and all component parts, of every description from any material, including cutting or preparing half soles, tip fillers or top pieces including where performed by bespoke bootmakers and repairers and heel bar operatives

[Definition of **MySuper product** inserted by [PR545984](#) ppc 01Jan14]

MySuper product has the meaning given by the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993* (Cth)

[Definition of **NAPSA** deleted by [PR994546](#) from 01Jan10]

[Definition of **NES** substituted by [PR994546](#) from 01Jan10]

NES means the National Employment Standards as contained in [sections 59 to 131](#) of the *Fair Work Act 2009* (Cth)

[Definition of **on-hire** inserted by [PR993032](#) ppc 18Feb10]

on-hire means the on-hire of employees to a client, where such employees work under the general guidance and instruction of the client or a representative of the client

[Definition of **outworker entity** inserted by [PR993032](#) ppc 18Feb10]

outworker entity has the same meanings as defined under the *Fair Work Act 2009* (Cth)

seven day shiftworkers means for the purpose of the additional week of leave provided by the NES, a shiftworker is a seven day shiftworker who is regularly rostered to work on Sundays and public holidays

[Definition of **standard rate** varied by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

standard rate means the minimum wage for **General Skill Level 4** in clause 20—
Classifications

[Definition of **textile industry** varied by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

textile industry includes:

- artificial silk;
- blinds;
- braids;
- carpets;
- cloth, including shade cloth;
- commission dyeing, bleaching and finishing;
- cotton;
- cotton wool;
- elastic webbing;
- embroidery;
- fabrics;
- felt, wool and/or fibre;
- filament yarns;
- flax;
- hosiery;
- knitting and knitted articles;
- kraft paper yarns;
- labels;
- lace;
- man made fibres;
- medical dressings, materials and supplies;
- mercerising;
- narrow fabrics;

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non-woven fabrics;
personal and household hygiene products;
printing of textiles;
pure silk;
quilting;
ribbons;
synthetic fibres and yarns;
tassels;
technical textiles;
textile waste and flock;
trimmings;
wadding;
webbing tapes;
woollen and worsted; and
woven materials

[Definition of **transitional minimum wage instrument** inserted by [PR994546](#) from 01Jan10]

transitional minimum wage instrument has the meaning in the *Fair Work (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Act 2009* (Cth)

union means the Textile, Clothing and Footwear Union of Australia and in Queensland may also include the Australian Workers Union

3.2 Where this award refers to a condition of employment provided for in the NES, the NES definition applies.

4. Coverage

[Varied by [PR988362](#), [PR993032](#), [PR994546](#), [PR542901](#)]

4.1 This industry award covers employers throughout Australia in the textile industry, clothing industry, bag making industry, button making industry, footwear industry and allied manufacturing and fabricating industries and their employees engaged in duties covered by the classifications in this award.

[4.2 varied by [PR993032](#) ppc 18Feb10]

4.2 The award covers all outworker entities who are covered by the terms of this award in respect of Schedule F—Outwork and Related Provisions.

[4.3 inserted by [PR993032](#)] ppc 18Feb10]

4.3 This award covers any employer which supplies labour to a business in the textile industry, clothing industry, bag making industry, button making industry, footwear industry and allied manufacturing and fabricating industries (as defined in clause 3) on an on-hire basis. This clause operates in respect of on-hire employees in classifications covered by this award while engaged in the performance of work for a business in the above industries. This subclause operates subject to the exclusions from coverage in this award.

[4.3 renumbered as 4.4 by [PR993032](#) ppc 18Feb10]

4.4 The award does not cover:

- (a) electricians;
- (b) clerical employees within the application of the *Clerks—Private Sector Award 2010*; or
- (c) maintenance tradespersons and their apprentices covered by the classifications contained in the *Manufacturing and Associated Industries and Occupations Award 2010*, save and except for textile, clothing and footwear mechanics/tradespersons and their apprentices covered by the classifications contained in this award.

[4.4 renumbered as 4.5 by [PR993032](#) ppc 18Feb10]

4.5 The award does not cover an employee excluded from award coverage by the Act.

[4.5 renumbered as 4.6 by [PR993032](#) ppc 18Feb10; substituted by [PR994546](#) from 01Jan10]

4.6 The award does not cover employees who are covered by a modern enterprise award, or an enterprise instrument (within the meaning of the *Fair Work (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Act 2009* (Cth)), or employers in relation to those employees.

[New 4.7, 4.8 and 4.9 inserted by [PR994546](#) from 01Jan10]

4.7 The award does not cover employees who are covered by a State reference public sector modern award, or a State reference public sector transitional award (within the meaning of the *Fair Work (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Act 2009* (Cth)), or employers in relation to those employees.

4.8 This award covers any employer which supplies labour on an on-hire basis in the industries set out in clause 4.1 in respect of on-hire employees in classifications covered by this award, and those on-hire employees, while engaged in the performance of work for a business in those industries. This subclause operates subject to the exclusions from coverage in this award.

[4.9 varied by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

4.9 This award covers employers which provide group training services for apprentices and/or trainees engaged in the industry and/or parts of industry set out at clause 4.1 and those apprentices and/or trainees engaged by a group training service hosted by a company to perform work at a location where the activities described herein are

being performed. This subclause operates subject to the exclusions from coverage in this award.

[4.6 renumbered as 4.7 by [PR993032](#), 4.7 renumbered as 4.10 by [PR994546](#) from 01Jan10]

- 4.10** Where an employer is covered by more than one award, an employee of that employer is covered by the award classification which is the most appropriate to the work performed by the employee and to the environment in which the employee normally performs the work.

NOTE: Where there is no classification for a particular employee in this award it is possible that the employer and that employee are covered by an award with occupational coverage.

5. Access to the award and the National Employment Standards

[Varied by [PR988362](#), [PR993032](#)]

- 5.1** The employer must ensure that copies of this award and the NES are available to all employees to whom they apply either on a noticeboard which is conveniently located at or near the workplace or through electronic means, whichever makes them more accessible.

[5.2 varied by [PR993032](#) ppc 18Feb10]

- 5.2** Outworkers covered by Schedule F—Outwork and Related Provisions will be provided with the information sheet appended to that Schedule.

6. The National Employment Standards and this award

The [NES](#) and this award contain the minimum conditions of employment for employees covered by this award.

7. Award flexibility

[Varied by [PR988362](#), [PR993032](#), [PR994546](#), [PR542137](#)]

- 7.1** Notwithstanding any other provision of this award, an employer and an individual employee may agree to vary the application of certain terms of this award to meet the genuine individual needs of the employer and the individual employee. The terms the employer and the individual employee may agree to vary the application of are those concerning:

- (a) arrangements for when work is performed;
- (b) overtime rates;
- (c) penalty rates;
- (d) allowances; and
- (e) leave loading.

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[7.2 varied by [PR542137](#) ppc 04Dec13]

7.2 The employer and the individual employee must have genuinely made the agreement without coercion or duress. An agreement under this clause can only be entered into after the individual employee has commenced employment with the employer.

7.3 The agreement between the employer and the individual employee must:

- (a) be confined to a variation in the application of one or more of the terms listed in clause 7.1; and

[7.3(b) substituted by [PR994546](#) from 01Jan10; varied by [PR542137](#) ppc 04Dec13]

- (b) result in the employee being better off overall at the time the agreement is made than the employee would have been if no individual flexibility agreement had been agreed to.

[7.4 varied by [PR993032](#) ppc 18Feb10]

7.4 An individual flexibility agreement cannot be made so as to affect the provisions of Schedule F—Outwork and Related Provisions.

[7.5 substituted by [PR994546](#) from 01Jan10]

7.5 The agreement between the employer and the individual employee must also:

- (a) be in writing, name the parties to the agreement and be signed by the employer and the individual employee and, if the employee is under 18 years of age, the employee's parent or guardian;
- (b) state each term of this award that the employer and the individual employee have agreed to vary;
- (c) detail how the application of each term has been varied by agreement between the employer and the individual employee;
- (d) detail how the agreement results in the individual employee being better off overall in relation to the individual employee's terms and conditions of employment; and
- (e) state the date the agreement commences to operate.

[7.6 deleted by [PR994546](#) from 01Jan10]

[7.7 renumbered as 7.6 by [PR994546](#) from 01Jan10]

7.6 The employer must give the individual employee a copy of the agreement and keep the agreement as a time and wages record.

[New 7.7 inserted by [PR994546](#) from 01Jan10]

7.7 Except as provided in clause 7.5(a) the agreement must not require the approval or consent of a person other than the employer and the individual employee.

7.8 An employer seeking to enter into an agreement must provide a written proposal to the employee. Where the employee's understanding of written English is limited, the employer must take measures, including translation into an appropriate language, to ensure the employee understands the proposal.

7.9 The employer must give the employee up to seven working days to enable the employee to seek advice, where appropriate, from the employee's union.

7.10 The agreement may be terminated:

[7.10(a) varied by [PR542137](#) ppc 04Dec13]

- (a) by the employer or the individual employee giving 13 weeks' notice of termination, in writing, to the other party and the agreement ceasing to operate at the end of the notice period; or
- (b) at any time, by written agreement between the employer and the individual employee.

[Note inserted by [PR542137](#) ppc 04Dec13]

Note: If any of the requirements of s.144(4), which are reflected in the requirements of this clause, are not met then the agreement may be terminated by either the employee or the employer, giving written notice of not more than 28 days (see s.145 of the *Fair Work Act 2009* (Cth)).

[New 7.11 inserted by [PR542137](#) ppc 04Dec13]

7.11 The notice provisions in clause 7.10(a) only apply to an agreement entered into from the first full pay period commencing on or after 4 December 2013. An agreement entered into before that date may be terminated in accordance with clause 7.10(a), subject to four weeks' notice of termination.

[7.11 renumbered as 7.12 by [PR542137](#) ppc 04Dec13]

7.12 The right to make an agreement pursuant to this clause is in addition to, and is not intended to otherwise affect, any provision for an agreement between an employer and an individual employee contained in any other term of this award.

8. Facilitative provisions

[Varied by [PR994546](#)]

8.1 Facilitation by individual agreement

[8.1 varied by [PR994546](#) from 01Jan10]

The following facilitative provisions can be utilised by agreement between the employer and an individual employee:

- paying a regular part-time employee a loading;
- broken leave;
- changing the time of taking annual leave;
- rostered day substitution; and/or
- time off instead of payment for overtime.

8.2 Facilitation by majority or individual agreement

The following facilitative provisions can be utilised by agreement between the employer and a majority of employees in the workplace or a section or sections of it or an employer and individual employee:

- changing the day a rostered day off is taken;
- rostered day substitution;
- spread of hours altered by up to one hour at either end of the spread (7.00 am to 7.00 pm); and/or
- no employee will work for more than five hours without a meal break unless by agreement.

8.3 Facilitation by majority agreement

The following facilitative provisions may only be utilised by agreement between the employer and the majority of employees in the workplace or a section or sections of it:

- alteration of time standards;
- operation of PBR system;
- changing the starting and finishing times;
- time of taking rostered days off;
- extending annual close down by no more than two days;
- closing down in two or three periods, and time of annual close down;
- calculation of PBR;
- alteration of time standards; and/or
- overtime.

8.4 Procedure for seeking majority or individual agreement

Where agreement is sought to be reached with an individual or a majority of employees in a workplace or a section or sections of it, the following procedure will apply:

- (a) where the employee's understanding of written English is limited, the employer must take measures, including translation into an appropriate language, to ensure the employee understands the proposal;
- (b) the agreement reached must be recorded in the time and wages record kept by the employer;
- (c) if an employee is a member of a union, the employee may be represented by that organisation in meeting and conferring with the employer about the implementation of the facilitative provisions; and

- (d) where the union is representing employee/s it must be given a reasonable opportunity to participate in negotiations regarding the proposed implementation of facilitative provisions. Involvement by the union does not mean that the consent of the representative is required prior to the introduction of the facilitative provisions.

8.5 Individual agreement

An employer may only seek individual agreement under this clause if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (a) no agreement has been sought by the employer with the majority of employees; and
- (b) the agreement is only with an individual employee or a number of individuals less than the majority in the workplace or a section or sections of it.

Part 2—Consultation and Dispute Resolution

9. Consultation

[9—Consultation regarding major workplace change renamed and substituted by [PR546288](#) ppc 01Jan14; varied by [PR563434](#)]

9.1 Consultation regarding major workplace change

(a) Employer to notify

- (i) Where an employer has made a definite decision to introduce major changes in production, program, organisation, structure or technology that are likely to have significant effects on employees, the employer must notify the employees who may be affected by the proposed changes and their representatives, if any.
- (ii) **Significant effects** include termination of employment; major changes in the composition, operation or size of the employer's workforce or in the skills required; the elimination or diminution of job opportunities, promotion opportunities or job tenure; the alteration of hours of work; the need for retraining or transfer of employees to other work or locations; and the restructuring of jobs. Provided that where this award makes provision for alteration of any of these matters an alteration is deemed not to have significant effect.

(b) Employer to discuss change

- (i) The employer must discuss with the employees affected and their representatives, if any, the introduction of the changes referred to in clause 9.1(a), the effects the changes are likely to have on employees and measures to avert or mitigate the adverse effects of such changes on employees and must give prompt consideration to matters raised by the employees and/or their representatives in relation to the changes.

- (ii) The discussions must commence as early as practicable after a definite decision has been made by the employer to make the changes referred to in clause 9.1(a).
- (iii) For the purposes of such discussion, the employer must provide in writing to the employees concerned and their representatives, if any, all relevant information about the changes including the nature of the changes proposed, the expected effects of the changes on employees and any other matters likely to affect employees provided that no employer is required to disclose confidential information the disclosure of which would be contrary to the employer's interests.

9.2 Consultation about changes to rosters or hours of work

- (a) Where an employer proposes to change an employee's regular roster or ordinary hours of work, the employer must consult with the employee or employees affected and their representatives, if any, about the proposed change.
- (b) The employer must:
 - (i) provide to the employee or employees affected and their representatives, if any, information about the proposed change (for example, information about the nature of the change to the employee's regular roster or ordinary hours of work and when that change is proposed to commence);
 - (ii) invite the employee or employees affected and their representatives, if any, to give their views about the impact of the proposed change (including any impact in relation to their family or caring responsibilities); and
 - (iii) give consideration to any views about the impact of the proposed change that are given by the employee or employees concerned and/or their representatives.

[New 9.2(c) inserted by [PR563434](#) ppc 11May15]

- (c) Information must be provided to affected employees and their representatives, if any, in accordance with clause 9.2(b)(i) in a manner which facilitates employee understanding of the proposed changes, having regard to their English language skills. This may include the translation of the information into an appropriate language.

[9.2(c) renumbered as 9.2(d) by [PR563434](#) ppc 11May15]

- (d) The requirement to consult under this clause does not apply where an employee has irregular, sporadic or unpredictable working hours.

[9.2(d) renumbered as 9.2(e) by [PR563434](#) ppc 11May15]

- (e) These provisions are to be read in conjunction with other award provisions concerning the scheduling of work and notice requirements.

10. Dispute resolution

[Varied by [PR993032](#), [PR542137](#)]

10.1 In the event of a dispute about a matter under this award, or a dispute in relation to the NES, in the first instance the parties must attempt to resolve the matter at the workplace by discussions between the employee or employees concerned and the relevant supervisor. If such discussions do not resolve the dispute, the parties will endeavour to resolve the dispute in a timely manner by discussions between the employee or employees concerned and more senior levels of management as appropriate.

[10.2 varied by [PR993032](#), [PR542137](#) ppc 04Dec13]

10.2 If a dispute about a matter arising under this award or a dispute in relation to the NES is unable to be resolved at the workplace, and all appropriate steps under clause 10.1 have been taken, a party to the dispute may refer the dispute to the Fair Work Commission.

[10.3 varied by [PR993032](#), [PR542137](#) ppc 04Dec13]

10.3 The parties may agree on the process to be utilised by the Fair Work Commission including mediation, conciliation and consent arbitration.

[10.4 varied by [PR993032](#), [PR542137](#) ppc 04Dec13]

10.4 Where the matter in dispute remains unresolved, the Fair Work Commission may exercise any method of dispute resolution permitted by the Act that it considers appropriate to ensure the settlement of the dispute.

10.5 An employer or employee may appoint another person, organisation or association to accompany and/or represent them for the purposes of this clause.

10.6 While the dispute resolution procedure is being conducted, work must continue in accordance with this award and the Act. Subject to applicable occupational health and safety legislation, an employee must not unreasonably fail to comply with a direction by the employer to perform work, whether at the same or another workplace, that is safe and appropriate for the employee to perform.

11. Dispute resolution training leave

11.1 Subject to clauses 11.7, 11.8, and 11.9 an eligible employee representative is entitled to, and the employer must grant, up to five days training leave with pay to attend courses which are directed at the enhancement of the operation of the dispute resolution procedure including its operation in connection with this award and with the Act, or with any relevant collective agreement which provides it is to be read in conjunction with this award.

11.2 An eligible employee representative must give the employer six weeks notice of the employee representative's intention to attend such courses and the leave to be taken, or such shorter period of notice as the employer may agree to accept.

11.3 The notice to the employer must include details of the type, content and duration of the course to be attended.

- 11.4** The taking of such leave must be arranged having regard to the operational requirements of the employer so as to minimise any adverse effect on those requirements.
- 11.5** An eligible employee representative taking such leave must be paid the wages the employee would have received in respect of the ordinary time the employee would have worked had they not been on leave during the relevant period.
- 11.6** Leave of absence granted pursuant to this clause counts as service for all purposes of this award.
- 11.7** For the purpose of determining the entitlement of employee representatives to dispute resolution procedure training leave, an **eligible employee representative** is an employee:
- (a) who is a shop steward, a delegate, or an employee representative duly elected or appointed by the employees in an enterprise or workplace generally or collectively for all or part of an enterprise or workplace for the purpose of representing those employees in the dispute resolution procedure; and
 - (b) who is within the class and number of employee representatives entitled from year to year to take paid dispute resolution procedure training leave according to the following quota table:

Number of employees employed by the employer in an enterprise or workplace	Maximum number of eligible employee representatives entitled per year
5–15	1
16–30	2
31–50	3
51–90	4
More than 90	5

- 11.8** Where the number of eligible employee representatives exceeds the quota at any particular time for a relevant enterprise or workplace, priority of entitlement for the relevant year must be resolved by agreement between those entitled, or if not agreed, be given to the more senior of the employee representatives otherwise eligible who seeks leave.
- 11.9** For purposes of applying the quota table, **employees employed by the employer in an enterprise or workplace** are full-time, part-time or fixed-term employees, or casual employees with six months or more service, covered by this award who are employed by the employer and engaged in the enterprise or workplace to which the procedure established under clause 11—Dispute resolution training leave applies.

Part 3—Types of Employment and Termination of Employment

12. Full-time employment

An employer may employ an employee on a full-time basis of 38 hours per week.

13. Part-time employment

[Varied by [PR542901](#), [PR563434](#)]

13.1 A part-time employee is an employee who is a day or shiftworker and:

- (a) works less than full-time hours of 38 hours per week;
- (b) has predictable hours of work; and
- (c) receives on a pro rata basis, equivalent pay and conditions of those full-time employees who do the same kind of work.

13.2 Incidents of part-time employment

- (a) A part-time employee may be employed in any skill level of this award.
- (b) At the time of engagement the employer and part-time employee will agree in writing on a regular pattern of work, specifying at least the hours worked each day, which days of the week the employee will work and the actual starting and finishing times each day.

13.3 Any variation to the regular pattern of work must be agreed and recorded in writing in accordance with clause 8.1.

13.4 An employer is required to roster a part-time employee for a minimum of three consecutive hours on any day or any shift.

13.5 An employee who does not meet the definition of part-time employee and who is not a full-time employee will be paid as a casual employee.

13.6 All time worked in excess of the hours mutually agreed will be overtime and paid for at the rates prescribed in clause 39—Overtime rates.

13.7 A part-time employee must be paid at least:

- (a) if time workers: at the rate of 1/38th of the weekly wage prescribed for the appropriate skill level for the work performed; or
- (b) if payment by results workers: at the appropriate payment by results system rate in accordance with clause 23—Payment by results (PBR), provided that the payment is not less than the hourly rate for their skill level for the time worked.

13.8 An employer must not require a part-time employee to attend for duty more than once on any one day.

[13.9 varied by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13, [PR563434](#) ppc 11May15]

13.9 When calculating an employee's pro rata entitlement to annual leave and personal/carer's leave, they must be paid in proportion to the average number of ordinary hours worked in the previous 12 months. If there is not a 12 month period of employment then the calculation will be based on the average number of ordinary hours worked each week for the actual period of employment.

- 13.10** Where a part-time employee works on a public holiday payment will be calculated in accordance with clause 43—Public holidays.

[13.11 substituted by [PR563434](#) ppc 11May15]

- 13.11** Where an employee and their employer agree in writing, part-time employment may be converted to full-time and vice-versa. If such an employee transfers from full-time to part-time (or vice-versa), all accrued award and legislative entitlements will be maintained. Following transfer to part-time employment accrual will occur in accordance with the provisions relevant to part-time employment.

Following transfer to full-time employment accrual will occur in accordance with the provisions relevant to full-time employment. At the request of the employee, the employer must provide to the employee written confirmation of the quantum of the employee's leave entitlements as at the date of conversion.

Note: The *Fair Work Regulations 2009* contain obligations in relation to the making and retention of employee records.

14. Casual employment

[Varied by [PR542901](#)]

- 14.1** A casual employee is an employee who is engaged in relieving work or work of a casual, irregular or intermittent nature, but does not include an employee who could properly be classified as a full-time or part-time employee.
- 14.2** A casual employee must be notified at their initial engagement of their employment category and when their employment status changes.
- 14.3** A casual employee will be paid per hour 1/38th of the weekly award wage prescribed for the relevant classification plus a loading of 25%.
- 14.4** On each occasion a casual employee is required to work, they are entitled to a minimum payment for three hours work.
- 14.5** Casual employees are entitled to penalty payments for overtime, shiftwork and work on public holidays in accordance with the provisions of this award as they apply to permanent employees.
- 14.6** Casual employees must be paid at the end of each day, but may agree to be paid weekly.
- 14.7** Casual employees are entitled to all provisions of this Award including overtime and superannuation and excluding annual leave, sick leave and public holidays.
- 14.8** An employer must not require a casual employee to attend for duty more than once on any day.
- 14.9** A casual employee will be engaged by the hour. Employment can be terminated by either the giving of one hour's notice by either party or the payment or forfeiture of one hour's wages.

14.10 Conversion of casuals

The employer will take all reasonable steps to provide its employees with secure employment by maximising the number of permanent positions in the employer's workforce, in particular by ensuring that casual employees have an opportunity to elect to become full-time or part-time employees.

- (a) A casual employee engaged by a particular employer on a regular and systematic basis for a sequence of periods of employment under this award during a calendar period of six months will thereafter have the right to elect to have their ongoing contract of employment converted to permanent full-time employment or part-time employment if the employment is to continue beyond the conversion process prescribed by this subclause.
- (b) Every employer of such a casual employee must give the employee notice in writing of the provisions of this subclause within four weeks of the employee having attained such period of six months. However, the employee retains their right of election under this subclause if the employer fails to comply with this notice requirement.
- (c) Any casual employee who has a right to elect upon receiving notice or after the expiry of the time for giving such notice, may give four weeks' notice in writing to the employer that the employee seeks to elect to convert their ongoing contract of employment to full-time or part-time employment, and within four weeks of receiving such notice from the employee, the employer must consent to or refuse the election, but will not unreasonably so refuse.
- (d) Where an employer refuses an election to convert, the reasons for doing so must be fully stated and discussed with the employee concerned, and a genuine attempt will be made to reach agreement.
- (e) Any casual employee who does not, within four weeks of receiving written notice from the employer, elect to convert their ongoing contract of employment to full-time employment or part-time employment will be deemed to have elected against any such conversion.
- (f) Once a casual employee has elected to become and been converted to a full-time employee or a part-time employee, the employee may only revert to casual employment by written agreement with the employer.
- (g) If a casual employee has elected to have their contract of employment converted to full-time or part-time employment, the employer and employee will, in accordance with this paragraph, and subject to clause 14.10(c), discuss and agree upon:
 - (i) whether the employee will convert to full-time or part-time employment; and

[14.10(g)(ii) varied by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

- (ii) if it is agreed that the employee will become a part-time employee, the number of hours and the pattern of hours that will be worked consistent with any other part-time employment provisions of this award.

Provided that an employee who has worked on a full-time basis throughout the period of casual employment has the right to elect to convert their contract of employment to full-time employment and an employee who has worked on a part-time basis during the period of casual employment has the right to elect to convert their contract of employment to part-time employment, on the basis of the same number of hours and times of work as previously worked, unless other arrangements are agreed between the employer and the employee.

- (h) Following an agreement being reached the employee will convert to full-time or part-time employment.
- (i) An employee must not be engaged and re-engaged, dismissed or replaced in order to avoid any obligation under this clause.

15. Juniors

[15 varied by [PR563434](#) ppc 11May15]

An employer may employ junior employees and must pay juniors in accordance with clause 20.10.

16. Apprentices

[Varied by [PR988362](#) ppc 01Jan10, [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13, , [PR563434](#) ppc 11May15]

An employer may engage an apprentice in accordance with Schedule G—Apprentices and must pay apprentices in accordance with clauses 20.8—Apprentice rates and 20.9—Adult apprentice rates.

17. Outwork and related provisions

[Varied by [PR988362](#)]

[17.1 varied by [PR993032](#) ppc 18Feb10]

- 17.1** Arrangements (including for the engagement of outworkers) must be made by Principals in accordance with Schedule F—Outwork and Related Provisions.
- 17.2** Nothing in this award will operate (or is intended to operate) to cover the field (or otherwise displace or reduce the scope of jurisdiction) occupied (or exercised immediately prior to the time of the making of this award) by State legislative regulation of any party which enters into any arrangement for the performance of work outside the business or commercial premises of the party (including arrangements for the performance of work for the party by outworkers).
- 17.3** In particular nothing in this award will operate (or is intended to operate) to reduce the scope of application (immediately prior to the time of making this award) of the following State legislative instruments and provisions:
 - (a) *Industrial Relations Act 1996* (NSW) (as amended):

sections 129A–129J inclusive (and other provisions of this or any other legislation which are necessary or incidental to the operation of these provisions);

- (b) *Industrial Relations (Ethical Clothing Trades) Act 2001* (NSW);
- (c) *NSW Ethical Clothing Trades Extended Responsibility Scheme 2005*;
- (d) *Fair Work Act 1994* (SA) (as amended);

sections 99A–99J inclusive (and other provisions of this or any other legislation which are necessary or incidental to the operation of these provisions);

- (e) *Fair Work (Clothing Outworker Code of Practice) Regulations 2007* (SA);
- (f) *Industrial Relations Act 1999* (Qld) (as amended);

sections 8C and 400A–400I inclusive (and other provisions of this or any other legislation which are necessary or incidental to the operation of these provisions);

- (g) *Industrial Relations Act 1984* (Tas) (as amended);

section 3 inclusive (and any other provisions of this or any other legislation which are necessary or incidental to the operation of these provisions);

- (h) *Outworker (Improved Protection) Act 2003* (Vic) (as amended) and any other provisions of this or any other legislation which are necessary or incidental to the operation of this provision; and/or
- (i) *Outworker (Improved Protection) Amendment Act 2005* (Vic) (as amended) and other provisions of this or any other legislation which are necessary or incidental to the operation of this provision.

18. Termination of employment

18.1 Notice of termination is provided for in the NES.

18.2 Notice of termination by an employee

The notice of termination required to be given by an employee is the same as that required of an employer except that there is no requirement on the employee to give additional notice based on the age of the employee concerned. If an employee fails to give the required notice the employer may withhold from any monies due to the employee on termination under this award or the NES, an amount not exceeding the amount the employee would have been paid under this award in respect of the period of notice required by this clause less any period of notice actually given by the employee.

18.3 Job search entitlement

Where an employer has given notice of termination to an employee, an employee must be allowed up to one day's time off without loss of pay for the purpose of

seeking other employment. The time off is to be taken at times that are convenient to the employee after consultation with the employer.

19. Redundancy

[Varied by [PR994546](#), [PR503619](#), [PR561478](#)]

19.1 Redundancy pay is provided for in the NES.

[19.2 varied by [PR994546](#) from 01Jan10]

19.2 In this clause **small employer** means an employer to whom Subdivision B—Redundancy Pay of Division 11 of the NES does not apply because of the provisions of s.121(1)(b) of the Act.

19.3 Redundancy pay—employees of a small employer

[19.3 substituted by [PR994546](#) from 01Jan10]

Despite the terms of s.121(1)(b) of the Act, the remaining provisions of Subdivision B—Redundancy pay of Division 11 of the NES apply in relation to an employee of a small employer in the clothing industry as defined in clause 3.1 above except that the amount of redundancy pay to which such an employee may be entitled must be calculated in accordance with the following table:

Period of continuous service	Severance pay
Less than 1 year	Nil
At least 1 year but less than 2 years	4 weeks' pay
At least 2 years but less than 3 years	6 weeks' pay
At least 3 years but less than 4 years	7 weeks' pay
At least 4 years and over	8 weeks' pay

[19.4 deleted by [PR994546](#) from 01Jan10]

19.4 Transfer to lower paid duties

[19.5 renumbered as 19.4 by [PR994546](#) from 01Jan10]

Where an employee is transferred to lower paid duties by reason of redundancy, the same period of notice must be given as the employee would have been entitled to if the employment had been terminated and the employer may, at the employer's option, make payment instead of an amount equal to the difference between the former ordinary time rate of pay and the ordinary time rate of pay for the number of weeks of notice still owing.

19.5 Employee leaving during notice period

[19.6 renumbered as 19.5 by [PR994546](#) from 01Jan10]

An employee given notice of termination in circumstances of redundancy may terminate their employment during the period of notice. The employee is entitled to receive the benefits and payments they would have received under this clause had

they remained in employment until the expiry of the notice, but is not entitled to payment instead of notice.

19.6 Job search entitlement

[19.7 renumbered as 19.6 by [PR994546](#) from 01Jan10]

- (a) An employee given notice of termination in circumstances of redundancy must be allowed up to one day's time off without loss of pay during each week of notice for the purpose of seeking other employment.
- (b) If the employee has been allowed paid leave for more than one day during the notice period for the purpose of seeking other employment, the employee must, at the request of the employer, produce proof of attendance at an interview or they will not be entitled to payment for the time absent. For this purpose a statutory declaration is sufficient.
- (c) This entitlement applies instead of clause 18.3.

19.7 Transitional provisions – NAPSA employees

[19.8 renumbered as 19.7 and substituted by [PR994546](#); renamed by [PR503619](#); deleted by [PR561478](#) ppc 05Mar15]

19.8 Transitional provisions – Division 2B State employees

[19.8 inserted by [PR503619](#); deleted by [PR561478](#) ppc 05Mar15]

Part 4—Rates of Pay and Related Matters

20. Classifications

[Varied by [PR988362](#), [PR994546](#), [PR997898](#), [PR509048](#), [PR522879](#), [PR536682](#), [PR542901](#), [PR544315](#), [PR551605](#), [PR566685](#)]

20.1 General

[20.1 varied by [PR997898](#), [PR509048](#), [PR522879](#), [PR536682](#), [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13, [PR551605](#), [PR566685](#) ppc 01Jul15]

Employees will be classified in accordance with this clause and Schedule B (Classifications/Skill Levels).

Subject to a request by an employee, an employer must advise employees in writing of their classification at the time of commencement and any change to their classification during the course of their employment.

Classification/Skill Level	Minimum weekly wage
	\$
Trainee	656.90
1	675.90
2	701.80

3	725.90
4	764.90
5 and thereafter	812.80

20.2 Wool and basil employees

[20.2 varied by [PR997898](#), [PR509048](#), [PR522879](#), [PR536682](#), [PR551605](#), [PR566685](#) ppc 01Jul15]

Classification/Skill Level	Minimum weekly wage
	\$
General hand	656.90
Operator - Grade 3	675.90
Operator - Grade 2	701.50
Operator - Grade 1	727.40
Senior Operator - Grade 2	764.90
Senior Operator - Grade 1	788.80

20.3 Storeworker

[20.3 varied by [PR997898](#), [PR509048](#), [PR522879](#), [PR536682](#), [PR551605](#), [PR566685](#) ppc 01Jul15]

Classification/Skill Level	Minimum weekly wage
	\$
Storeworker Grade 1	
On commencement	701.80
After 3 months	710.50
After 12 months	719.10
Storeworker Grade 2	725.80
Storeworker Grade 3	747.20
Storeworker Grade 4	768.90

20.4 Fork-lift driver and tow motor driver rates of pay

The rates of pay for fork-lift drivers and tow motor drivers will be Skill Level 3.

20.5 High rise stacker operator

The rates of pay of the high rise stacker operator will be 2.41% of the SR more than the award rates of pay for the Skill Level 3.

20.6 Pedestrian fork-lift operator

[20.6 varied by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

When any pedestrian fork-lift is used for the loading or unloading of vehicles or trucks the operator of such pedestrian fork-lift will be paid 0.97% of the [standard rate](#) less than Skill Level 3.

20.7 Warehouse employees—rates of pay

The rates of pay of the warehouse employee will be \$6.00 less than the rates of pay for the storeworker set out in clause 20.3.

20.8 Apprentice rates

[20.8 substituted by [PR544315](#) ppc 01Jan14]

- (a) The minimum weekly rates of pay to be paid to apprentices who commenced before 1 January 2014 will be as follows:

	% of General Skill Level 4
1st year	50
2nd year	65
3rd year	75
4th year	85
Thereafter	Appropriate adult rate

- (b) The minimum weekly rates of pay to be paid to apprentices who commenced on or after 1 January 2014 will be as follows:

	% of General Skill Level 4 for apprentices who have not completed year 12	% of General Skill Level 4 for apprentices who have completed year 12
1st year	50	55
2nd year	65	65
3rd year	75	75
4th year	85	85
Thereafter	Appropriate adult rate	Appropriate adult rate

- (c) The total wage must be calculated to the nearest five cents.
- (d) The weekly rate for an apprentice will not be less than the rate for a junior of the same age.

20.9 Adult apprentice rates

[20.9 substituted by [PR544315](#) ppc 01Jan14]

- (a) Where a person was employed by an employer immediately before becoming an adult apprentice with that employer, such person will not suffer a reduction in actual rate of pay by virtue of becoming indentured.
- (b) The minimum weekly rates of pay to be paid to adult apprentices who commenced before 1 January 2014 will be as follows:

	% of General Skill Level 4
1st year	82

% of General Skill Level 4

2nd year	87
3rd year	92
4th year	100

- (c) The minimum weekly rates of pay to be paid to an adult apprentice who commenced on or after 1 January 2014 will be either the following percentage of General Skill Level 4 in the table below, the rate prescribed by clause 20.1 for the relevant year of the apprenticeship, or, in the case only of adult apprentices in the second or subsequent years of their apprenticeship, the rate for the lowest adult classification in clause 20.1, whichever is the greater.

% of General Skill Level 4

1st year	82
2nd year	87
3rd year	92
4th year	100

- (d) An adult apprentice who enters their apprenticeship at an advanced stage will be deemed, for the purpose of calculating the appropriate wage rate, to have completed the period by which they have been advanced.
- (e) Progress to the next rate of wage will occur when the balance of the year to which they have been advanced in their apprenticeship is completed.

20.10 Junior rates

- (a) The minimum award rates to be paid to junior employees, other than apprentices will be as follows:

Age	% of General Skill Level 2
At 16 years and under	55
At 17 years	65
At 18 years	75
At 19 years	80
At 20 years	90
At 21 years	Appropriate adult rate

- (b) The total wage must be calculated to the nearest five cents.

20.11 Supported wage system

See Schedule D

20.12 National training wage

[20.12 inserted by [PR994546](#) from 01Jan10]

See Schedule E

21. Payment of wages

Wages will be paid weekly and no later than Thursday of any particular week. Wages may be by cash or electronic funds transfer (EFT).

22. Higher Duties

[22—Mixed functions renamed as Higher duties by [PR994546](#) from 01Jan10]

22.1 An employee who is required to do work for which a higher rate is fixed than that provided for their ordinary duties must, if such work exceeds a total of two hours on any day, be paid for all work done on such day at the higher rate.

22.2 In all other cases the employee must be paid the higher rate for the actual time worked.

23. Payment by results (PBR)

[Varied by [PR542901](#), [PR563434](#)]

23.1 Introduction of payment by results system

- (a) An employer may maintain, alter or institute a system of individual or group payment by results consistent with the skills based classification structure, subject only to the provisions and limitations set out in this clause.
- (b) If an employee employed on a system of PBR is prevented from working at their PBR rates because of:
 - (i) machinery breakdown;
 - (ii) shortage of materials, or lack of work;
 - (iii) transfer to other duties for which no PBR rates are available; or
 - (iv) transfer to other duties at which the operators are insufficiently skilled to earn in excess of their skill level time rates;

the employee must be paid their PBR rate applicable to their skill level and the time rate for their skill level.

23.2 Calculation of PBR earnings

- (a) The employer must calculate the minute pay rate for each standard time minute by dividing the total award wage for the appropriate skill level by 2280 wherever appropriate.
- (b) The employer may depart from this clause with the consent of the majority of employees provided that agreement is in accordance with clause 8.3.
- (c) Any proposal which is put to employees must be reduced to a written form for their consideration prior to the taking of a vote.

- (d) Where an employer is currently paying a bonus minute rate higher than the above, the higher rate must continue to be applied and must be increased in accordance with any variation in the relevant skill level wage rate.
- (e) An employer must calculate the payment by results earnings of an employee in accordance with clause 23.2(a) or (d) by multiplying the minute pay rate by the excess of the standard time produced over real time worked under payment by results.
- (f) The employer must pay the worker their PBR earnings calculated in accordance with clause 23.2(a) or (d) in addition to the total award wage appropriate to the employee's skill level.

23.3 Objective when setting time standard

An employer may fix or alter a time standard in respect of any textile product or part of a textile product, or any article or part of an article provided such time standard is set:

- in accordance with clause 23.6; and
- to enable adult employees of average capacity in any given period to earn at least 20% more than the total award rate for their respective skill level.

23.4 Each day stands alone

Where an employee earns payment by results earnings for work performed in any day, such earnings must be credited to the employee and must not be reduced because the employee fails to earn payment by results earnings in any other day.

23.5 Apprentices and juniors

An apprentice or junior must have their task set and be deemed to be producing bonus minutes when they have produced that number of minutes in proportion to the ordinary daily adult task or number of minutes as their rate of pay is in proportion to the appropriate adult minimum award rate.

23.6 Fixing time standards

An employer must calculate the time standard allowed for the performance of work in accordance with the following procedure:

- (a) An employer must consult with the PBR employees who must be given adequate opportunity to consult their union or representative prior to the finalisation of any time standard fixed under this clause.
- (b) An employer must provide to the PBR employees the basis upon which the payment by results system is calculated, including appropriate allowances and the likely weekly earnings on such time standard.

23.7 Alteration of time standards

[23.7 substituted by [PR563434](#) ppc 11May15]

Once a time standard has been fixed under this clause, it must not be altered except where any of the following circumstances occur:

- there is a change in the manufacturing methods;
- there is a change in the materials used;
- there is a change in the machines or equipment used;
- to correct an agreed error in the existing time standard; or
- by agreement between the employer and the PBR employees, in accordance with clause 8.3. Any proposal which is put to employees must be reduced to a written form for their consideration prior to the taking of a vote.

23.8 Posting of time standards

- (a) An employer must clearly display a copy of the time standard for each PBR operation in each work area in each enterprise. The copy of the time standard must be updated within 24 hours of any changes to the time standards.
- (b) The employer must also display in each work area in each enterprise a conversion table to enable an employee to convert time standards into monetary amounts.

23.9 Recording of time standard

- (a) Once a time standard has been fixed in accordance with this clause, it must be recorded in the time and wage book and each affected employee given a copy.
- (b) Where an employee has worked part of the week on PBR, they will be entitled to their earnings in full for the actual time worked on PBR if the earnings are higher than the appropriate award rate for such time.
- (c) As far as practicable, different grades of work will be equitably divided between PBR employees.

[23.9(d) varied by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

- (d) An employee operating under this clause who also instructs a trainee must receive in addition to their payment by results earnings:
 - 0.9% of [standard rate](#) for the first week;
 - 0.8% of [standard rate](#) for their second week; and
 - 0.71% of [standard rate](#) for their third or any subsequent weeks.

Any amounts contained in this subclause will be calculated to the nearest 10 cents, any fraction below five cents to be disregarded.

- (e) Weavers who commence work on a warp must be provided with the following details in writing:
 - the particulars of the class of work;
 - the number of picks per centimetre length of cut;
 - speed of loom; and

- the price per cut.

23.10 Payment for overtime

- (a) An adult or junior employee working under a piecework system who is asked to perform work after or before the usual starting or finishing time on any day Monday to Friday inclusive, must be paid in addition to their normal payment by results rate:
- (i) for the first three hours on any one of such days, at the rate per hour equivalent to 1/76th of the weekly award rate prescribed for an adult employee employed on the same work;
 - (ii) for any overtime beyond those three hours on any one of such days, at the rate per hour equivalent to 1/38th of the weekly award rate prescribed for an adult employee employed on the same work.
- (b) juniors under 18 years of age, who work more than 10 hours in a week must be paid for such overtime at the rate prescribed.

23.11 Training

An employer implementing a PBR system under this clause must provide each employee with appropriate training to ensure that individual performance is the only variable distinguishing employees within a skill level.

Part 5—Allowances

24. General

To view the current monetary amounts of work-related allowances refer to the [Allowances Sheet](#).

[Varied by [PR994546](#), [PR998125](#), [PR503619](#), [PR509170](#), [PR523000](#), [PR536803](#), [PR542901](#), [PR551726](#), [PR561478](#), [PR566827](#), [PR571846](#)]

24.1 Adjustment of expense related allowances

At the time of any adjustment to the [standard rate](#), each expense related allowance must be increased by the relevant adjustment factor. The relevant adjustment factor for this purpose is the percentage movement in the applicable index figure most recently published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics since the allowance was last adjusted.

The applicable index figure is the index figure published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics for the Eight Capitals Consumer Price Index (Cat No. 6401.0), as follows:

Allowance	Applicable Consumer Price Index figure
Meal allowance	Take away and fast foods sub-group

24.2 Accident pay

[24.2(a) varied by [PR994546](#); substituted by [PR503619](#); deleted by [PR561478](#) ppc 05Mar15; new 24.2 inserted by [PR571846](#) ppc 15Oct15]

(a) Definitions

For the purpose of this clause, the following definitions will apply.

- (i) **Accident pay** means a weekly payment made to an employee by the employer that is the difference between:
 - (A) the weekly amount of compensation paid to an employee pursuant to the applicable workers' compensation legislation: and
 - (B) the total weekly award rate applicable to the classification of the employee under this award (not including over award payments, shift loadings, overtime, incentive earnings under any system of payment by results, penalty rates and any other ancillary payments payable by the employer).
- (ii) **Injury** will be given the same meaning and application as applying under the applicable workers' compensation legislation covering the employee.

(b) Entitlement to accident pay

The employer must pay accident pay where an employee suffers an injury and weekly payments of compensation are paid to the employee under the applicable workers' compensation legislation for a maximum of 26 weeks.

(c) Calculation of the period

- (i) The 26 week period commences from the date of injury. In the event of more than one absence arising from one injury, such absences are to be cumulative in the assessment of the 26 week period.
- (ii) In the case of the termination by the employer of an employee who is receiving accident pay, accident pay shall continue to apply subject to the provisions of this clause except where the termination is due to serious and/or wilful misconduct on behalf of the employee.
- (iii) For a period of less than one week, accident pay (as defined) will be calculated on a pro rata basis.

(d) When not entitled to payment

An employee will not be entitled to any payment under this clause in respect of any period of paid annual leave, or long service leave, or for any paid public holiday.

(e) Return to work

If an employee entitled to accident pay under this clause returns to work on reduced hours or to perform modified duties, the amount of accident pay will be reduced by any amounts paid for the performance of such work.

(f) Superannuation

An employer shall pay superannuation contributions (clause 44—Superannuation of this award) to an employee receiving accident pay in accordance with this clause.

(g) Redemptions

In the event that an employee receives a lump sum payment in lieu of weekly payments under the applicable workers' compensation legislation, the liability of the employer to pay accident pay will cease from the date the employee receives that payment.

(h) Casual employees

For a casual employee the weekly payment referred to in clause 24.2(a) will be calculated using the employee's average weekly ordinary hours with the employer over the previous 12 months or, if the employee has been employed for less than 12 months by the employer, the employee's average weekly ordinary hours over the period of employment with the employer. The weekly payment will include casual loading but will not include over award payments, shift loadings, overtime, incentive earnings under any system of payment by results, penalty rates and any other ancillary payments payable by the employer.

(i) Other

All other provisions of the applicable workers' compensation legislation will apply.

24.3 Protective gloves or cream

[24.4 renumbered as 24.2 by [PR561478](#); 24.2 renumbered as 24.3 by [PR571846](#) ppc 15Oct15]

Where the employer requires an employee to provide protective gloves or a protective cream to handle chemicals, solvents, solutions or dyes, the employer must reimburse the employee for the actual cost of providing such equipment. The provision of this clause will not apply where the employer supplies such items without cost to the employee.

24.3 District allowances

[24.3 varied by [PR994546](#); deleted by [PR561478](#) ppc 05Mar15]

24.4 Meal allowance

[24.5 varied by [PR998125](#), [PR509170](#), [PR523000](#), [PR536803](#), [PR551726](#); 24.5 renumbered as 24.3 by [PR561478](#); varied by [PR566827](#) ppc 01Jul15; 24.3 renumbered as 24.4 by [PR571846](#) ppc 15Oct15]

Where an employee is required by an employer to work overtime:

- Monday to Friday inclusive; and
- for more than one hour after the usual finishing time or after 6.00 pm, which ever is the later:

an employer must pay the meal allowance of \$12.09. The provisions of this clause do not apply if the employer provides an adequate recognised evening meal.

24.5 First aid attendant allowance

[24.6 varied by [PR542901](#); 24.6 renumbered as 24.4 by [PR561478](#), 24.4 renumbered as 24.5 by [PR571846](#) ppc 15Oct15]

Where an employee is appointed by the employer to be a first aid attendant and holds relevant first aid qualifications the following allowance will apply:

Number of employees at the workplace	Allowance per week % of standard rate
1 to 50 employees	1.78
51 employees or more	2.24

24.6 Leading hand allowance

[24.7 varied by [PR542901](#); 24.7 renumbered as 24.5 by [PR561478](#), 24.5 renumbered as 24.6 by [PR571846](#) ppc 15Oct15]

In charge of	Allowance per week % of standard rate
3 to 10 employees	3.96
11 to 20 employees	6.00
21 or more employees	7.60

24.7 Hospital allowance

[24.8 renumbered as 24.6 by [PR561478](#), 24.6 renumbered as 24.7 by [PR571846](#) ppc 15Oct15]

An employee who suffers an injury arising out of and in the course of their employment, which does not give rise to an entitlement to workers compensation and which necessitates the employee's attendance during working hours at a doctor or hospital, is entitled to reimbursement by the employer for all expenses reasonably incurred in connection with such attendance.

24.8 Uniform allowance

[24.9 renumbered as 24.7 by [PR561478](#), 24.7 renumbered as 24.8 by [PR571846](#) ppc 15Oct15]

Where the employer requires an employee to wear a uniform, the employer must reimburse the employee for the actual cost of providing and cleaning such uniform. The provision of this clause will not apply where the employer supplies and cleans the uniform without cost to the employee.

24.9 Tool allowance

[24.10 renumbered as 24.8 by [PR561478](#), 24.8 renumbered as 24.9 ppc 15Oct15]

Where the employer requires an employee to provide all tools necessary for the work to be performed, the employer must reimburse the employee for the actual cost of providing such equipment. The provision of this clause will not apply where the employer supplies such items without cost to the employee.

24.10 Protective clothing allowance

[24.11 renumbered as 24.9 by [PR561478](#), 24.9 renumbered as 24.10 by [PR571846](#) ppc 15Oct15]

Where the employer requires the employee to wear protective clothing as stipulated by the relevant law operating in a State or Territory covered by this award, the employer must reimburse the employee for the cost of purchasing such special clothing. The provisions of this clause will not apply where the employer supplies such items without cost to the employee.

25. Clothing industry allowances

[25 varied by [PR542901](#)]

25.1 Head of table allowance

[25.1 varied by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

An employee who is the head of a table or bench of machines in charge of four or more employees must be paid as follows:

In charge of	Allowance per week % of standard rate
If working in connection with order tailoring or order dress making	2.7
For all others	1.95

25.2 Dining room allowance

[25.2 varied by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

An employer must pay an employee a disability allowance of 0.65% of [standard rate](#) per day if adequate and appropriate dining facilities are not provided.

25.3 Rest room allowance

[25.3 varied by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

An employer must pay an employee a disability allowance of 0.65% of [standard rate](#) per day if adequate and appropriate rest room facilities are not provided.

26. Textile industry allowances

[Varied by [PR994546](#), [PR542901](#)]

[26.1 varied by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

26.1 Instructor means an employee trained as an instructor and appointed by management to instruct employees in the duties of their skill level classifications.

An instructor will be paid 2.65% of [standard rate](#) per week which will be treated as part of their wage for all purposes of the award except incentive payments. This extra rate will not apply to employees covered by payment by results.

26.2 Blending allowance

[26.2 varied by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

An employee employed as a blender or blending machine attendant who in the course of duty is required to blend cow hair, goat hair, angora rabbit hair and/or rabbit kemp with other fibres, will be paid an additional allowance at the rate of 2.90% of [standard rate](#) per week whilst so engaged.

26.3 Cards allowance

[26.3 varied by [PR994546](#) from 01Jan10, [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

An employee engaged in hand stripping of cards will be paid 0.17% of the [standard rate](#) per complete set in addition to an employee's ordinary rate of pay which will be for all purposes of the award.

26.4 Change of shift allowance

[26.4 varied by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

An employee who is required to change from one shift to another without two working days' notice of such change of shifts will be paid 2.8% of the [standard rate](#) extra as compensation per occasion, but this will not apply during any period where power restrictions are operating.

26.5 Dust allowance

[26.5 varied by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

Employees who in the course of their normal duties in any week are called upon to work in a dust chamber in a cotton mill, will be paid the sum of 1.47% of [standard rate](#) extra for that week.

26.6 Soda-ash allowance

[26.6 varied by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

An allowance of 0.2% of [standard rate](#) per hour will be paid to an employee engaged in loading and unloading soda-ash by hand unless the employer provides the appropriate protective clothing.

26.7 Unwashed rags allowance

[26.7 varied by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

Employees sorting unwashed rags will be paid the sum of 0.44% of [standard rate](#) extra per week as a special allowance.

26.8 Waste Room—willey hands allowance

[26.8 varied by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

Willey hands in waste rooms will be paid 1.32% of [standard rate](#) per week in addition to ordinary rates.

26.9 Wool waste and rags—picking-over allowance

[26.9 varied by [PR994546](#) from 01Jan10, [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

For picking-over bales of wool waste or rags which are in an offensive or obnoxious condition, an employee will be paid 0.16% of the [standard rate](#) per bale, in addition to their ordinary pay.

26.10 Flax scutcher allowance

[26.10 varied by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

Employees operating flax scutchers, tow on breaker and finisher cares will be paid an additional allowance at the rate of 1.21% of [standard rate](#) per week extra.

26.11 Dye house-bleach house allowance

[26.11 varied by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

Employees engaged in dye houses, operators of machines in the wool scouring and wet finishing departments, employees working on liquor tanks in bleaching departments, employees working in the colour kitchen or employees engaged in the washing of screens will be paid an additional allowance at the rate of 1.21% of [standard rate](#) per week. In addition, employees also engaged in the loading or unloading of Kiers or entering vaporloc machines will be paid a further additional allowance at the rate of 0.63% of [standard rate](#) per week.

26.12 Shoddy-shaking machines allowance

[26.12 varied by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

Employees engaged on any type of shoddy-shaking machines in the course of duty will be paid an additional amount at the rate of 2.2% of [standard rate](#) per week as dirt money whilst so engaged.

26.13 Size troughs—sewing threads allowance

[26.13 varied by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

Polisher machine operators engaged in the cleaning of size troughs and brushes in the sewing thread section will be paid an additional 1.45% of [standard rate](#) per week.

26.14 Wool scouring pits allowance

An employee required to clean wool scouring pits which are in an unusually dirty or offensive condition will be paid at 200% ordinary rates whilst employed in the cleaning of the pits.

27. Felt and wadding industry allowances

[27 varied by [PR542901](#)]

27.1 Wet or steamy conditions

[27.1 varied by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

Employees required to work in wet or steamy conditions must be paid an additional 0.06% of the [standard rate](#) per day or part thereof with a maximum of 0.25% of the [standard rate](#) per week.

27.2 Having to wear mask or goggles

[27.2 varied by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

Subject to a maximum of 0.16% of the [standard rate](#) per day, employees required to wear masks/goggles must be paid 0.02% of the [standard rate](#) per hour or part thereof.

Part 6—Hours of Work and Related Matters

28. Hours of work

[28 varied by [PR994546](#) from 01Jan10]

Ordinary hours of work are provided for in Division 3 of the NES.

The average ordinary working hours will be fixed by agreement between the employer and the employees but will not exceed an average of 38 hours per week over a four week period.

29. Spread of hours

Ordinary hours may be worked between 7.00 am and 7.00 pm for up to eight hours per day, Monday to Friday inclusive.

30. Ordinary working hours

[30 substituted by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

- 30.1** An employer must notify an employee of the start and finishing times of work each day which are the ordinary working hours.
- 30.2** In the clothing industry, an employer must clearly display the ordinary working hours in an obvious place in each workplace.
- 30.3** An employer must pay an employee for time worked outside or in excess of ordinary working hours in accordance with clause 39—Overtime rates.

31. Changes to hours

Starting and finishing times may be altered by up to one hour at either end of the spread by agreement between the employer, and a majority of employees in accordance with clause 8.3. The number of hours in a day that may be worked without the payment of overtime may be changed by agreement between the employer, and a majority of employees in accordance with clause 8.3 however the ordinary hours of work must not exceed 10 hours on any day. The starting and/or finishing times in any factory or part of any factory will not be altered without mutual agreement between the employer and majority of employees in accordance with clause 8.3 or after seven days notice to affected employees.

32. Arrangement of working hours including rostered days off

[Varied by [PR542901](#)]

32.1 Where an employer and the majority of employees agree in accordance with clause 8.3 the hours of work, may be worked in accordance with any one of the following methods:

- (a) working shorter hours on one or more days of each week;
- (b) fixing a day on which all employees will be off during particular work cycle;
- (c) roster employees off on various days of the week during a particular work cycle.

[32.2 substituted by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

32.2 An employer must give an employee who is entitled to a rostered day or days off at least four weeks in advance of the weekday the employee is to take off.

- (a) Where an employee, has not accumulated a full day's entitlement when a rostered day off occurs, the employee must receive payment for that day for the actual time accrued.
- (b) Rostered days off may accumulate to a maximum of seven days which must be taken:
 - (i) in one or two continuous periods within one month of accrual; or
 - (ii) by agreement between the employer and a majority of employee's, in accordance with clause 8.3.

32.3 The starting and finishing times, daily working hours and weekly working hours worked under an arrangement, must be regarded as the ordinary working hours and work performed outside or in excess of these hours must be paid under clause 39—Overtime rates.

32.4 An employer and a majority of employees may agree to vary the arrangement of working hours, provided that agreement is in accordance with clause 8.3.

33. Substitution of rostered day off

[Varied by [PR542901](#)]

33.1 In the case of:

- (a) breakdown in machinery, or failure or shortage of electric power; or
- (b) requirements of the business in the event of rush orders; or
- (c) some other emergency situation,

an employer may, by agreement with the majority of employees concerned, substitute the rostered day off agreed to for another day.

[33.2 varied by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

33.2 By agreement with the majority of employees concerned, the employer may substitute the rostered day off agreed to for another day provided in accordance with clause 8.3.

33.3 An individual employee at their initiative may with the agreement of their employer substitute the day the employee is to take off, for another day.

34. Shiftwork—general

34.1 The following shifts may be worked:

- **Day shift** means a shift worked between the hours of 7.00 am and 7.00 pm;
- **Afternoon shift** means a shift finishing after 6.00 pm but not later than midnight;
- **Night shift** means a shift finishing after midnight but not later than 7.00 am.

34.2 The hours during which shifts must be worked may be varied by up to one hour at either end to meet extraordinary circumstances by agreement between an employer and a majority of employees. Such agreement must be in accordance with clause 8.3.

34.3 An employer and a majority of employees may agree to work the hours prescribed for a night shift employee in four shifts. Under any such agreement, all night shift hours worked in excess of nine hours must be paid for at overtime rates, even if they come within the starting and finishing time of a shift.

34.4 As far as practicable, employees will work shifts in rotation.

35. Payment for shiftwork

35.1 A shiftworker while on afternoon or night shift will be paid an additional amount of 15% of the weekly award wage for the classification concerned.

35.2 A shiftworker while on permanent night shift will be paid an additional amount of 30% of the weekly award wage for the classification concerned.

36. Textile industry—shiftwork

36.1 The following shifts may be worked:

Day shift means a shift worked between the hours of 7.00 am and 7.00 pm. Where employees are required to work overtime starting at 6.00 am for a period of four consecutive weeks they will be deemed to be engaged on a morning shift.

Morning shift means a shift commencing at 6.00 am.

Afternoon shift means a shift finishing after 6.00 pm but not later than midnight.

Night shift means a shift finishing after midnight but not later than 8.00 am.

Permanent night shift means a shift which is applicable to an employee who:

- (a) during a period of engagement works night shift only; or
- (b) remains on night shift for a longer period than four consecutive weeks; or
- (c) works on a night shift which does not rotate or alternate with another shift or with day work so as to give the employee at least one third of their working time off night shift in each shift cycle.

36.2 The hours during which shifts must be worked may be varied by up to one hour at either end to meet extraordinary circumstances by agreement between an employer and a majority of employees. Such agreement must be in accordance with clause 8.3.

36.3 An employer and a majority of employees may agree to work the hours prescribed for a night shift employee in four shifts. Under any such agreement, all night shift hours worked in excess of nine hours must be paid for at overtime rates, even if they come within the starting and finishing time of a shift.

36.4 As far as practicable, employees will work shifts in rotation.

36.5 **Payment for shiftwork**

- (a) An employer must pay shiftworkers, other than day shiftworkers, in addition to their ordinary rate of pay, a penalty loading of 15% of one-fifth of the weekly rate for Skill Level 2, per shift worked.
- (b) An employer must pay employees engaged on a permanent night shift, in addition to their ordinary rate of pay, a penalty loading of 30% of one-fifth of the weekly rate for Skill Level 2 per shift worked.
- (c) Shift penalties must be calculated to the nearest cent.
- (d) All time worked by a shiftworker (other than a seven day continuous shiftworker) between midnight on Sunday and 7.00 am on Monday must be paid for at the rate of time and a half for the first three hours and double time thereafter.
- (e) Where an employee begins the week's work on Sunday night, the employee will receive double time for all work performed on Sunday. However an employer and the majority of employees in an enterprise or part of an enterprise may agree to arrange shifts so that they commence on Sunday night

instead of Monday with ordinary rates to be paid for Sunday work provided that agreement is in accordance with clause 8.3.

- (f) An employee who is required to change from one shift to another without two working days notice of such change of shifts will be paid an allowance in accordance with clause 26.4 as compensation. This allowance will not apply during any period where power restrictions are operating.

36.6 Employees under 18 years

Employees under 18 years of age are prohibited from working after 11.00 pm but may work between the hours of 6.00 am and 11.00 pm provided that they are paid the shift penalty in clause 35—Payment for shiftwork.

No employees under 16 years of age will be employed before 7.00 am.

36.7 Shiftwork and public holidays

- (a) Shiftworkers may be required to work until the completion of their shifts on a public holiday without payment at holiday rates. Provided that those employees are not required to work on the night shift commencing on a public holiday.
- (b) Where a public holiday prescribed by this award is observed on a Monday, shiftworkers may be given time off on the shift commencing on the Sunday night before the holiday and will then be required to work on the usual night shift commencing on the public holiday without additional pay.
- (c) Where an employee works two complete shifts on a public holiday, both shifts will be paid for as holiday shifts.
- (d) Except for the regular change over of shifts, no employee will be required to change from one shift to another without a break of at least 12 hours.

37. Textile industry—seven day continuous shiftwork

[Varied by [PR993032](#), [PR542901](#)]

Seven day continuous shiftwork means work carried out with consecutive shifts of employees throughout the 24 hours of each of the seven days of the week without interruption except during breakdowns or due to unavoidable causes beyond the control of the employer.

Except where provided otherwise in this clause, all the provisions of the award will apply to seven day continuous shiftworkers.

37.1 Sick pay

Where the ordinary hours of a roster provide for a rostered overtime shift then employees will be entitled to claim sickness benefits at ordinary rates for absences occurring through illness on the rostered overtime shifts.

37.2 Overtime

Overtime work performed by seven day continuous shiftworkers must be paid at the rate of double time.

37.3 Work on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays

[37.3(a) varied by [PR993032](#) ppc 18Feb10]

- (a) Where a seven day continuous shiftworker works a rostered shift, the major portion of which is performed on a Saturday, the employee must be paid at the rate of time and a half for the whole shift.
- (b) Where a seven day continuous shiftworker works a rostered shift, the major portion of which is performed on Sunday, the employee must be paid at the rate of double time for the whole shift.
- (c) Where a seven day continuous shiftworker works on a rostered shift, the major portion of which is performed on a public holiday, the employee must be paid at the rate of double time for the whole shift.
- (d) Employees who receive the extra rate for work done on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays under this clause are not also entitled to the shift penalty in clause 35—Payment for shiftwork.
- (e) Where a public holiday falls on the rostered day off of a seven day continuous shiftworker who is rostered to work regularly on Sundays and public holidays, the employer may either:
 - (i) pay for that day at ordinary rates, in addition to their ordinary wages; or
 - (ii) add a day to the employee's annual leave.
- (f) This subclause will not apply when the rostered day off falls on a public holiday on a Saturday or Sunday.

[37.3(g) substituted by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

- (g) Notwithstanding anything contained elsewhere in this award in any area where by reason of the legislation of a State, summer time is prescribed as being in advance of the standard time of that State the length of any shift:
 - commencing before the time prescribed by the relevant legislation for the commencement of a summer time period; and
 - commencing on or before the time prescribed by such legislation for the termination of a summer time period,will be deemed to be the number of hours represented by the difference between the time recorded by the clock in each case to be set to the time fixed pursuant to the relevant State legislation.
 - (i) To clarify, a shift may actually be an hour longer or shorter if summer time commences or finishes during a shift without deduction or addition to pay.
 - (ii) In the clause the expressions standard time and summer time will bear the same meaning as are prescribed by the relevant State legislation.

[37.3(h) deleted by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

[37.3(i) deleted by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

[37.3(j) deleted by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

37.4 Hours of work for seven day continuous shiftworkers

- (a) Except as provided below, the ordinary hours of continuous shiftworkers will average 38 hours per week inclusive of crib breaks and must not exceed 152 hours in 28 consecutive days.
- (b) Twenty minutes must be allowed each shift for a meal, which will be counted as time worked.
- (c) Except at the regular change-over of shifts an employee must not be required to work more than one shift in each 24 hours.
- (d) An employer and a majority of employees may agree to arrange ordinary working hours so that the ordinary hours exceed eight hours on any shift, provided that:
 - (i) the ordinary hours on any shift does not exceed 10 hours, inclusive of break periods; and
 - (ii) agreement is reached in accordance with clause 8.3.

37.5 12 hour shifts

[37.5 substituted by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

- (a) 12 hour shifts may be implemented by agreement between an employer and the majority of employees in the enterprise or part of the enterprise concerned, in accordance with clause 8.3, subject to:
 - (i) proper health monitoring procedures being introduced;
 - (ii) suitable roster arrangements being made;
 - (iii) proper supervision being provided;
 - (iv) adequate breaks being provided; and
 - (v) an adequate trial or review process being implemented through the consultative process in accordance with clause 9—Consultation.
- (b) 12 hour shifts may be implemented in accordance with the following requirements:
 - (i) The ordinary hours of shiftworkers must average 38 hours per week, inclusive of rest periods and must not exceed 152 ordinary hours in 28 consecutive days; or
 - (ii) A maximum of 168 hours may be rostered in 28 consecutive days. These hours must be rostered on the basis that no employee will be rostered to work more than four consecutive shifts;

(iii) Payment is to be made on the following basis:

- Monday to Friday—first 10 hours at ordinary rate plus two hours at double time plus shift penalty where appropriate.
- Saturday—time and a half for all hours worked.
- Sunday—double time for all hours worked.

38. Breaks

[Varied by [PR993032](#), [PR542901](#), [PR563434](#)]

38.1 Meal break

- (a) A meal interval of not less than 30 minutes and not more than one hour must be allowed each shift or day.

[38.1(b) varied by [PR563434](#) ppc 11May15]

- (b) If the employer requires an employee (other than a maintenance employee who is required to work through a meal break to rectify a mechanical breakdown) to work through a meal break, the employee must be paid at overtime rates (clause 39) until the break is taken.
- (c) No employee will be required to work for more than five hours without a meal break unless an employer and a majority of employees in an enterprise or part of an enterprise concerned agree to work in excess of five hours but less than six hours without a meal break, provided such agreement is in accordance with clause 8.3.

38.2 Meal Breaks and Shift Workers (textile industry)

[New 38.2 inserted by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

Shift workers in the textile industry are entitled to meal breaks in accordance with clause 38.1, and as follows:

[38.2(a) substituted by [PR563434](#) ppc 11May15]

- (a) Where two eight hour or three eight hour shifts are worked, in lieu of the meal break provided in clause 38.1(a), the employer has the discretion to, as opportunity offers, provide the shift worker a 20 minute paid crib break per shift which shall be counted as time worked.

38.3 Rest break

[38.2 varied by [PR993032](#) ppc 18Feb10; 38.2 renumbered as 38.3 and varied by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

An employer must provide each employee with two paid 10 minute rest periods per day not being adjacent to starting and/or finishing times one of which will occur in the work period prior to the employee's main meal break, and the second to occur in the work period after the employee's main meal break.

39. Overtime rates

[Varied by [PR994546](#), [PR542901](#)]

[39.1 varied by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

39.1 Overtime is all time worked by an employee in excess of an employee's ordinary hours of work or outside the span of hours prescribed.

39.2 Requirement to work reasonable overtime

[39.2 varied by [PR994546](#) from 01Jan10]

Subject to the NES, an employer may require an employee to work reasonable overtime at overtime rates.

39.3 Payment for working overtime

(a) An employer must pay an employee overtime at the rate of:

- (i) 150% for the first three hours; and
- (ii) 200% thereafter.

(b) For the purpose of calculating overtime each day must stand alone.

[39.3(c) varied by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

(c) An employer must pay an employee who is paid under any system of payment by results for any overtime worked:

- (i) for the first two hours, at the rate of 150% of the award rate for their skill level; and
- (ii) for any subsequent hours, at the rate of 200% of the award rate for their skill level;

in addition to the payment by results earnings earned by the worker.

39.4 Weekend work

(a) All work on a Saturday will be paid at 150% of the employees' ordinary rate for the first three hours and 200% thereafter.

(b) All work on a Sunday will be paid at 200% of the employees' ordinary rate.

(c) The ordinary hours of a night shift finishing on Saturday morning will not be subject to overtime rates.

39.5 Time off instead of payment for overtime

(a) An employee may choose, with the consent of the employer, to take time off instead of payment for overtime at a time or times agreed with the employer. This agreement must be in writing. The employee must take the time off within four weeks of working the overtime.

- (b) If an employee takes time off instead of payment for overtime then the time taken off accrues at the same rate as the overtime payment.

40. Breaks, rests and meal allowance during overtime

[Varied by [PR542901](#), [PR563434](#)]

40.1 Meal breaks

[40.1(a) varied by [PR542901](#); substituted by [PR563434](#) ppc 11May15]

- (a) An employee required to work in excess of one and a half hours overtime will be allowed a meal break of at least 30 minutes and will in addition to any overtime payable be paid a meal allowance. The provision of a meal allowance does not apply if the employer provides an adequate meal.
- (b) An employee who works overtime is entitled to a meal break no later than five hours after the employee's previous meal break.
- (c) An employee is entitled to subsequent meal breaks no later than four hours after each meal break during overtime. The employer must, unless they have notified the employee concerned on the previous day or earlier, that such second or subsequent meal will also be required, provide such meals or pay a meal allowance each second or subsequent meal.
- (d) An employee must be paid the meal allowance(s) before working the overtime, if the employee so requests.
- (e) If notice of overtime is given and then not worked (except as a result of a breakdown in machinery or plant) the meal allowance provided for in this clause must still be paid.
- (f) An employee will not be entitled to the meal break if the overtime is worked on a day where there is an early finishing time, except where a total of five and a half hours will be worked (inclusive of overtime) following the midday meal break.

40.2 Rest breaks

An employee who:

- (a) is not entitled to a meal break; and
 - (b) works more than one hour's overtime prior to or after an eight hour shift,
- is entitled to a 10 minute paid rest break, paid at the appropriate overtime rate.

40.3 Rest period before or after overtime

- (a) Wherever practicable, the employer will arrange overtime so that employees will have at least 10 consecutive hours off duty between work on successive days.

- (b) If an employee works so much overtime between work on successive days, that the employee has not had 10 consecutive hours off duty, the employer must do one of the following:
 - (i) release the employee until the employee has had 10 consecutive hours off duty, without loss of pay for the ordinary working time occurring during such absence; or

[40.3(b)(ii) varied by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

- (ii) if on the instruction of the employer an employee resumes or continues work without having had 10 consecutive hours off duty, pay at double rates until the employee is released from duty for such period and the employee will then be entitled to be absent until the employee has 10 consecutive hours off duty without loss of pay for ordinary working time occurring during such absence.
- (c) The provisions of this clause will apply in the case of shiftworkers as if eight hours were substituted for 10 hours when overtime is worked:
 - (i) for the purpose of changing shift rosters; or
 - (ii) where a shiftworker does not report for duty and a day worker or a shiftworker is required to replace such shiftworker; or
 - (iii) where a shift is worked by arrangement between the employees themselves.

40.4 Call back

[40.4(a) varied by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

- (a) If an employee is recalled to work overtime after leaving their employer's business premises (whether notified before or after leaving the premises) the employee must be paid a minimum of three hours work at the appropriate rate as provided in clause 39 for each time they are recalled.
- (b) The employee will not be required to work the full three hours if the job they were recalled to perform is completed within a shorter period, except in the case of unforeseen circumstances arising.
- (c) The employee will not be entitled to the three hours' payment in cases where it is customary for an employee to return to their employer's premises to perform a specific job outside their ordinary working hours or where the overtime is continuous (subject to a reasonable meal break) with the completion or commencement of ordinary working time.

[40.4(d) varied by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

- (d) Overtime worked on call back will not be regarded as overtime for the purposes of meal allowance or rest periods after overtime where the actual time worked is less than three hours.

40.5 Transport of employees

When employees, after working overtime or a shift for which they had not been regularly rostered, finishes work at a time when their usual or other reasonable means of transport are not available, the employer must provide them with transport or pay their ordinary wages for the time reasonably occupied in getting home.

Part 7—Leave and Public Holidays

41. Annual leave

[Varied by [PR993032](#), [PR994546](#), [PR542901](#), [PR563434](#)]

The following provisions supplement the NES.

41.1 Leave loading

[41.1 varied by [PR993032](#) ppc 18Feb10]

- (a) A loading of 17.5% is payable in addition to the payment for the leave; or
- (b) Shiftworkers—employees who would have worked on shiftwork had they not been on leave—a loading of 17.5% or the shift loading whichever is the greater but not both.

41.2 Shiftworkers

[41.2 varied by [PR994546](#) from 01Jan10]

For the purpose of the additional week of leave provided by Division 6 of the NES, a shiftworker is a **seven day shiftworker** who is regularly rostered to work on Sundays and public holidays.

41.3 Annual leave may be taken in more than one period

- (a) Annual leave may be given and taken in one or two continuous periods. If the annual leave is given in two continuous periods then one of those two periods must be at least 21 consecutive days.

[41.3(b) varied by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

- (b) An employer and an employee may agree that the employee takes their annual leave in up to three separate periods, none of which is more than 21 consecutive days, provided such agreement is in accordance with clause 8.1.

41.4 Requirement to take annual leave

[41.4 varied by [PR994546](#); substituted by [PR563434](#) ppc 11May15]

Once an employee has accrued six weeks annual leave, for the purpose of ensuring accrued annual leave is taken, and in the absence of agreement as provided for in s.88 of the Act, an employer may direct an employee to take a period of annual leave, subject to the following:

- (a) the employer must provide the employee with no less than 28 days' notice of the requirement to take annual leave;
- (b) where after an employer has issued a direction to take annual leave pursuant to this clause, the relevant employee requests to take annual leave at an alternate time (but within six months of the date of the direction), the employer must not unreasonably refuse to agree to that request; and
- (c) the employee must retain at least four weeks of accrued annual leave after the direction is given by the employer.

41.5 Close-down

- (a) An employer may close-down the plant, or a section or sections of it, in order to allow all or the bulk of employees their annual leave.
- (b) The employer must give all affected employees at least three months notice of the intention to close the plant or section(s).
- (c) The employer may stand off all employees in the plant or section(s) affected by the close-down.
- (d) Any employee who has not qualified for a full entitlement to annual leave must be paid annual leave on a proportionate basis for 2.923 hours for each completed week of continuous service, provided that the employee has at least one months' continuous service.
- (e) Any employee who has qualified for a full entitlement to annual leave in accordance with the NES must be paid 2.923 hours for each completed week of continuous service performed in excess of 12 months' continuous service, in addition to being allowed their annual leave.
- (f) The employer and a majority of employees may agree to extend the period of close-down by no more than two days, and all employees stood down without pay, provided that agreement is in accordance with clause 8.3.
- (g) Any period during which an employee is stood off without pay will count as service in calculating 12 months' continuous service.

41.6 Continuity of service

Service will be deemed to be continuous service, and will not be broken by the following:

- (a) any interruption or termination of employment by the employer if the intent of the interruption or termination of employment was to avoid the annual leave obligations;
- (b) any absence from work on account of personal leave up to 25 days in a 12 month period. Provided that the employee informs the employer in writing, if practicable, within 48 hours of the commencement of such absence, of the employee's absence and the nature of the illness and estimated length of the employee's absence;

- (c) any absence due to long service leave or jury service;
- (d) any continuous period of unpaid leave, which does not exceed four weeks;
- (e) any absence with reasonable cause (the employee must, if required, provide proof of such cause); or
- (f) any absence by reason of any cause not specified above, unless the employer during the absence or within 14 days of termination of the absence, notifies the employee in writing that such absence will be regarded as having broken the continuity of service. The notice may be given by delivering the notice to the employee personally or by posting it by registered mail to the employee's last recorded address.

41.7 Payment by results workers

- (a) An employee working under a system of payment by results will receive an additional payment based on the average overaward payment and/or average bonus when taking annual leave. The averages will be calculated on a 20 week qualifying period applied to ordinary hours only.
- (b) The qualifying period of employment means:
 - (i) in the case of an employee taking annual leave at Christmas, the period of 20 consecutive weeks commencing with the first pay in July;
 - (ii) where an employee is not employed during the whole of the qualifying period, the average will be calculated on the period of employment falling within 20 consecutive weeks;
 - (iii) in the case of an employee taking annual leave at any other time, the first 20 consecutive weeks in the six months immediately preceding the date of taking annual leave.
- (c) Where an employee does not qualify for calculation over a 20 week period then the number of weeks will be averaged by the actual number of weeks worked.
- (d) In the case of an employee absent on long service leave during any qualifying period of employment, both the period of such leave and the payment based on that period will be excluded in the calculation of the averages.
- (e) In calculating the average bonus, all amounts in respect of overtime, shiftwork, penalty or special rates will be excluded.
- (f) Part-time employees will in respect of annual leave, be paid only at the rate actually being received by them at such time.

42. Personal/carer's leave and compassionate leave

Personal/carer's leave and compassionate leave are provided for in the NES.

43. Public holidays

[Varied by [PR993032](#), [PR542901](#), [PR563434](#)]

43.1 The following provision supplements the NES.

43.2 Work on public holidays

[43.2 varied by [PR993032](#) ppc 18Feb10]

- (a) An employee must be paid at the rate of 250% for a minimum of three hours when required to work on a public holiday.
- (b) If Christmas Day falls on a Saturday or Sunday and by force of the NES another day is observed as a public holiday, a full-time worker who is regularly rostered to work ordinary hours on a Saturday or Sunday will be paid a loading of half a normal day's wage for a full day's work in addition to the Saturday/Sunday rate for all ordinary hours worked on 25 December with a minimum of four hours pay. Such an employee will also be entitled to the benefit of the substituted public holiday.

43.3 Public holidays which fall on a weekend

[43.3 inserted by [PR993032](#) ppc 18Feb10]

- (a) Where Christmas Day falls on a Saturday or a Sunday, 27 December is observed as the public holiday instead of the prescribed day.
- (b) Where Boxing Day falls on a Saturday or a Sunday, 28 December is observed as the public holiday instead of the prescribed day.
- (c) Where New Year's Day or Australia Day falls on a Saturday or a Sunday, the following Monday is observed as the public holiday instead of the prescribed day.

43.4 Substitution of certain public holidays by agreement at the enterprise

[43.4 inserted by [PR993032](#) ppc 18Feb10]

- (a) By agreement between the employer and the majority of employees in the enterprise or part of the enterprise concerned, an alternative day may be taken as the public holiday instead of any of the prescribed days.
- (b) An employer and an individual employee may agree to the employee taking another day as the public holiday instead of the day which is being observed as the public holiday in the enterprise or part of the enterprise concerned.

43.5 Rostered day off falling on public holiday

[43.5 inserted by [PR993032](#) ppc 18Feb10; substituted by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13; varied by [PR563434](#) ppc 11May15]

Except where the rostered day off falls on a Saturday or a Sunday, where a full-time employee's ordinary hours of work are structured to include a day off and such day off falls on a public holiday, the employee is entitled, at the discretion of the employer, to either:

- (a) 7.6 hours of pay at the ordinary time rate; or
- (b) 7.6 hours of extra annual leave; or
- (c) a substitute day off on an alternative week day.

Part 8—Superannuation

44. Superannuation

[Varied by [PR992910](#), [PR994546](#), [PR545984](#)]

44.1 Superannuation legislation

- (a) Superannuation legislation, including the *Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992* (Cth), the *Superannuation Guarantee Charge Act 1992* (Cth), the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993* (Cth) and the *Superannuation (Resolution of Complaints) Act 1993* (Cth), deals with the superannuation rights and obligations of employers and employees. Under superannuation legislation individual employees generally have the opportunity to choose their own superannuation fund. If an employee does not choose a superannuation fund, any superannuation fund nominated in the award covering the employee applies.
- (b) The rights and obligations in these clauses supplement those in superannuation legislation.

44.2 Employer contributions

- (a) An employer must make such superannuation contributions to a superannuation fund for the benefit of an employee as will avoid the employer being required to pay the superannuation guarantee charge under superannuation legislation with respect to that employee.
- (b) The employer must pay the amount under clause 44.2(a) no later than 28 days after the end of each month.

44.3 Voluntary employee contributions

- (a) Subject to the governing rules of the relevant superannuation fund, an employee may, in writing, authorise their employer to pay on behalf of the employee a specified amount from the post-taxation wages of the employee into the same superannuation fund as the employer makes the superannuation contributions provided for in clause 44.2.
- (b) An employee may adjust the amount the employee has authorised their employer to pay from the wages of the employee from the first of the month following the giving of three months' written notice to their employer.
- (c) The employer must pay the amount authorised under clauses 44.3(a) or (b) no later than 28 days at the end of the month in which the deduction authorised under clauses 44.3(a) or (b) was made.

44.4 Superannuation fund

[44.4 varied by [PR994546](#) from 01Jan10]

Unless, to comply with superannuation legislation, the employer is required to make the superannuation contributions provided for in clause 44.2 to another superannuation fund that is chosen by the employee, the employer must make the superannuation contributions provided for in clause 44.2 and pay the amount authorised under clauses 44.3(a) or (b) to any of the following superannuation funds or its successor:

- (a) Australian Super Fund;

[44.4(b) inserted by [PR992910](#) ppc 25Jan10]

- (b) Sunsuper;

[44.4(b) renumbered as 44.4(c) by [PR992910](#) ppc 25Jan10; varied by [PR545984](#) ppc 01Jan14]

- (c) any superannuation fund, to which the employer was making superannuation contributions for the benefit of its employees before 12 September 2008, provided the superannuation fund is an eligible choice fund and is a fund that offers a MySuper product or is an exempt public sector scheme; or

[44.4(d) inserted by [PR545984](#) ppc 01Jan14]

- (d) a superannuation fund or scheme which the employee is a defined benefit member of.

44.5 Absence from work

Subject to the governing rules of the relevant superannuation fund, the employer must also make the superannuation contributions provided for in clause 44.2 and pay the amount authorised under clauses 44.3(a) or (b):

- (a) **Paid leave**—while the employee is on any paid leave;
- (b) **Work-related injury or illness**—for the period of absence from work (subject to a maximum of 52 weeks) of the employee due to work-related injury or work-related illness provided that:
 - (i) the employee is receiving workers compensation payments or is receiving regular payments directly from the employer in accordance with the statutory requirements; and
 - (ii) the employee remains employed by the employer.

Schedule A—Transitional Provisions

[Sched A inserted by [PR988362](#) from 01Jan10; varied by [PR994546](#), [PR503619](#)]

A.1 General

A.1.1 The provisions of this schedule deal with minimum obligations only.

[A.1.2 substituted by [PR994546](#) from 01Jan10]

A.1.2 The provisions of this schedule are to be applied:

- (a) when there is a difference, in money or percentage terms, between a provision in a relevant transitional minimum wage instrument (including the transitional default casual loading) or award-based transitional instrument on the one hand and an equivalent provision in this award on the other;
- (b) when a loading or penalty in a relevant transitional minimum wage instrument or award-based transitional instrument has no equivalent provision in this award;
- (c) when a loading or penalty in this award has no equivalent provision in a relevant transitional minimum wage instrument or award-based transitional instrument; or
- (d) when there is a loading or penalty in this award but there is no relevant transitional minimum wage instrument or award-based transitional instrument.

A.2 Minimum wages – existing minimum wage lower

A.2.1 The following transitional arrangements apply to an employer which, immediately prior to 1 January 2010:

- (a) was obliged,

[A.2.1(b) substituted by [PR994546](#) from 01Jan10]

- (b) but for the operation of an agreement-based transitional instrument or an enterprise agreement would have been obliged, or
- (c) if it had been an employer in the industry or of the occupations covered by this award would have been obliged

by a transitional minimum wage instrument and/or an award-based transitional instrument to pay a minimum wage lower than that in this award for any classification of employee.

A.2.2 In this clause minimum wage includes:

- (a) a minimum wage for a junior employee, an employee to whom training arrangements apply and an employee with a disability;
- (b) a piecework rate; and
- (c) any applicable industry allowance.

A.2.3 Prior to the first full pay period on or after 1 July 2010 the employer must pay no less than the minimum wage in the relevant transitional minimum wage instrument and/or award-based transitional instrument for the classification concerned.

A.2.4 The difference between the minimum wage for the classification in this award and the minimum wage in clause A.2.3 is referred to as the transitional amount.

A.2.5 From the following dates the employer must pay no less than the minimum wage for the classification in this award minus the specified proportion of the transitional amount:

First full pay period on or after

1 July 2010	80%
1 July 2011	60%
1 July 2012	40%
1 July 2013	20%

A.2.6 The employer must apply any increase in minimum wages in this award resulting from an annual wage review.

A.2.7 These provisions cease to operate from the beginning of the first full pay period on or after 1 July 2014.

A.3 Minimum wages – existing minimum wage higher

A.3.1 The following transitional arrangements apply to an employer which, immediately prior to 1 January 2010:

(a) was obliged,

[A.3.1(b) substituted by [PR994546](#) from 01Jan10]

(b) but for the operation of an agreement-based transitional instrument or an enterprise agreement would have been obliged, or

(c) if it had been an employer in the industry or of the occupations covered by this award would have been obliged

by a transitional minimum wage instrument and/or an award-based transitional instrument to pay a minimum wage higher than that in this award for any classification of employee.

A.3.2 In this clause minimum wage includes:

(a) a minimum wage for a junior employee, an employee to whom training arrangements apply and an employee with a disability;

(b) a piecework rate; and

(c) any applicable industry allowance.

A.3.3 Prior to the first full pay period on or after 1 July 2010 the employer must pay no less than the minimum wage in the relevant transitional minimum wage instrument and/or award-based transitional instrument for the classification concerned.

A.3.4 The difference between the minimum wage for the classification in this award and the minimum wage in clause A.3.3 is referred to as the transitional amount.

A.3.5 From the following dates the employer must pay no less than the minimum wage for the classification in this award plus the specified proportion of the transitional amount:

First full pay period on or after

1 July 2010	80%
1 July 2011	60%
1 July 2012	40%
1 July 2013	20%

A.3.6 The employer must apply any increase in minimum wages in this award resulting from an annual wage review. If the transitional amount is equal to or less than any increase in minimum wages resulting from the 2010 annual wage review the transitional amount is to be set off against the increase and the other provisions of this clause will not apply.

A.3.7 These provisions cease to operate from the beginning of the first full pay period on or after 1 July 2014.

A.4 Loadings and penalty rates

For the purposes of this schedule loading or penalty means a:

- casual or part-time loading;
- Saturday, Sunday, public holiday, evening or other penalty;
- shift allowance/penalty.

A.5 Loadings and penalty rates – existing loading or penalty rate lower

[A.5.1 substituted by [PR994546](#) from 01Jan10]

A.5.1 The following transitional arrangements apply to an employer which, immediately prior to 1 January 2010:

- (a) was obliged,
- (b) but for the operation of an agreement-based transitional instrument or an enterprise agreement would have been obliged, or
- (c) if it had been an employer in the industry or of the occupations covered by this award would have been obliged

by the terms of a transitional minimum wage instrument or an award-based transitional instrument to pay a particular loading or penalty at a lower rate than the equivalent loading or penalty in this award for any classification of employee.

[A.5.2 substituted by [PR994546](#) from 01Jan10]

A.5.2 Prior to the first full pay period on or after 1 July 2010 the employer must pay no less than the loading or penalty in the relevant transitional minimum wage instrument or award-based transitional instrument for the classification concerned.

A.5.3 The difference between the loading or penalty in this award and the rate in clause A.5.2 is referred to as the transitional percentage.

A.5.4 From the following dates the employer must pay no less than the loading or penalty in this award minus the specified proportion of the transitional percentage:

First full pay period on or after

1 July 2010	80%
1 July 2011	60%
1 July 2012	40%
1 July 2013	20%

A.5.5 These provisions cease to operate from the beginning of the first full pay period on or after 1 July 2014.

A.6 Loadings and penalty rates – existing loading or penalty rate higher

[A.6.1 substituted by [PR994546](#) from 01Jan10]

A.6.1 The following transitional arrangements apply to an employer which, immediately prior to 1 January 2010:

- (a) was obliged,
- (b) but for the operation of an agreement-based transitional instrument or an enterprise agreement would have been obliged, or
- (c) if it had been an employer in the industry or of the occupations covered by this award would have been obliged

by the terms of a transitional minimum wage instrument or an award-based transitional instrument to pay a particular loading or penalty at a higher rate than the equivalent loading or penalty in this award, or to pay a particular loading or penalty and there is no equivalent loading or penalty in this award, for any classification of employee.

[A.6.2 substituted by [PR994546](#) from 01Jan10]

A.6.2 Prior to the first full pay period on or after 1 July 2010 the employer must pay no less than the loading or penalty in the relevant transitional minimum wage instrument or award-based transitional instrument.

[A.6.3 substituted by [PR994546](#) from 01Jan10]

A.6.3 The difference between the loading or penalty in this award and the rate in clause A.6.2 is referred to as the transitional percentage. Where there is no equivalent loading or penalty in this award, the transitional percentage is the rate in A.6.2.

A.6.4 From the following dates the employer must pay no less than the loading or penalty in this award plus the specified proportion of the transitional percentage:

First full pay period on or after

1 July 2010	80%
1 July 2011	60%
1 July 2012	40%
1 July 2013	20%

A.6.5 These provisions cease to operate from the beginning of the first full pay period on or after 1 July 2014.

A.7 Loadings and penalty rates – no existing loading or penalty rate

[A.7.1 substituted by [PR994546](#) from 01Jan10]

A.7.1 The following transitional arrangements apply to an employer not covered by clause A.5 or A.6 in relation to a particular loading or penalty in this award.

A.7.2 Prior to the first full pay period on or after 1 July 2010 the employer need not pay the loading or penalty in this award.

[A.7.3 substituted by [PR994546](#) from 01Jan10]

A.7.3 From the following dates the employer must pay no less than the following percentage of the loading or penalty in this award:

First full pay period on or after

1 July 2010	20%
1 July 2011	40%
1 July 2012	60%
1 July 2013	80%

A.7.4 These provisions cease to operate from the beginning of the first full pay period on or after 1 July 2014.

A.8 Former Division 2B employers

[A.8 inserted by [PR503619](#) ppc 01Jan11]

A.8.1 This clause applies to an employer which, immediately prior to 1 January 2011, was covered by a Division 2B State award.

A.8.2 All of the terms of a Division 2B State award applying to a Division 2B employer are continued in effect until the end of the full pay period commencing before 1 February 2011.

A.8.3 Subject to this clause, from the first full pay period commencing on or after 1 February 2011 a Division 2B employer must pay no less than the minimum wages, loadings and penalty rates which it would be required to pay under this Schedule if it had been a national system employer immediately prior to 1 January 2010.

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- A.8.4** Despite clause A.8.3, where a minimum wage, loading or penalty rate in a Division 2B State award immediately prior to 1 February 2011 was lower than the corresponding minimum wage, loading or penalty rate in this award, nothing in this Schedule requires a Division 2B employer to pay more than the minimum wage, loading or penalty rate in this award.
- A.8.5** Despite clause A.8.3, where a minimum wage, loading or penalty rate in a Division 2B State award immediately prior to 1 February 2011 was higher than the corresponding minimum wage, loading or penalty rate in this award, nothing in this Schedule requires a Division 2B employer to pay less than the minimum wage, loading or penalty rate in this award.
- A.8.6** In relation to a Division 2B employer this Schedule commences to operate from the beginning of the first full pay period on or after 1 January 2011 and ceases to operate from the beginning of the first full pay period on or after 1 July 2014.

Schedule B—Classifications/Skill Levels

[Sched B varied by [PR988362](#), [PR993032](#), [PR995410](#), [PR542901](#), [PR563434](#)]

[Preamble inserted by [PR563434](#) ppc 11May15]

These skill levels are to be read in conjunction with an explanation of the terms contained in Schedule C.

B.1 Trainee

Employees at this level will:

- be new entrants into the industry;
- for a period of up to three months undergo approved (including induction) training so as to enable them to achieve the level of competence required to be classified at Skill Level 1; and
- work under the following conditions: totally defined procedures and methods; constant direct supervision; constant direct training; progressive assessment and feedback.

Training for new entrants will be determined in accordance with the needs of the enterprise, but will involve instruction aimed at assisting trainees to achieve the range of competencies required at Skill Level 1, including:

- the knowledge and skills required to apply relevant Occupational Health and Safety practices and procedures;
- the knowledge and skills required to apply specified quality control standards to their own work;
- the knowledge and skills required to apply specified operation practices and procedures and to meet efficiency requirements; and
- the knowledge and skills required to apply minor equipment/machine maintenance relevant to the equipment involved in the performance of their own work.

B.2 Skill Level 1

Employees at this level will:

- work to defined procedures/methods either individually or in a team environment; and
- exercise skills to perform basic tasks; and
- be aware of and apply basic quality control skills in the receipt and completion of their own work to the specified quality standards.

In addition, according to the needs and operational requirements of the enterprise, employees at this level may be required to:

- exercise the skill necessary to assist in providing basic on the job instruction by way of demonstration and explanation;

- record basic information on production and/or quality indicators as required;
- work in a team environment;
- apply minor equipment/machine maintenance;
- exercise key pad skills;
- exercise the level of English literacy and numeracy skills to effectively perform their tasks; and
- commence training in additional skills required to advance to a higher skill level.

B.3 Skill Level 2

Employees at this level exercise the skills required to be graded at Skill Level 1 and will:

- work to defined procedures/methods, either individually or in a team environment; and
- exercise the skills to perform intermediate tasks; and
- understand and apply quality control skills in their own work and component parts (including understanding of the likely cause/s of deviations to specified quality standards in their own work).

In addition, according to the needs and operational requirements of the enterprise, employees at this level may be required to:

- exercise the skill necessary to assist in providing on the job instruction to employees in skills required at Skill Level 2 and below by way of demonstration and explanation;
- record detailed information on production and/or quality indicators as required;
- exercise team work skills;
- identify and rectify minor equipment/machine faults, and report problems that cannot be rectified to a mechanic or supervisor;
- exercise basic computer skills; and
- commence training in additional skills required to advance to a higher skill level.

B.4 Skill Level 3

[B.4 varied by [PR993032](#) ppc 18Feb10]

Employees at this level exercise the skills required to be graded at Skill Level 2 and will:

- Exercise discretion, initiative and judgment on the job in their own work, either individually or in a team environment;
- Exercise skills to perform a complex task/s or perform a series of different operations on a machine/s or use a variety of machine types three of which require the exercise of Level 2 skills; and

- Be responsible for quality assurance in their own work (or if in the footwear industry, and assembly of component parts) including having an understanding of how this work relates to subsequent production processes and its contribution to the final appearance of the garment or product, (or if in the footwear industry, to the final appearance of the shoe).

In addition, according to the needs and operational requirements of the enterprise, employees at this level may be required to:

- Investigate causes of quality deviations to specified standards and recommend preventative action;
- Exercise the skills necessary to assist in providing on the job instruction to employees in skills required at Skill Level 3 and below by way of demonstration and explanation;
- Record detailed information on, and recommend improvements to, production and/or quality;
- Take a co-ordinating role for a group of workers or in a team environment (which includes contributing to the identification and resolution of the problems of others and assisting in defining work group procedures and methods), where the members of the group or team are at Skill Level 3 and below;
- Exercise advanced equipment maintenance and problem solving skills (including identification of major equipment faults); and/or
- Commence training in additional skills required to advance to a higher skill level.

B.5 Skill Level 4

[B.5 varied by [PR993032](#) ppc 18Feb10]

Employees at this level exercise the skills required to be graded at Skill Level 3 and have a comprehensive knowledge of product construction.

Employees at this level will also:

- Apply skills and knowledge, equivalent to that of a qualified tradesperson, that have been acquired as a result of training or experience; or
- Hold a relevant trade certificate; and
- Work largely independently (including developing and carrying out of a work plan to specifications); and
- Exercise a range of skills involving planning, investigation and resolution of problems, and/or training, and/or supervision, and/or specialised technical tasks; or
- Make a whole garment or if in the footwear industry, a whole shoe to specifications, or exercise equivalent skills.

In addition, according to the needs and operational requirements of the enterprise, employees at this level may:

- Be required to apply control/assurance techniques to their work group or team;

- Have designated responsibility for the training of other employees (and if so will be trained trainers);
- Be responsible for quality and production records relating to their own work group or team;
- Be required to take a co-ordinating role for a group of workers or in a team environment (which includes contributing to the identification and resolution of the problems of others and assisting in defining work group procedures and methods), where the members of the group or team are at Skill Level 4 and below;
- Be required to exercise advanced equipment maintenance and problem solving skills (including identification of major equipment faults and organisation or performance of necessary repair); and/or
- Commence training in additional skills required to advance to a higher skill level.

B.6 Skill Level 5

[B.6 varied by [PR993032](#) ppc 18Feb10, [PR995410](#) ppc 26Mar10]

Employees at this level exercise the skills necessary to be graded at Skill Level 4 and have a comprehensive knowledge of enterprise products and processes and are principally engaged in specialist tasks.

An employee at this level will also:

- apply specialised technical knowledge beyond that of Skill Level 4 to specific task(s) in the product development or production, or production support, training or supervisory field;
- perform at least one of the following activities:
 - consult/liaise with relevant personnel;
 - contribute to product development or production planning; and/or
 - liaise with clients/customers, internal or external;
- work independently to a general work plan or outcome sought, either individually or in a team environment;
- understand and implement quality control techniques and in the course of their work may:
 - make contributions in the diagnosis of quality variations; and/or
 - make or recommend adjustments to maintain quality standards;
- understand and apply workplace health and safety policies and procedures to work activities;
- exercise the skills associated with Skill Level 4 and perform one or more of the following Team Leader activities:
 - allocate and determine work priorities;

inspect and ensure the quality of work undertaken by employees;

implement and monitor occupational health and safety policies and procedures;

ensure labour, materials and equipment are available and used efficiently and, where appropriate, properly maintained;

prepare and maintain records and incident reports; and/or

exercise judgment and provide advice on matters requiring the application of the employee's skill and knowledge;

- in addition to the other required skills, an employee at this level may also:

exercise computer skills within the scope of their work;

assist with on-the-job training in combination with supervisors/trainers; and/or

provide reports and feedback to workplace meetings.

B.7 Storeworker Grade 1

Points of entry

New employee skills/duties

- Responsible for the quality of their own work subject to detailed direction.
- Works in a team environment and/or under routine supervision.
- Undertakes duties in a safe and responsible manner.
- Exercises discretion within their level of skills and training.
- Possesses basic interpersonal and communication skills.
- Indicative of the tasks which an employee at this level may perform are the following:

storing and packing of goods and materials in accordance with appropriate procedures and/or regulations;

preparation and receipt of appropriate documentation including liaison with suppliers;

allocating and retrieving goods from specific warehouse areas;

basic operation of VDU or similar equipment;

periodic stock-checks;

responsible for housekeeping in own work environment; and/or

use of non-licensed material handling equipment.

Promotional criteria

An employee remains at this level until they are capable of effectively performing through assessment or appropriate certification, the tasks required of this function so as to enable them to progress to the next level as a position becomes available.

B.8 Storeworker Grade 2

[B.8 varied by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

Points of entry

Storeworker Grade 1

Proven and demonstrated skills (including as appropriate, appropriate certification) to the level required of this grade.

Skills/duties

- Able to understand detailed instructions and work from procedures.
- Able to co-ordinate work in a team environment under limited supervision.
- Responsible for quality of their own work.
- Possesses sound interpersonal and communication skills.
- Indicative of the tasks which an employee at this level may perform are the following:

licensed operation of all appropriate materials handling equipment;

use of tools and equipment within the warehouse (basic non-trades maintenance);

VDU operation at a level higher than that of an employee at Storeworker Grade 1.

Promotional criteria

An employee remains at this level until they are capable of effectively performing through assessment or appropriate certification, the tasks required of this function so as to enable them to progress to the next level as a position becomes available.

B.9 Storeworker Grade 3

Points of entry

Storeworker Grade 2

Proven and demonstrated skills (including as appropriate, appropriate certification) to the level required of this grade.

Skills/duties

- Understands and is responsible for quality control standards.

- Possesses an advanced level of interpersonal and communication skills.
- Competent keyboard skills.
- Sound working knowledge of all warehousing/stores duties performed at levels below this grade, exercises discretion within scope of this grade.
- May perform work requiring minimal supervision either individually or in a team environment.
- Indicative of the tasks which an employee at this level may perform are the following:
 - use of a VDU for purposes such as the maintenance of a deposit storage system, information input/retrieval, etc. at a level higher than Grade 2;
 - operation of all materials handling equipment under licence;
 - development and refinement of a store layout including proper location of goods and their receipt and despatch.
- Employee who is responsible for the supervision of and the responsibility for the conduct of work of up to 10 employees.

Promotional criteria

An employee remains at this level until they are capable of effectively performing through assessment or appropriate certification, the tasks required of this function so as to enable them to progress to the next level as a position becomes available.

B.10 Storeworker Grade 4

Points of entry

Storeworker Grade 3

Proven and demonstrated skills to the level required of this grade.

Skills/duties

- Implements quality control techniques and procedures.
- Understands and is responsible for a warehouse or a large section of a warehouse.
- Highly developed level of interpersonal and communication skills.
- Ability to supervise and provide direction and guidance to other employees including the ability to assist in the provision of on-the-job training and induction.
- Exercises discretion within the scope of this grade.
- Exercises skills attained through the successful completion of an appropriate warehousing certificate.
- Indicative of the tasks which an employee at this level may perform are the following:

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liaising with management, suppliers and customers with respect to stores operations;

detailing and co-ordinating activities of other storeworkers and acting in a leading hand capacity for in excess of ten storeworkers;

maintaining control registers including inventory control and being responsible for the preparation and reconciliation of regular reports of stock movement, despatches, etc.

[Paragraph deleted by [PR563434](#) ppc 11May15]

Schedule C—Definitions

[Sched F varied by [PR993032](#); Sched F renumbered as Sched G by [PR994546](#); substituted by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13; Sched G renumbered as Sched C by [PR563434](#) ppc 11May15]

C.1 Clothing and footwear

C.1.1 Basic tasks

Uncomplicated tasks which are easily learned and involve little decision making whether machine or non-machine. Basic machine tasks are those where the positioning of the work may be controlled by guide-bars and sensor lights or other such guiding devices or where there is uncomplicated feeding of the fabric or material.

C.1.2 Intermediate tasks

Tasks which are more difficult to learn, involve more decision making than Skill Level 1 tasks and which require fabric knowledge (or in the footwear industry, material or component knowledge), whether machine or non-machine. Intermediate machine tasks require skill in positioning, feeding and handling of work involving directional changes, contouring or critical stoppage points, or require feeding and handling skills beyond those of a Skill Level 1 operator because of fabric or material variation. Intermediate non-machine tasks require skills to perform a sequence of related tasks.

C.1.3 Complex tasks

Tasks which are more difficult to learn and involve a higher level of decision making than Skill Level 2 tasks whether machine or non-machine. Complex machine tasks require fabric or material manipulation skills and knowledge beyond those of a Skill Level 2 operator to perform more difficult tasks or to handle and align the sections while ensuring correct shaping of the end result because of the complexity of combining parts or because of frequent variation in fabrics or materials.

C.1.4 Series of different operations on a machine

Performing a sequence of different operations on a machine/s to complete the majority of a complex garment (or in the footwear industry, a complex component assembly or complex upper).

C.1.5 Machine

- (a) Any piece of equipment which performs a significant part of an operation in:
- (i) designing/grading of patterns;
 - (ii) marker spreading;
 - (iii) spreading of fabric; and
 - (iv) cutting, sewing, finishing, pressing and packaging of products (and in the footwear industry, last making and/or component manufacture) and which is powered by an external source i.e. electricity, steam or compressed air or combinations of these. Hand tools are not machines

and refer to those items which are primarily powered by the operator e.g. scissors, shears, staplers, tagging guns and tape dispensers.

C.1.6 Variety of machine types

Three or more different types of machines which are sufficiently different in their operation to require the exercise of different skills (i.e. a button holer and a button sewer are the same machine type for this purpose whereas a button holer and an overlocker are different machine types).

C.1.7 Whole garment machinist or equivalent skills

- (a) A machinist who works largely independently in producing a complex garment from written specifications and patterns. Examples of “equivalent skills” include:
- (i) sample machinist;
 - (ii) a machinist who performs each of the operations required to complete a complex whole garment from specifications; and
 - (iii) a fully multi-skilled machinist who is required to perform any of the operations involved in the making of a complex whole garment to specification.

C.1.8 Whole upper machinist or equivalent skills (footwear)

- (a) A machinist who works largely independently in producing a complex upper from written specifications and patterns. Examples of “equivalent skills” include:
- (i) sample machinist;
 - (ii) a fully multi-skilled operator who is required to perform any of the operations involved in the making of a complex whole upper or a complex component to specification; and
 - (iii) an operator who performs each of the operations required to complete a complex assembly or a complex whole upper from specifications.

C.1.9 Skill

The application of a combination of abilities, knowledge and attributes to competently perform a given activity or activities.

C.1.10 Competence

The ability to perform a particular activity or activities to a prescribed standard (or standards) and under a prescribed set of circumstances.

C.1.11 Component parts

The parts of the product which the operator receives in order to perform their job.

C.1.12 Key pad skills

Ability to use a small panel of keys, either numerical or with symbols, to operate equipment.

C.1.13 Basic computer skills

Use of a coputer to enter, retrieve and interpret data.

C.1.14 Co-ordinating role

A role which involves responsibility for organising and bringing together the work and resource requirements of a work group or team.

C.1.15 Defined procedures/methods

Specific instructions outlining how an operator is to do their job.

C.1.16 Largely independently

- (a) Where the employee is accountable for own results including:
- (i) carrying out assigned task;
 - (ii) co-ordinating processes; and
 - (iii) setting and working to deadlines.

C.1.17 Designated responsibility

Identified by management as a person with a specific role or responsibility.

C.1.18 Minor equipment/machine maintenance

- (a) Includes cleaning and minor adjustments to the equipment involved. In the case of sewing machines for example, it may include:
- (i) changing needles;
 - (ii) cleaning;
 - (iii) lubrication; and/or
 - (iv) tension and stitch adjustment.

C.1.19 On-the-job instruction

Demonstrating, showing, explaining and/or guiding other employees as to how to perform a particular task or operation to a competent standard.

C.1.20 Quality assurance

The overall system and plans used to provide confidence that goods and services will satisfy given requirements.

C.1.21 Quality control

The activities used to check that materials and products meet quality specifications, includes the grading of product into acceptable and unacceptable categories.

C.1.22 Quality deviations

Departures from a quality standard.

C.1.23 Quality indicators

Information used to determine whether a quality standard has been met.

C.1.24 Specified quality standards

Detailed standards against which quality is measured.

C.1.25 Team environment

An environment involving work arrangements in which a group of people work closely, flexibly and in co-operation with each other to ensure efficient and effective performance.

C.1.26 Shoe

A shoe is to include all forms of foot covering that is generally made in the footwear industry and will encompass shoes, boots, and complex sandals.

C.2 Textile employees

C.2.1 Competence

The ability to perform a particular activity or activities to a prescribed standard (or standards) and under a prescribed set of circumstances.

C.2.2 On-the-job instruction

Demonstrating, showing, explaining and/or guiding other employees as to how to perform a particular task or operation to a competent standard.

C.2.3 Skill

The application of a combination of abilities, knowledge and attributes to competently perform a given activity or activities.

C.2.4 Quality control

The activities used to check that materials and products meet quality specifications; includes the grading of product into acceptable and unacceptable categories.

C.2.5 Minor equipment/machine maintenance

(a) Includes cleaning and minor adjustments to the equipment/machine. In the case of sewing machines for example, it may include:

(i) changing needles;

- (ii) cleaning;
- (iii) lubrication; and/or
- (iv) tension and stitch adjustment.

C.2.6 Defined procedures/methods

Specific instructions outlining how an employee is to do their job.

C.2.7 Team environment

An environment involving work arrangements in which a group of employees work closely, flexibly and in co-operation with each other to ensure efficient and effective performance.

C.2.8 Basic tasks

(a) Non-make up section

Uncomplicated tasks which are easily learned and involve little decision making whether machine or non-machine.

Performs a range of simple manual tasks:

- (i) inspects and/or examines and/or uncomplicated grading/pairing raw materials/yarns/fabrics etc. for faults (non-machine operations); and/or
- (ii) carries out simple tests on yarns/fabrics etc. outside a laboratory environment; and/or
- (iii) transfers, removes or supplies fabric, yarn, tickets, bobbins etc. to other employees or from one section to another; and/or
- (iv) performs basic machine tasks (see definition below).

(b) Make up section

- (i) uncomplicated tasks which are easily learned and involve little decision making whether machine or non-machine; and/or
- (ii) basic machine tasks are those where the positioning of the work may be controlled by guide-bars and sensor lights, or other such guiding devices, or where there is uncomplicated feeding of the fabric.

C.2.9 Basic machine tasks

- (a) In the make up section basic machine tasks are those where the positioning of the work may be controlled by guide-bars and sensor lights, or other such guiding devices, or where there is uncomplicated feeding of the fabric or uncomplicated machine related tasks.
- (b) In the non make up section, basic machine tasks involve those of a sock turner.
- (c) Provided, however, for the purposes of this subpart, an employer will approach the relevant authorised officer of the **relevant union** where it is thought that

the operation of any machine (other than a sock turner) only requires the performance of basic machine tasks (i.e. uncomplicated machine related tasks).

- (d) If the relevant authorised officer of the **relevant union** and the employer agree that the operation of the machine requires the use of basic machine tasks, they will record this agreement in writing.

C.2.10 Specified quality standards

Detailed standards against which quality is measured.

C.2.11 Quality indicators

Information used to determine whether a quality standard has been met.

C.2.12 Key pad skills

Ability to use a small panel of keys, either numerical or with symbols, to operate equipment.

C.2.13 Additional skills

Skills that can be developed by an employee through training to assist that worker to become qualified for a higher skill level.

C.2.14 Intermediate Tasks

(a) Non-make up

Tasks which are more difficult to learn, involve more decision making than Skill Level 1 tasks and which may require more fabric/product knowledge, whether machine or non-machine.

- (i) the efficient operation of a machine or machines involving the application of more than basic skills in the setting up, running, monitoring and making adjustments to the machine or machines; or
- (ii) the inspection or examination and grading/pairing of raw materials/yarns/fabrics etc. for faults, and where necessary, mends by hand or machine; or
- (iii) carries out tests which may involve colour matching and interaction of chemicals and/or dyes on yarns or fabrics etc. in a laboratory environment; or
- (iv) is responsible for monitoring and co-ordination of fabric, yarn, tickets, bobbins etc. to other workers, or from one section to another; or
- (v) weighs and measures raw materials/yarns/fabrics or chemicals and/or dyes;
- (vi) intermediate non-machine tasks require skills to perform a sequence of related tasks.

(b) Make up section

- (i) tasks which are more difficult to learn, involve more decision making than Skill Level 1 tasks and which may require fabric knowledge whether machine or non-machine, or
- (ii) intermediate machine tasks require skill in positioning, feeding and handling of work involving directional changes, contouring or critical stopping points, or require feeding and handling skills beyond those of a Skill Level 1 worker because of fabric variation; or
- (iii) intermediate non-machine tasks to perform a sequence of related tasks.

C.2.15 Component Parts

- (a) The parts of a product which the employee receives in order to perform their job.

(i) Machine

Any piece of equipment which is powered by an external source, i.e. electricity, steam or compressed air, or a combination of these.

Hand tools are not machines and refer to those items which are primarily powered by the employee, e.g.: scissors, shears, staplers, tagging guns and tape dispensers.

(ii) Basic computer skills

Use of the computer to enter, retrieve and interpret data.

C.2.16 Complex Tasks

(a) Non-make up

Tasks which are more difficult to learn and involve a higher level of decision making than Skill Level 2 tasks, whether machine or non-machine.

- (i) the application of more than intermediate skills in the setting up, running, monitoring and making adjustments/performs maintenance as required, but not to a standard equivalent to a Skill Level 4 employee, or
- (ii) inspects, examines and grades raw materials/yarns/fabrics etc. and mends by hand or machine consistent with specified quality standards; or
- (iii) carries out tests which may involve colour matching of yarns/fabrics etc. in a laboratory. Assessment of the results of tests performed. Make decisions in the selection of dyes/chemicals; or
- (iv) capable of understanding recipes, makes decisions and is responsible in the performance of duties including weighing, measurement and selection of chemicals or dyes to specification.

(b) Make up section

- (i) tasks which are more difficult to learn and involve a higher level of decision making than Skill Level 2 tasks, whether machine or non-machine.
- (ii) complex machine tasks require fabric manipulation skills and knowledge beyond those of a Skill Level 2 worker to perform more difficult tasks or to handle and align the sections while correct shaping of the end result because of the complexity of combining parts or because of frequent variation in fabrics.

C.2.17 Series of different operations on a machine(s)—Make up section

Performing a sequence of different operations on a machine/s to complete the majority of a complex garment.

C.2.18 Variety of machine types—Make up section

Three or more different types of machines which are sufficiently different in their operation to require the exercise of different skills (i.e. a button holer and a button sewer are the same machine type for this purpose whereas a button holer and an over locker are different machine types).

C.2.19 Quality assurance

The overall system and plans used to provide confidence that goods and services will satisfy given requirements.

C.2.20 Quality deviation

Departures from a quality standard.

C.2.21 Co-ordinating role

A role which involves responsibility for organising and bringing together the work and resource requirements of a work group or team.

C.2.22 Largely independently

(a) Where the employee is accountable for own results including:

- (i) carrying out assigned tasks.
- (ii) co-ordinating processes.

C.2.23 Whole Garment Machinist or equivalent skills—Make up section designated responsibility

Identified by management as an employee with a specific role or responsibility.

C.2.24 Pedestrian Fork-lift Operator means an employee operating from a standing position adjacent to a self powered fork-lift appliance with which loads are handled, either solely by means of forks or tines mounted on a sliding carriage, or a vertical or near vertical mast, or by such means together with the use of a jib, ram, grab or other

attachment. This definition specifically excludes stillage trucks or other appliances designed to lift and move a pallet or pallets within 30cm of floor level.

C.2.25 High Rise Stacker Operator means an operator of a device known as a high rise stacker where both the operator and the lift ascend with the load above the floor level of up to 12 metres.

A high rise stacker operator in addition to being a qualified fork-lift driver will have undertaken additional training and be qualified to operate a high rise stacker in accordance with the various State acts.

C.3 Warehouse employees

C.3.1 Warehouse employee means an employee (other than foreman/woman) performing up to any of the following functions:

C.3.2 Sorting and storing

Assist in unloading trucks, trolleys or other transportation devices. Sort or check goods and take them to appropriate places (bins, shelves, stacks) in warehouse for storage. Enter on cards or labels.

C.3.3 Order processing

Make up orders to specifications by selecting goods from storage places in warehouse and assembling them for packing or parcelling. Enter on cards or labels.

C.3.4 Wrapping or packing

- (a) Check, pack or wrap assembled goods, address and weigh. Assist in loading. Enter on cards or Labels.
- (b) Provided that any person performing more than two of the above functions will be classified as storeman/woman.
- (c) Provided also that an employee engaged exclusively in sorting and/or storing and/or dispatching of goods partly processed within an workplace and held in a storage area pending further processing within that workplace will be regarded as a warehouse employee.
- (d) Provided further that **warehouse employee** will not include:
 - (i) an employee who in the course of manufacture merely encloses goods in the uniform container or containers in which such goods are ordinarily sold by the manufacturer;
 - (ii) an employee employed solely in cleaning or labouring duties in or about a warehouse or in connection with the work of a warehouse employee will not be deemed, by reason only of the employee's performance of such duties to come within the definitions;
 - (iii) a foreman/woman or other person in charge in such warehouse or place who does not ordinarily work manually therein as a warehouse employee.

C.4 Wool and basil employees

C.4.1 Wool and basil employees are employees who are required to work on pulling sheep skins, pie or piece picking, or any other class of work connected with wool scouring and carbonising.

C.5 General

C.5.1 Assistant foreman/woman and/or overlocker means an employee appointed as such by the management.

C.5.2 Designer—Creative means an employee engaged as such and who in the course of their employment is required to create original designs and master sketches and may supervise and correct the work of other designers and technical drawers.

C.5.3 Designer—Other means an employee engaged as such and who is required to produce master sketches from designs supplied by the employer and in doing so may be required to adapt or correct such designs, or is required to produce original drawings (not being master sketches) or adaptations.

C.5.4 Fancy Warper Woollen and Worsted Division means an employee who in the construction of warps containing different counts, shades, qualities or twists of yarn, uses two or more colours or where yarn is of a similar count, shade, quality or twist, three or more colours.

C.5.5 Machine Operator and/or Attendant means an employee who in the course of their duty, is called upon to operate a machine and does not include an employee whose sole duty is carrying material to and from a machine.

C.5.6 Recorder means an employee whose main duties are entering of production figures on tickets and/or sheets, weighing and/or classifying the materials and/or making simple book entries.

C.5.7 Sewing Machine Mechanic means an employee:

- (a) who has served an apprenticeship as such or who, in the view of the employer and the union, has undergone equivalent training and/or experience; and
- (b) who is engaged to assemble, adjust, test and lubricate, to dismantle machines and trace faults, to repair and replace mechanisms and to be able to make and install a multiplicity of attachments and to use all tools commonly used in the industry, for the correct and efficient operation of all sewing machines.

C.5.8 Textile Mechanic means an employee:

- (a) who has served an apprenticeship as such or who, in the view of the employer and the union, has undergone equivalent training and/or experience;
- (b) who possesses a knowledge of yarns, fabrics, cloth structure and designs and the ancillary processes connected with the different types of machinery; and
- (c) who is engaged in maintenance, mechanical adjustments, assembling, dismantling, replacement of parts (other than those parts replaced by machine operators in the course of their normal duties), and to be able to make and

install attachments, and to use all tools commonly used in the industry, and setting of different types of machines for their correct and efficient operation, and all things incidental thereto.

C.5.9 Technical Drawer means an employee engaged as such who in the performance of their duties prepares stencils or films for screen printing by tracing or working from master sketches or similar art work or designs.

C.5.10 Textile Mechanic Special Class and Textile Mechanic (Sewing Machine) Special Class means a textile mechanic (as defined) who is principally engaged in servicing and maintaining complex equipment requiring the application of additional knowledge.

(a) In this definition **complex equipment** means textile production equipment with control systems derived from advanced electronic, pneumatic, hydraulic or robotic technology. **Additional knowledge** means knowledge in excess of that of the textile mechanic which has been acquired by the textile mechanic by virtue of:

- (i) having had not less than two years' on-the-job experience as a textile mechanic working mainly on such complex equipment as will enable the textile mechanic to perform such work unsupervised, where necessary and practicable; and
- (ii) having either the satisfactory completion of a post trade course relevant to that equipment or the achievement of a comparable standard of knowledge by other means, including on-the-job training and the experience referred to in part C.5.10(a)(i) hereof, gained a sufficient comprehension of such complex equipment as will enable the textile mechanic to perform such work.

Schedule D—Supported Wage System

[Sched D varied by [PR988362](#); substituted by [PR994546](#) from 1Jan10; varied by [PR998748](#), [PR510670](#), [PR525068](#), [PR537893](#), [PR542137](#), [PR551831](#), [PR568050](#)]

D.1 This schedule defines the conditions which will apply to employees who because of the effects of a disability are eligible for a supported wage under the terms of this award.

[D.2 varied by [PR568050](#) ppc 01Jul15]

D.2 In this schedule:

approved assessor means a person accredited by the management unit established by the Commonwealth under the supported wage system to perform assessments of an individual's productive capacity within the supported wage system

assessment instrument means the tool provided for under the supported wage system that records the assessment of the productive capacity of the person to be employed under the supported wage system

disability support pension means the Commonwealth pension scheme to provide income security for persons with a disability as provided under the *Social Security Act 1991* (Cth), as amended from time to time, or any successor to that scheme

relevant minimum wage means the minimum wage prescribed in this award for the class of work for which an employee is engaged

supported wage system (SWS) means the Commonwealth Government system to promote employment for people who cannot work at full award wages because of a disability, as documented in the Supported Wage System Handbook. The Handbook is available from the following website: www.jobaccess.gov.au

SWS wage assessment agreement means the document in the form required by the Department of Social Services Relations that records the employee's productive capacity and agreed wage rate

D.3 Eligibility criteria

D.3.1 Employees covered by this schedule will be those who are unable to perform the range of duties to the competence level required within the class of work for which the employee is engaged under this award, because of the effects of a disability on their productive capacity and who meet the impairment criteria for receipt of a disability support pension.

D.3.2 This schedule does not apply to any existing employee who has a claim against the employer which is subject to the provisions of workers compensation legislation or any provision of this award relating to the rehabilitation of employees who are injured in the course of their employment.

D.4 Supported wage rates

D.4.1 Employees to whom this schedule applies will be paid the applicable percentage of the relevant minimum wage according to the following schedule:

Assessed capacity (clause D.5)	Relevant minimum wage
%	%
10	10
20	20
30	30
40	40
50	50
60	60
70	70
80	80
90	90

[D.4.2 varied by [PR998748](#), [PR510670](#), [PR525068](#), [PR537893](#), [PR551831](#), [PR568050](#) ppc 01Jul15]

D.4.2 Provided that the minimum amount payable must be not less than \$81 per week.

D.4.3 Where an employee's assessed capacity is 10%, they must receive a high degree of assistance and support.

D.5 Assessment of capacity

D.5.1 For the purpose of establishing the percentage of the relevant minimum wage, the productive capacity of the employee will be assessed in accordance with the Supported Wage System by an approved assessor, having consulted the employer and employee and, if the employee so desires, a union which the employee is eligible to join.

D.5.2 All assessments made under this schedule must be documented in an SWS wage assessment agreement, and retained by the employer as a time and wages record in accordance with the Act.

D.6 Lodgement of SWS wage assessment agreement

[D.6.1 varied by [PR542137](#) ppc 04Dec13]

D.6.1 All SWS wage assessment agreements under the conditions of this schedule, including the appropriate percentage of the relevant minimum wage to be paid to the employee, must be lodged by the employer with the Fair Work Commission.

[D.6.2 varied by [PR542137](#) ppc 04Dec13]

D.6.2 All SWS wage assessment agreements must be agreed and signed by the employee and employer parties to the assessment. Where a union which has an interest in the award is not a party to the assessment, the assessment will be referred by the Fair Work Commission to the union by certified mail and the agreement will take effect unless an objection is notified to the Fair Work Commission within 10 working days.

D.7 Review of assessment

The assessment of the applicable percentage should be subject to annual or more frequent review on the basis of a reasonable request for such a review. The process of review must be in accordance with the procedures for assessing capacity under the supported wage system.

D.8 Other terms and conditions of employment

Where an assessment has been made, the applicable percentage will apply to the relevant minimum wage only. Employees covered by the provisions of this schedule will be entitled to the same terms and conditions of employment as other workers covered by this award on a pro rata basis.

D.9 Workplace adjustment

An employer wishing to employ a person under the provisions of this schedule must take reasonable steps to make changes in the workplace to enhance the employee's capacity to do the job. Changes may involve re-design of job duties, working time arrangements and work organisation in consultation with other workers in the area.

D.10 Trial period

D.10.1 In order for an adequate assessment of the employee's capacity to be made, an employer may employ a person under the provisions of this schedule for a trial period not exceeding 12 weeks, except that in some cases additional work adjustment time (not exceeding four weeks) may be needed.

D.10.2 During that trial period the assessment of capacity will be undertaken and the percentage of the relevant minimum wage for a continuing employment relationship will be determined.

[D.10.3 varied by [PR998748](#), [PR510670](#), [PR525068](#), [PR537893](#), [PR551831](#), [PR568050](#) ppc 01Jul15]

D.10.3 The minimum amount payable to the employee during the trial period must be no less than \$81 per week.

D.10.4 Work trials should include induction or training as appropriate to the job being trialled.

D.10.5 Where the employer and employee wish to establish a continuing employment relationship following the completion of the trial period, a further contract of employment will be entered into based on the outcome of assessment under clause D.5.

Schedule E—National Training Wage

[Sched E varied by [PR988362](#); substituted by [PR994546](#) from 1Jan10; varied by [PR997898](#), [PR509048](#), [PR522879](#), [PR536682](#), [PR545787](#), [PR551605](#), [PR566685](#)]

E.1 Title

This is the *National Training Wage Schedule*.

E.2 Definitions

In this schedule:

adult trainee is a trainee who would qualify for the highest minimum wage in Wage Level A, B or C if covered by that wage level

approved training means the training specified in the training contract

Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) is a national framework for qualifications in post-compulsory education and training

out of school refers only to periods out of school beyond Year 10 as at the first of January in each year and is deemed to:

- (a) include any period of schooling beyond Year 10 which was not part of or did not contribute to a completed year of schooling;
- (b) include any period during which a trainee repeats in whole or part a year of schooling beyond Year 10; and
- (c) not include any period during a calendar year in which a year of schooling is completed

relevant State or Territory training authority means the bodies in the relevant State or Territory which exercise approval powers in relation to traineeships and register training contracts under the relevant State or Territory vocational education and training legislation

relevant State or Territory vocational education and training legislation means the following or any successor legislation:

Australian Capital Territory: *Training and Tertiary Education Act 2003*;

New South Wales: *Apprenticeship and Traineeship Act 2001*;

Northern Territory: *Northern Territory Employment and Training Act 1991*;

Queensland: *Vocational Education, Training and Employment Act 2000*;

South Australia: *Training and Skills Development Act 2008*;

Tasmania: *Vocational Education and Training Act 1994*;

Victoria: *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*; or

Western Australia: *Vocational Education and Training Act 1996*

trainee is an employee undertaking a traineeship under a training contract

traineeship means a system of training which has been approved by the relevant State or Territory training authority, which meets the requirements of a training package developed by the relevant Industry Skills Council and endorsed by the National Quality Council, and which leads to an AQF certificate level qualification

training contract means an agreement for a traineeship made between an employer and an employee which is registered with the relevant State or Territory training authority

training package means the competency standards and associated assessment guidelines for an AQF certificate level qualification which have been endorsed for an industry or enterprise by the National Quality Council and placed on the National Training Information Service with the approval of the Commonwealth, State and Territory Ministers responsible for vocational education and training, and includes any relevant replacement training package

year 10 includes any year before Year 10

E.3 Coverage

- E.3.1** Subject to clauses E.3.2 to E.3.6 of this schedule, this schedule applies in respect of an employee covered by this award who is undertaking a traineeship whose training package and AQF certificate level is allocated to a wage level by Appendix E1 to this schedule or by clause E.5.4 of this schedule.
- E.3.2** This schedule only applies to AQF Certificate Level IV traineeships for which a relevant AQF Certificate Level III traineeship is listed in Appendix E1 to this schedule.
- E.3.3** This schedule does not apply to the apprenticeship system or to any training program which applies to the same occupation and achieves essentially the same training outcome as an existing apprenticeship in an award as at 25 June 1997.
- E.3.4** This schedule does not apply to qualifications not identified in training packages or to qualifications in training packages which are not identified as appropriate for a traineeship.
- E.3.5** Where the terms and conditions of this schedule conflict with other terms and conditions of this award dealing with traineeships, the other terms and conditions of this award prevail.
- E.3.6** At the conclusion of the traineeship, this schedule ceases to apply to the employee.

E.4 Types of Traineeship

The following types of traineeship are available under this schedule:

- E.4.1** a full-time traineeship based on 38 ordinary hours per week, with 20% of ordinary hours being approved training; and
- E.4.2** a part-time traineeship based on less than 38 ordinary hours per week, with 20% of ordinary hours being approved training solely on-the-job or partly on-the-job and partly off-the-job, or where training is fully off-the-job.

E.5 Minimum Wages

[E.5 substituted by [PR997898](#), [PR509048](#), [PR522879](#), [PR536682](#), [PR551605](#), [PR566685](#) ppc 01Jul15]

E.5.1 Minimum wages for full-time traineeships

(a) Wage Level A

Subject to clause E.5.3 of this schedule, the minimum wages for a trainee undertaking a full-time AQF Certificate Level I–III traineeship whose training package and AQF certificate levels are allocated to Wage Level A by Appendix E1 are:

	Highest year of schooling completed		
	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
	per week	per week	per week
	\$	\$	\$
School leaver	295.10	325.00	387.20
Plus 1 year out of school	325.00	387.20	450.60
Plus 2 years out of school	387.20	450.60	524.40
Plus 3 years out of school	450.60	524.40	600.40
Plus 4 years out of school	524.40	600.40	
Plus 5 or more years out of school	600.40		

(b) Wage Level B

Subject to clause E.5.3 of this schedule, the minimum wages for a trainee undertaking a full-time AQF Certificate Level I–III traineeship whose training package and AQF certificate levels are allocated to Wage Level B by Appendix E1 are:

	Highest year of schooling completed		
	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
	per week	Per week	per week
	\$	\$	\$
School leaver	295.10	325.00	376.80
Plus 1 year out of school	325.00	376.80	433.40
Plus 2 years out of school	376.80	433.40	508.20
Plus 3 years out of school	433.40	508.20	579.70
Plus 4 years out of school	508.20	579.70	
Plus 5 or more years out of school	579.70		

(c) Wage Level C

Subject to clause E.5.3 of this schedule, the minimum wages for a trainee undertaking a full-time AQF Certificate Level I–III traineeship whose training

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package and AQF certificate levels are allocated to Wage Level C by Appendix E1 are:

	Highest year of schooling completed		
	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
	per week	per week	per week
	\$	\$	\$
School leaver	295.10	325.00	376.80
Plus 1 year out of school	325.00	376.80	424.10
Plus 2 years out of school	376.80	424.10	473.80
Plus 3 years out of school	424.10	473.80	527.90
Plus 4 years out of school	473.80	527.90	
Plus 5 or more years out of school	527.90		

(d) AQF Certificate Level IV traineeships

- (i) Subject to clause E.5.3 of this schedule, the minimum wages for a trainee undertaking a full-time AQF Certificate Level IV traineeship are the minimum wages for the relevant full-time AQF Certificate Level III traineeship with the addition of 3.8% to those minimum wages.
- (ii) Subject to clause E.5.3 of this schedule, the minimum wages for an adult trainee undertaking a full-time AQF Certificate Level IV traineeship are as follows, provided that the relevant wage level is that for the relevant AQF Certificate Level III traineeship:

Wage level	First year of	Second and
	traineeship	subsequent years of
	per week	traineeship
	per week	per week
	\$	\$
Wage Level A	623.50	647.70
Wage Level B	601.60	624.70
Wage Level C	547.50	568.20

E.5.2 Minimum wages for part-time traineeships

(a) Wage Level A

Subject to clauses E.5.2(f) and E.5.3 of this schedule, the minimum wages for a trainee undertaking a part-time AQF Certificate Level I–III traineeship whose training package and AQF certificate levels are allocated to Wage Level A by Appendix E1 are:

	Highest year of schooling completed		
	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
	per hour	per hour	per hour
	\$	\$	\$
School leaver	9.71	10.70	12.74
Plus 1 year out of school	10.70	12.74	14.83
Plus 2 years out of school	12.74	14.83	17.25
Plus 3 years out of school	14.83	17.25	19.74
Plus 4 years out of school	17.25	19.74	
Plus 5 or more years out of school	19.74		

(b) Wage Level B

Subject to clauses E.5.2(f) and E.5.3 of this schedule, the minimum wages for a trainee undertaking a part-time AQF Certificate Level I–III traineeship whose training package and AQF certificate levels are allocated to Wage Level B by Appendix E1 are:

	Highest year of schooling completed		
	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
	per hour	per hour	per hour
	\$	\$	\$
School leaver	9.71	10.70	12.40
Plus 1 year out of school	10.70	12.40	14.26
Plus 2 years out of school	12.40	14.26	16.73
Plus 3 years out of school	14.26	16.73	19.08
Plus 4 years out of school	16.73	19.08	
Plus 5 or more years out of school	19.08		

(c) Wage Level C

Subject to clauses E.5.2(f) and E.5.3 of this schedule, the minimum wages for a trainee undertaking a part-time AQF Certificate Level I–III traineeship whose training package and AQF certificate levels are allocated to Wage Level C by Appendix E1 are:

	Highest year of schooling completed		
	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
	per hour	per hour	per hour
	\$	\$	\$
School leaver	9.71	10.70	12.40
Plus 1 year out of school	10.70	12.40	13.95
Plus 2 years out of school	12.40	13.95	15.58
Plus 3 years out of school	13.95	15.58	17.36

	Highest year of schooling completed		
	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
	per hour	per hour	per hour
	\$	\$	\$
Plus 4 years out of school	15.58	17.36	
Plus 5 or more years out of school	17.36		

(d) School-based traineeships

Subject to clauses E.5.2(f) and E.5.3 of this schedule, the minimum wages for a trainee undertaking a school-based AQF Certificate Level I–III traineeship whose training package and AQF certificate levels are allocated to Wage Levels A, B or C by Appendix E1 are as follows when the trainee works ordinary hours:

Year of schooling	
Year 11 or lower	Year 12
per hour	per hour
\$	\$
9.71	10.70

(e) AQF Certificate Level IV traineeships

- (i) Subject to clauses E.5.2(f) and E.5.3 of this schedule, the minimum wages for a trainee undertaking a part-time AQF Certificate Level IV traineeship are the minimum wages for the relevant part-time AQF Certificate Level III traineeship with the addition of 3.8% to those minimum wages.
- (ii) Subject to clauses E.5.2(f) and E.5.3 of this schedule, the minimum wages for an adult trainee undertaking a part-time AQF Certificate Level IV traineeship are as follows, provided that the relevant wage level is that for the relevant AQF Certificate Level III traineeship:

Wage level	First year of traineeship	Second and subsequent years of traineeship
	per hour	per hour
	\$	\$
Wage Level A	20.51	21.31
Wage Level B	19.77	20.54
Wage Level C	18.01	18.70

(f) Calculating the actual minimum wage

- (i) Where the full-time ordinary hours of work are not 38 or an average of 38 per week, the appropriate hourly minimum wage is obtained by multiplying the relevant minimum wage in clauses E.5.2(a)–(e) of this

schedule by 38 and then dividing the figure obtained by the full-time ordinary hours of work per week.

- (ii) Where the approved training for a part-time traineeship is provided fully off-the-job by a registered training organisation, for example at school or at TAFE, the relevant minimum wage in clauses E.5.2(a)–(e) of this schedule applies to each ordinary hour worked by the trainee.
- (iii) Where the approved training for a part-time traineeship is undertaken solely on-the-job or partly on-the-job and partly off-the-job, the relevant minimum wage in clauses E.5.2(a)–(e) of this schedule minus 20% applies to each ordinary hour worked by the trainee.

E.5.3 Other minimum wage provisions

- (a) An employee who was employed by an employer immediately prior to becoming a trainee with that employer must not suffer a reduction in their minimum wage per week or per hour by virtue of becoming a trainee. Casual loadings will be disregarded when determining whether the employee has suffered a reduction in their minimum wage.
- (b) If a qualification is converted from an AQF Certificate Level II to an AQF Certificate Level III traineeship, or from an AQF Certificate Level III to an AQF Certificate Level IV traineeship, then the trainee must be paid the next highest minimum wage provided in this schedule, where a higher minimum wage is provided for the new AQF certificate level.

E.5.4 Default wage rate

The minimum wage for a trainee undertaking an AQF Certificate Level I–III traineeship whose training package and AQF certificate level are not allocated to a wage level by Appendix E1 is the relevant minimum wage under this schedule for a trainee undertaking an AQF Certificate to Level I–III traineeship whose training package and AQF certificate level are allocated to Wage Level B.

E.6 Employment conditions

- E.6.1** A trainee undertaking a school-based traineeship may, with the agreement of the trainee, be paid an additional loading of 25% on all ordinary hours worked instead of paid annual leave, paid personal/carer's leave and paid absence on public holidays, provided that where the trainee works on a public holiday then the public holiday provisions of this award apply.
- E.6.2** A trainee is entitled to be released from work without loss of continuity of employment and to payment of the appropriate wages to attend any training and assessment specified in, or associated with, the training contract.
- E.6.3** Time spent by a trainee, other than a trainee undertaking a school-based traineeship, in attending any training and assessment specified in, or associated with, the training contract is to be regarded as time worked for the employer for the purposes of calculating the trainee's wages and determining the trainee's employment conditions.

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[Note inserted by [PR545787](#) ppc 01Jan14]

Note: The time to be included for the purpose of calculating the wages for part-time trainees whose approved training is fully off-the-job is determined by clause E.5.2(f)(ii) and not by this clause.

E.6.4 Subject to clause E.3.5 of this schedule, all other terms and conditions of this award apply to a trainee unless specifically varied by this schedule.

Appendix E1: Allocation of Traineeships to Wage Levels

The wage levels applying to training packages and their AQF certificate levels are:

E1.1 Wage Level A

Training package	AQF certificate level
Aeroskills	II
Aviation	I II III
Beauty	III
Business Services	I II III
Chemical, Hydrocarbons and Refining	I II III
Civil Construction	III
Coal Training Package	II III
Community Services	II III
Construction, Plumbing and Services Integrated Framework	I II III
Correctional Services	II III
Drilling	II III
Electricity Supply Industry—Generation Sector	II III (in Western Australia only)
Electricity Supply Industry—Transmission, Distribution and Rail Sector	II
Electrotechnology	I II III (in Western Australia only)
Financial Services	I II III
Floristry	III
Food Processing Industry	III

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Training package	AQF certificate level
Gas Industry	III
Information and Communications Technology	I II III
Laboratory Operations	II III
Local Government (other than Operational Works Cert I and II)	I II III
Manufactured Mineral Products	III
Manufacturing	I II III
Maritime	I II III
Metal and Engineering (Technical)	II III
Metalliferous Mining	II III
Museum, Library and Library/Information Services	II III
Plastics, Rubber and Cablemaking	III
Public Safety	III
Public Sector	II III
Pulp and Paper Manufacturing Industries	III
Retail Services (including wholesale and Community pharmacy)	III
Telecommunications	II III
Textiles, Clothing and Footwear	III
Tourism, Hospitality and Events	I II III
Training and Assessment	III
Transport and Distribution	III
Water Industry (Utilities)	III

E1.2 Wage Level B

Training package	AQF certificate level
Animal Care and Management	I II III
Asset Maintenance	I II III
Australian Meat Industry	I II III
Automotive Industry Manufacturing	II III
Automotive Industry Retail, Service and Repair	I II III
Beauty	II
Caravan Industry	II III
Civil Construction	I
Community Recreation Industry	III
Entertainment	I II III
Extractive Industries	II III
Fitness Industry	III
Floristry	II
Food Processing Industry	I II
Forest and Forest Products Industry	I II III
Furnishing	I II III
Gas Industry	I II
Health	II III
Local Government (Operational Works)	I II

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Training package	AQF certificate level
Manufactured Mineral Products	I II
Metal and Engineering (Production)	II III
Outdoor Recreation Industry	I II III
Plastics, Rubber and Cablemaking	II
Printing and Graphic Arts	II III
Property Services	I II III
Public Safety	I II
Pulp and Paper Manufacturing Industries	I II
Retail Services	I II
Screen and Media	I II III
Sport Industry	II III
Sugar Milling	I II III
Textiles, Clothing and Footwear	I II
Transport and Logistics	I II
Visual Arts, Craft and Design	I II III
Water Industry	I II

E1.3 Wage Level C

Training package	AQF certificate level
Agri-Food	I
Amenity Horticulture	I II III
Conservation and Land Management	I II III
Funeral Services	I II III
Music	I II III
Racing Industry	I II III
Rural Production	I II III
Seafood Industry	I II III

Schedule F—Outwork and Related Provisions

[Sched D renumbered as Sched E by [PR988362](#); Schedule E—Outworkers renamed as Outwork and Related Provisions and varied by [PR993032](#) ppc 18Feb10; Sched E renumbered as Sched F by [PR994546](#) from 01Jan10; varied by [PR542901](#), [PR542137](#), [PR551605](#), [PR563434](#)]

[New F.1 inserted by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

F.1 For information in relation to the operation of this Schedule the following organisations can be contacted for further information:

- Australian Industry Group
- Business SA
- NSW Business Chamber
- Textile, Clothing and Footwear Union of Australia

F.2 Definitions

[F.1 renumbered as F.2 by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

F.2.1 Arrangement means any arrangement made by a principal with any legal or natural person to have work carried out for the principal, whether or not the person carries out the work, but does not include employment of an employee who is not an outworker to carry out the work.

Note: The obligations in this part apply whether or not a principal has obtained the work which is the subject of the arrangement pursuant to any other arrangement or from any other person.

F.2.2 Ordinary working week means the hours and days occurring between midnight on Sunday night and midnight on Friday night in any week.

[Definition of **Outworker** varied by [PR993032](#) ppc 18Feb10]

F.2.3 Outworker has the same meaning as that contained in section 12 of the *Fair Work Act 2009* (Cth).

[Definition of **Principal** varied by [PR993032](#) ppc 18Feb10]

F.2.4 Principal means:

- (a) An employer; or
- (b) An outworker entity within the meaning of the *Fair Work Act 2009* (Cth).

[Definition of **Work** varied by [PR993032](#) ppc 18Feb10]

F.2.5 Work means work on or in relation to any garment, article or material in the textile, clothing and footwear industry, including for example design, preparation, manufacture, packing, processing and finishing work, and organisation, procurement, control, management or supervision of work.

F.2.6 Worker means:

- (a) an outworker; or
- (b) a person who personally performs work which is the subject of an arrangement.

F.3 General requirements for making arrangements

[F.2 renumbered as F.3 by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

F.3.1 Registration

- (a) A principal must be registered by the board of reference under clause F.6.7 prior to making any arrangement.
- (b) A principal must not make any arrangement with another principal unless the other principal is registered by the board of reference under clause F.6.7.

F.3.2 Work records

- (a) Upon making an arrangement, a principal must make and retain a written record (a “work record”) which contains:
 - (i) The principal’s name, address, ABN/ACN and/or registered business number;
 - (ii) The principal’s board of reference registration number;
 - (iii) The name and address of the person to whom the arrangement applies;
 - (iv) The address(es) where work is to be performed;
 - (v) The time and date for commencement and completion of the work;
 - (vi) A description of the nature of the work required and the garments, articles or material to be worked on (including diagrams where available and details of the type of garment or article, seam type, fabric type, manner of construction and finishing);
 - (vii) The number of garments, articles or materials of each type;

[F.3.2(a)(viii) varied by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

- (viii) The time (including sewing time) for the work required on each garment, article or material; and
 - (ix) The price to be paid for each garment, article or material.
- (b) A copy of a work record must be given to the person with whom the arrangement is made prior to the commencement of any work which is the subject of the arrangement.

F.3.3 Lists

- (a) A principal must make and retain a list (“List”) containing the name and address of each person with which it makes an arrangement and the date each arrangement is made.

[F.2.3(b) varied by [PR994546](#) from 01Jan10]

- (b) A principal must provide a copy of the List to the General Manager or their nominee and to the relevant State Branch of the Union within 7 days of the last working day of February, May, August and November of each year.

[F.2.3(c) varied by [PR994546](#) from 01Jan10]

- (c) The General Manager or their nominee may allow an organisation with a legitimate interest in the Textile, Clothing and Footwear Industry to peruse the List.

F.3.4 Terms of arrangements

[E.2.4 varied by [PR993032](#) ppc 18Feb10]

A principal must not make an arrangement unless:

- (a) The arrangement contains a term requiring the person with whom the arrangement is made to have a written agreement with any other person who performs any work which is the subject of the arrangements;
- (b) The written agreement must specify each of the matters set out in clause F.3.2(a); and
- (c) The written agreement must provide for wages and conditions no less favourable than those contained in clauses F.4 and F.5.

F.4 Additional requirements for making arrangements with workers

[F.3 renumbered as F.4 by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

F.4.1 A principal must comply with this clause in addition to clause F.3 where the principal makes an arrangement:

- (a) with a worker; or
- (b) with a body corporate owned or managed by the worker or member of their family.

F.4.2 Written agreements

[E.3.2 varied by [PR993032](#) ppc 18Feb10]

Prior to the commencement of work which is the subject of an arrangement, a principal must make a signed written agreement (“Written Agreement”) with the worker which specifies:

- (a) whether the principal will provide the worker with work on a full-time or part-time basis; and

[F.4.2(b) varied by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

- (b) if part-time, the agreed number of hours of work per week, including whether they are to be averaged and over what period, in accordance with clause F.5.2(a).

[E.3.3 varied by [PR993032](#) ppc 18Feb10]

F.4.3 The proposed terms of the written agreement must be expressed clearly and simply in a language the worker understands and must be provided in writing to the worker in that language a reasonable time before it is signed.

- (a) Any proposed variation of the written agreement must also comply with clause F.4.2(b) and will take effect three days after an agreement to vary the written agreement (“Variation Agreement”) is signed.
- (b) A copy of the proposed written agreement, the signed written agreement and variation agreement, along with an English language version of each document if in a language other than English, must be retained by the principal (“Written Agreement Records”).

F.4.4 Additional information in work records

[E.3.4 varied by [PR993032](#) ppc 18Feb10]

A work record in respect of an arrangement under this clause must contain the following information in addition to that prescribed in F.3.2:

- (a) The time and date for the garments, articles or materials to be provided to and picked up from the worker to facilitate commencement and completion of work in accordance with F.3.2(a)(v);

[F.4.4(b) varied by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

- (b) Details of the time standard applied in accordance with clause F.5.4(a) in order to determine the appropriate time (including sewing time) for the purposes of clause F.3.2(a)(viii);

[F.4.4(c) varied by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

- (c) The number of working hours that will be necessary to complete the work, calculated by multiplying the number of garments at clause F.3.2(a)(vii) by the time (including sewing time) per garment, article or material at clause F.3.2(a)(viii); and
- (d) The number of hours and days within the ordinary working week that will be necessary to complete the work in order to determine the appropriate time and date of commencement and completion at clause F.3.2(a)(v), and
- (e) The total amount to be paid to the worker for the hours and days at clause F.4.4(c), applying the appropriate rates of pay set out at clause F.5.4(b).

F.4.5 A principal must provide the worker with a copy of this Schedule in the appropriate language for the worker.

F.4.6 A principal must provide the worker with the minimum conditions set out in clause F.5.

F.5 Minimum conditions for workers

[F.4 renumbered as F.5 by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

F.5.1 National Employment Standards

A principal must apply the NES to the worker as though the worker is an employee, whether or not the principal is an employer or the worker is an employee.

F.5.2 Hours of work

(a) A principal must provide the worker with work which is:

(i) full-time, 38 hours per week; or

[F.5.2(a)(ii) varied by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

(ii) regular part-time, with no less than 15 regular hours per week to be agreed between the principal and the worker; or

[E.4.2(a)(iii) varied by [PR993032](#) ppc 18Feb10, [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

(iii) regular part-time, with no less than 10 regular hours per week to be agreed between the principal and the worker with the consent of the Union in accordance with Schedule F—Outwork and Related Provisions.

[New F.5.2(b) inserted by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

(b) Agreement in accordance with F.5.2(a)(ii) and F.5.2(a)(iii) may include that regular part-time hours may be averaged over a period not exceeding four (4) consecutive weeks.

[F.5.2(b) renumbered as F.5.2(c) by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

(c) In each ordinary working week, a principal must not require the worker to complete more than 38 hours' work, or the agreed number of part-time hours, whichever is less.

[F.5.2(c) renumbered as F.5.2(d) by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

(d) Subject to clause F.5.7, in each ordinary working week where the worker is ready, willing and able to work, a principal must pay the worker for either 38 hours' work or the agreed number of part-time hours' work, regardless of whether the principal provided enough work for those hours of work to be performed.

F.5.3 Work on weekends and public holidays

(a) A principal must not require the worker to work, or set the time and date for commencement and completion of work so that the worker is required to work, on a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday without obtaining the prior written agreement of the worker, specifying the date/s and number of hours to be worked on each date.

(b) Unless otherwise specified in the written agreement, the worker will be deemed to have worked 7.6 hours on each date.

[E.4.3(c) varied by [PR993032](#) ppc 18Feb10]

- (c) Where, notwithstanding F.5.3(a), the time and date for commencement and completion of work would require the worker to work on a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday:
 - (i) the time and date for completion will be deemed to be extended by the time necessary to ensure work on a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday is not required; or
 - (ii) the worker may elect to perform the work and will be deemed to have completed 7.6 hours work on each Saturday, Sunday or public holiday on or between the time and date for commencement and completion of the work.

F.5.4 Time standards and payment

[E.4.4(a) varied by [PR993032](#) ppc 18Feb10]

- (a) In determining how long work will take to perform (“the Time Standard”) a principal must allow a fair and reasonable time, including:
 - (i) providing more time for the work to be performed than the time standard set for comparable work undertaken in a workshop or factory; and
 - (ii) providing reasonable additional time to perform ancillary tasks such as bundling and unbundling, sorting and packing.
- (b) A principal must pay the worker at the following rates:

[E.4.4(b)(i) substituted by [PR993032](#) ppc 18Feb10]

- (i) For each minute of work in the ordinary working week, 1/2280 of the weekly rate for the appropriate classification set out at clause 20 (“the ordinary minute rate”);
- (ii) For each minute of work in excess of 38 hours or the agreed weekly hours, whichever is less, 1.5 times the ordinary minute rate;
- (iii) For each minute of work performed or deemed to have been performed on a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday, 200% of the ordinary minute rate; and
- (iv) For each public holiday on which the worker does not work, 1/5 of the weekly rate for the appropriate classification set out at clause 20, calculated on a proportionate basis for a part-time arrangement.

[F.4.4(b)(v) substituted by [PR994546](#) from 01Jan10]

- (v) Any additional payment due pursuant to clause 23.2 applies notwithstanding this clause.

F.5.5 Payment

- (a) A principal must pay the worker within two working days’ of the end of the ordinary working week at a time and by a method agreed between the principal and the worker.

[New F.5.5(b) inserted by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

- (b) Payment for regular part-time hours must be no less than the agreed regular hours per week which may be averaged in accordance with an averaging agreement.

Note: For example, if a regular part-time hours agreement includes averaging of 15 hours over a 4 week period, a principal must pay the worker 15 ordinary hours per week. If a regular part-time hours agreement includes averaging of 10 hours over a 4 week period, a principal must pay the worker 10 ordinary hours per week.

[F.5.5(b) renumbered as F.5.5(c) by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

- (c) At or prior to the time of payment, a principal must provide the worker with details in writing of the gross payment, any deduction made and the net payment.

F.5.6 A principal must provide the worker with all necessary materials, trimmings and sewing threads to perform the work required of the worker, and cause all relevant materials, products, garments or articles to be delivered and collected from the worker at no cost to the worker.

F.5.7 Stand-down

A principal may stand-down the worker where no work is available as a result of circumstances outside the control of a principal, subject to the following conditions.

- (a) The principal bears the onus of establishing that no work is available.
- (b) The stand-down is for a maximum period of two days in any four week period and ten days per year.
- (c) The principal must make and retain a written record of the stand-down (“stand-down record”) setting out the name and address of the worker, the commencement date and duration of the stand-down and the reason for the stand-down.
- (d) Within two working days of a stand-down, a copy of the stand-down record must be provided to the worker and the Union.

F.5.8 A principal must apply the remaining provisions of this award to the worker as though the worker is an employee, whether or not the principal is an employer or the worker is an employee, excluding the following clauses:

[E.4.8 varied by [PR993032](#) ppc 18Feb10]

- Dispute resolution (clauses 10.1 and 10.2)
- Hours of work;
- Overtime;
- Payment of wages;
- Regular part-time employment;

- Award posted;
- Casual employment;
- Dining room allowance;
- Meal allowance;
- Midday meal break;
- Rest breaks;
- Rest room allowance; and
- Tool allowance.

F.5.9 A principal must not make one or more arrangements covered by this Schedule with more than 10 workers at any one time, unless the principal has the consent of the Union or the board of reference, which may exercise its discretion to allow the principal to do so.

F.5.10 Dispute Resolution

[E.4.10 inserted by [PR993032](#) ppc 18Feb10]

[F.5.10 varied by [PR542137](#) ppc 04Dec13]

In the event of a dispute involving parties to which this schedule applies in relation to a matter arising under this Award, or the NES, in the first instance the parties will attempt to resolve the dispute through direct discussions. If the dispute cannot be resolved through direct discussions, a party to the dispute may refer the dispute to the Fair Work Commission. The provisions of clauses 10.3–10.5 apply in respect of the dispute.

F.6 Registration and board of reference

[F.5.1 varied by [PR994546](#) from 01Jan10; F.5 renumbered as F.6 by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

F.6.1 For the purposes of this part, the General Manager or their nominee must appoint a board of reference for each of the following places:

- Adelaide;
- Brisbane;
- Hobart;
- Melbourne;
- Perth; and
- Sydney,

or at such place as they may from time to time determine.

[F.5.2 varied by [PR994546](#) from 01Jan10]

F.6.2 The board must consist of two Union representatives and two principal representatives with the addition of the General Manager or such person as they may nominate as chairperson of the board. In the event of the representative members of the board being equally divided in opinion, the chairperson may cast their vote to give a majority decision.

F.6.3 Any board member may appoint a nominee to act on their behalf at any time.

[F.5.4 varied by [PR994546](#) from 01Jan10]

F.6.4 Three members, one of whom must be the General Manager or their nominee will constitute a quorum.

[F.5.5 varied by [PR994546](#) from 01Jan10]

F.6.5 A board of reference may sit at such times and places as the members may agree or the General Manager or their nominee may fix and may adjourn from time to time and place to place.

F.6.6 The functions of the board of reference are to deal with any matter as provided for in this part.

F.6.7 Powers of board of reference to register principals

- (a) On application, the board of reference may register a principal on conditions it determines for a period of 12 months.
- (b) The board of reference may revoke the registration of principal for failure to comply with any or all of such conditions.
- (c) Upon registration, the board of reference will give principal a registration number.

[F.5.7(d) varied by [PR994546](#) from 01Jan10]

- (d) The General Manager or their nominee will maintain a record of registered principals.
- (e) At the time of registration, and on each anniversary of registration, a principal must place a notice in the public notices column of a metropolitan daily newspaper circulating throughout any State in which work is to be performed stating:
 - (i) the principal's name, address and ABN/ACN;
 - (ii) that the principal is registered under this award;
 - (iii) the principal's registration number;
 - (iv) the location at which all relevant records, including but not limited to work records, lists, written agreement records and stand-down records, in the principal's possession or custody may be inspected by the Union.

[F.5.7(f) varied by [PR994546](#) from 01Jan10]

- (f) A principal may make an agreement in writing with the Union or apply to the board of reference to be exempted from the notice requirement. A copy of any written agreement made between a principal and the Union must be lodged with the General Manager or their nominee.

F.7 Observance of award

[F.6 renumbered as F.7 by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

- F.7.1** A principal must not, in any way, whether directly or indirectly, be a party to or concerned in conduct that:

[E.6.1(a) varied by [PR993032](#) ppc 18Feb10]

- (a) hinders, prevents or discourages the observance of this Schedule;
- (b) causes or encourages or is likely to cause or encourage, a breach or non-observance of this Part.

- F.7.2** A principal must retain all work records, lists, written agreement records and/or stand down records required under this part for a period of six years after the relevant record was made.

- F.7.3** Within two working days of a request being made, the principal's work records, Lists, written agreement records and/or stand down records must be provided by the principal to the Union for inspection and copying:

- (a) At a time and place agreed between the Union and the principal; or
- (b) In the absence of agreement, between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm on a working day at an alternative appropriate premises nominated by the principal within a 50 kilometre radius of the principal's premises (which may be the principal's premises); or
- (c) If the principal fails to nominate such a place, between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm on a working day at an appropriate place nominated by the Union within a 50 kilometre radius of the principal's premises (which may include the Union's premises but must not include the principal's premises).

[E.6.4 varied by [PR993032](#) ppc 18Feb10]

- F.7.4** The Union will not divulge any information contained in a work record in compliance with F.3.2(a)(ix) concerning the price to be paid for each garment or article in any circumstances to any party save for in enforcement or dispute resolution proceedings in a Court or Tribunal.

F.8 Recovery of unpaid remuneration

[F.7 renumbered as F.8 by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

- F.8.1 Unpaid remuneration** includes any amount payable to a worker, whether or not an arrangement applies to the worker, including but not limited to amounts in respect of:

- (a) commission;

- (b) leave or other entitlements; and
- (c) reimbursement or compensation for an expense incurred or loss sustained by the person,

which has not been paid to the worker.

F.8.2 Extended liability of principal

- (a) A principal who makes an arrangement will be liable for any unpaid remuneration payable to a worker engaged by a person with whom the arrangement is made (“the Person”), unless:
 - (i) the principal has obtained a written statement (“Written Statement”) from the person that all unpaid remuneration payable to the worker has been paid; and
 - (ii) the principal does not have reason to believe that the written statement is false.

[E.7.2(b) varied by [PR993032](#) ppc 18Feb10]

- (b) A principal may withhold any payment due to the person until the person provides a written statement to the principal. Any penalty for late payment under the arrangement does not apply to a payment withheld under this clause.
- (c) Where the person is also a principal, the person must not provide a written statement knowing it to be false.
- (d) Clause F.8.2 does not apply where the person is bankrupt or under external administration and payments under the arrangement are payable to the administrators or trustee in bankruptcy.
- (e) Nothing in this subclause limits or excludes any other liability or right of recovery in respect of:
 - (i) Unpaid remuneration; or
 - (ii) Money owed by a principal to the person.

[F.8.2(f) varied by [PR563434](#) ppc 11May15]

- (f) A principal is not excluded from liability pursuant to this subclause by obtaining a written statement from a body corporate owned or managed by the worker.

F.8.3 Extended liability of apparent principal

[E.7.3(a) varied by [PR993032](#) ppc 18Feb10]

- (a) A worker may make a claim (“the claim”) for any unpaid remuneration relating to the work against a principal who the worker believes they carried out the work for (“the apparent principal”).

[E.7.3(b) varied by [PR993032](#) ppc 18Feb10]

- (b)** A claim may be made by serving a statutory declaration on the apparent principal within six months after the completion of the work specifying:
 - (i)** the name of the worker;
 - (ii)** the address at which the worker may be contacted;
 - (iii)** a description of the work done;
 - (iv)** the date or dates on which the work was done; and
 - (v)** the amount of unpaid remuneration claimed in respect of the work.

[E.7.3(c) varied by [PR993032](#) ppc 18Feb10]

- (c)** An apparent principal served with a claim will be taken to be liable for the unpaid remuneration other than where:
 - (i)** the apparent principal serves the claim on another person that the apparent principal knows or reasonably believes is liable for the claim (“the liable party”) within 14 days; and
 - (ii)** the apparent principal notifies the worker of the service; and
 - (iii)** the liable party pays the unpaid remuneration to the worker within 14 days of the service; and
 - (iv)** the liable party serves notice in writing on the apparent principal that payment has been made and the amount.

[E.7.3(d) varied by [PR993032](#) ppc 18Feb10]

- (d)** An apparent principal may set off or deduct any unpaid remuneration paid to the worker from any amount the apparent principal owes to the liable party.
- (e)** Nothing in this subclause limits or excludes any other liability or right of recovery in respect of:
 - (i)** unpaid remuneration; or
 - (ii)** money owed by an apparent principal to a liable party.
- (f)** A principal or apparent principal will not be liable for any unpaid remuneration pursuant to this clause to the extent that the principal or apparent principal proves that the relevant work was not done or the amount of unpaid remuneration claimed is in excess of the amount to which the worker is entitled.
- (g)** An apparent principal is not excluded from liability pursuant to this subclause by obtaining a written statement from any party, including (but not limited to) a body corporate owned or managed by the worker. A principal or apparent principal is not excluded from liability pursuant to this subclause by obtaining a written statement from, or serving a claim upon, a body corporate owned or managed by the worker.

Appendix to Schedule F—Information to be given to outworkers

[Appx to Sched F varied by [PR993032](#), [PR997898](#), [PR509048](#), [PR522879](#), [PR536682](#); substituted by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13; varied by [PR551605](#) ppc 01Jul14]

Preamble

If you work at home or outside a workshop in the textile, clothing, footwear and associated industries, you may be an outworker.

If you are an outworker, you are entitled to the same wages and conditions, in general, as workers in textile, clothing or footwear factories.

The Textile, Clothing, Footwear and Associated Industries Award 2010 (the Award) sets out legally enforceable rights and obligations. This applies to all outworkers including employees, independent contractors, and holders of business name registrations.

According to this law some of the entitlements outworkers must receive are set out below:

Hours of work

An outworker may only be employed to work full-time, which is 38 hours a week, or regular part-time, which must be at least 15 hours per week or 10 hours per week (with the agreement of the outworker and the consent of the Union). The hours must be agreed to in advance by the outworker and the employer.

This means you are guaranteed payment for the agreed number of hours per week, even if you are not given any work, unless you are stood-down in accordance with the Award.

If you are a regular part-time worker, the agreed number of hours can also be averaged over a period of up to four weeks. The averaging must be agreed to in advance by the outworker and the employer.

You cannot be required to work on Saturdays, Sundays or public holidays. You may agree to work on those days if asked to do so by your employer. You will have to be paid overtime rates if you do work on these days.

As a full-time or regular part-time worker you can only be required to work seven hours and 36 minutes each day. If you are asked by your employer to work more than this number of hours, you must be paid overtime.

This means that even if you are paid by the piece you cannot receive less than the hourly award rate of pay.

Overtime

If you agree to work more than seven hours and 36 minutes in a day, Monday to Friday, you must be paid one and a half times the normal hourly rate for each hour over the seven hours and 36 minutes.

For each hour you agree to work on a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday, you must be paid double the normal hourly rate.

Wages

According to law, as at 1 July 2015, the usual weekly wage for 38 hours, Monday to Friday, is \$701.80.

The hourly rate is \$18.47. Remember, the law says you must not be paid less than the hourly rates according to the Award.

Each year, the industrial tribunal the Fair Work Commission reviews the minimum hourly rates of pay. This usually means the Award hourly rate of pay will increase each year from 1 July.

Annual leave (holidays)

You are entitled to annual leave. You should get paid 20 working days' paid leave for every year you work full-time. You should be paid before you go on holidays, and this holiday pay should include an extra amount - a holiday leave loading - of 17.5% of your pay.

This amount of annual leave for regular part-time workers depends on the hours you work in a 12 month period.

Payment for public holidays (such as Christmas or New Year's Day) which occur when you are on leave, should be added onto your holiday pay.

Public holidays

If you normally work on a day on which a public holiday falls you should receive a day's pay without working on that day. Some States have different public holidays but all have about 10 different public holidays a year.

The public holidays that apply across Australia are New Year's Day (1 January), Australia Day (26 January), Good Friday and Easter Monday in March or April, ANZAC Day (25 April), Christmas Day and Boxing Day (25 and 26 December). There are extra public holidays that apply on different days in different States.

Superannuation

By law, your employer has to make a superannuation contribution of 9.25% to an approved fund, for you. The industry default funds are Australian Super Fund and SunSuper, which are approved by both the union and some employer organisations, unless you choose another complying fund.

Workers Compensation

As an outworker you are entitled to a safe and healthy workplace. As an outworker you are covered by work health and safety legislation and workers compensation legislation.

If you become ill or suffer an injury as a result of the work you may be entitled to workers compensation, which helps you pay for any treatment you might need to get better, and for time off work.

Materials

Your employer must provide all necessary materials, trimmings and sewing threads for the work you are doing.

Delivery and pick up

The employer must deliver and pick up the work free of charge to you.

Record of work

Every time you receive work you should keep a record.

This should show:

- Your name and address;
- Your employer's name, address, telephone number, ABN/ACN and Board registration number;
- The time and date you received the work and the time and date when the work is to be completed;
- A description of the nature of the work to be completed (including diagrams where available);
- The number of items, what the item is and how long it will take (hours and days) to make or work on each item;
- The price you will get for each item; and
- The total amount of money paid for the completed work.

If you need information or help in relation to any of your rights you can contact the Textile, Clothing and Footwear Union of Australia, the union which represents workers in the TCF industry.

Schedule G—Apprentices

[Sched C varied by [PR988362](#), [PR542901](#), [PR544315](#), [PR559305](#); Sched C varied and renumbered as Sched G by [PR563434](#) ppc 11May15]

- G.1** An apprentice means any person employed and registered in the form prescribed by the relevant State Apprenticeship Authority.
- G.2** For the purposes of this award, an apprentice is an employee who is engaged under a Training Agreement registered by the relevant State or Territory Training or Apprenticeship Authority, where the qualification outcome specified in the Training Agreement is a relevant qualification from a Training Package endorsed by the National Training Framework Committee.
- G.3** An apprentice will also include an employee who is engaged under a Training Agreement or Contract of Training for an apprenticeship declared or recognised by the relevant State or Territory Training or Apprenticeship Authority.
- G.4** Subject to appropriate State legislation, an employer must not employ an unapprenticed junior in a trade or occupation provided for in this award.
- G.5** In order to undertake trade training in accordance with G.1 a person must be a party to a contract of apprenticeship training agreement in accordance with the requirements of the Apprenticeship Authority or State legislation. The employer must provide access to training consistent with the contract or training agreement without loss of pay.

[C.6 substituted by [PR559305](#) ppc 01Jan15]

- G.6** An apprentice who attends a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) must be reimbursed by their employer for all training fees and the costs of all prescribed textbooks (excluding those textbooks which are available in the employer's technical library) paid by the apprentice in respect of any course prescribed, at the end of each term, unless there is unsatisfactory progress. An employer may meet its obligation by paying any fees and/or cost of textbooks directly to the RTO.

[C.7 varied by [PR563434](#) ppc 11May15]

- G.7** The probationary period of an apprentice must be as set out in the training agreement or contract of apprenticeship consistent with the requirements of the Apprenticeship Authority and with State legislation but must not exceed three months.
- G.8** An apprentice who is under 21 years of age on completion of their apprenticeship and who is employed in the occupation to which they were apprenticed will be paid not less than the adult rate prescribed for that classification.
- G.9** Except as provided in this clause or where otherwise stated all conditions of employment specified in this award will apply to apprentices.
- G.10** No apprentice under the age of 18 years will be required to work overtime unless they request to work overtime. An apprentice must not work or be required to work overtime at times which would prevent their attendance at technical school as required by this award or State legislation or regulation.

- G.11** No apprentice under the age of 18 years will be employed on any shift other than the day shift. An apprentice over the age of 18 years by mutual agreement may be required to work on an afternoon shift provided such shiftwork does not prevent their attendance at technical school as required by any legislation, award or regulation applicable to them.
- G.12** An apprentice must not work under any system of payment by results.
- G.13** An employer must allow an apprentice to take time off during working hours to attend available classes. In order to be entitled to the time off the apprentice must produce a card showing the employee's attendance at school for the period.

[C.14 varied by [PR542901](#) ppc 04Oct13]

- G.14** The provisions of this clause will be read in conjunction with any State legislation or regulation relating to apprentices provided that the provisions of the State legislation or regulation:
- are not inconsistent with this award; and
 - does not operate to the exclusion of clauses 20.8 and 20.9.
- G.15** Provisions of any State award, legislation or regulation relating to the attendance of apprentices at technical school during ordinary working hours or to disciplinary powers of apprenticeship authorities over apprentices and employers are deemed not to be inconsistent with this award.

[C.16 substituted by [PR559305](#) ppc 01Jan15]

- G.16** Apprentices are entitled to the NES, as supplemented by this award, except with respect to redundancy pay.
- G.17** The ordinary hours of employment of apprentices must not exceed those of the tradespersons in their workshop.
- G.18** The number of apprentices which may be employed by any employer at any time in the said trade or trades must not exceed the proportion of one apprentice for each individual tradesperson employed by such employer in such trade.

[New C.19 inserted by [PR559305](#) ppc 01Jan15]

- G.19** Where an apprentice is required to attend block release training for training identified in or associated with their training contract, and such training requires an overnight stay, the employer must pay for the excess reasonable travel costs incurred by the apprentice in the course of travelling to and from such training. Provided that this clause will not apply where the apprentice could attend an alternative Registered Training Organisation (RTO) and the use of the more distant RTO is not agreed between the employer and the apprentice.

[New C.20 inserted by [PR559305](#) ppc 01Jan15]

- G.20** For the purposes of clause G.19, excess reasonable travel costs include the total costs of reasonable transportation (including transportation of tools where required), accommodation costs incurred while travelling (where necessary) and reasonable expenses incurred while travelling, including meals, which exceed those incurred in

travelling to and from work. For the purposes of this subclause, excess travel costs do not include payment for travelling time or expenses incurred while not travelling to and from block release training.

[C.21 inserted by [PR559305](#) ppc 01Jan15]

G.21 The amount payable by an employer under clause G.19 may be reduced by an amount the apprentice is eligible to receive for travel costs to attend block release training under a Government apprentice assistance scheme. This will only apply if an apprentice has either received such assistance or their employer has advised them in writing of the availability of such assistance.

[C.22 inserted by [PR559305](#) ppc 01Jan15]

G.22 Time spent by an apprentice in attending any training and/or assessment specified in, or associated with, the training contract is to be regarded as time worked for the employer for the purposes of calculating the apprentice's wages and determining the apprentice's employment conditions. This subclause operates subject to the provisions of clause G.24—School-based apprentices of Schedule G.

G.23 Adult apprentices

[C.19 renumbered as C.23 by [PR559305](#) ppc 01Jan15]

G.23.1 An **adult apprentice** means a person 21 years of age or over who enters into a training agreement or contract from the first time and is registered in the form prescribed by the relevant State Apprenticeship Authority.

G.23.2 Where the relevant State Apprenticeship Authority approves an application from an employee who has been employed in the relevant industry for at least two consecutive years and the Authority is satisfied that the applicant has sufficient theoretical and practical knowledge the Authority may, subject to any conditions it may determine, permit the applicant to advance within the apprenticeship period by a maximum of two years.

G.24 School-based apprentices

[C.20 varied by [PR542901](#), [PR544315](#) ppc 01Jan14; renumbered as C.24 by [PR559305](#) ppc 01Jan15]

The following provisions apply to school-based apprentices.

- A school-based apprentice is a person who is undertaking an apprenticeship in accordance with this clause while also undertaking a course of secondary education.
- The hourly rates for full-time junior and adult apprentices as set out in this award will apply to school-based apprentices for total hours worked including time deemed to be spent in off-the-job training.
- For the purposes of the above, where an apprentice is a full-time school student, the time spent in off-the-job training for which the apprentice is paid is deemed to be 25% of the actual hours each week worked on-the-job. The wages paid for training time may be averaged over a semester or year.

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- The school-based apprentice will be allowed, over the duration of the apprenticeship, the same amount of time to attend off-the-job training as an equivalent full-time apprentice.
- For the purposes of this subclause, off-the-job training is structured training delivered by a Registered Training Organisation separate from normal work duties or general supervised practice undertaken on the job.
- The duration of the apprenticeship will be as specified in the training agreement or contract for each apprentice. The period so specified to which the apprentice wage rates apply must not exceed six years.
- School-based apprentices will progress through the wage scale at the rate of 12 months progression for each two years of employment as an apprentice or at the rate of competency based progression if provided for in this award.
- These rates are based on a standard full-time apprenticeship of four years or stages of competency based progression (if provided for in this award). The rate of progression reflects the average rate of skill acquisition expected from the typical combination of work and training for a school-based apprentice undertaking the applicable apprenticeship.
- Where an apprentice converts from school-based to full-time, the successful completion of competencies (if provided for in this award) and all time spent as a full-time apprentice will count for the purposes of progression through the wage scale. This progression will apply in addition to the progression achieved as a school-based apprentice.

School-based apprentices will be entitled pro rata to all of the conditions of employees under this award.

Schedule H—2015 Part-day Public Holidays

[Sched H inserted by [PR532628](#) ppc 23Nov12; renamed and varied by [PR544519](#) ppc 21Nov13; renamed and varied by [PR557581](#), [PR573679](#) ppc 16Nov15]

This schedule operates in conjunction with award provisions dealing with public holidays.

H.1 Where a part-day public holiday is declared or prescribed between 7.00 pm and midnight on Christmas Eve (24 December 2015) or New Year's Eve (31 December 2015) the following will apply on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve and will override any provision in this award relating to public holidays to the extent of the inconsistency:

- (a) All employees will have the right to refuse to work on the part-day public holiday if the request to work is not reasonable or the refusal is reasonable as provided for in the NES.
- (b) Where a part-time or full-time employee is usually rostered to work ordinary hours between 7.00 pm and midnight but as a result of exercising their right under the NES does not work, they will be paid their ordinary rate of pay for such hours not worked.
- (c) Where a part-time or full-time employee is usually rostered to work ordinary hours between 7.00 pm and midnight but as a result of being on annual leave does not work, they will be taken not to be on annual leave between those hours of 7.00 pm and midnight that they would have usually been rostered to work and will be paid their ordinary rate of pay for such hours.
- (d) Where a part-time or full-time employee is usually rostered to work ordinary hours between 7.00 pm and midnight, but as a result of having a rostered day off (RDO) provided under this award, does not work, the employee will be taken to be on a public holiday for such hours and paid their ordinary rate of pay for those hours.
- (e) Where an employee works any hours between 7.00 pm and midnight they will be entitled to the appropriate public holiday penalty rate (if any) in this award for those hours worked.
- (f) An employee not rostered to work between 7.00 pm and midnight, other than an employee who has exercised their right in accordance with clause H.1(a), will not be entitled to another day off, another day's pay or another day of annual leave as a result of the part-day public holiday.
- (g) Nothing in this schedule affects the right of an employee and employer to agree to substitute public holidays.

This schedule is not intended to detract from or supplement the NES.

This schedule is an interim provision and subject to further review.