

WORK PERFORMED BY COMMISSIONERS AND COUNCILS OF CONCILIATION

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| Industrial agreements made under the Act | 32 (last year, 17) |
| Disputes where recommendations were substantially accepted or agreements reached and referred to the Court to make awards .. | 73 (last year, 77) |
| Disputes where partial settlement was arrived at and referred to the Court to make awards | 42 (last year, 51) |
| Disputes withdrawn | 2 (last year, 5) |

MINIMUM WAGE: RATES FIXED BY AWARDS AND INDUSTRIAL AGREEMENTS

There has been no alteration in the standard minima for adult male workers specified by the Court of Arbitration in a pronouncement dated 17th March, 1945—namely, skilled, 3s. 0½d. per hour; semi-skilled, 2s. 8½d. to 2s. 11d. per hour; and unskilled, 2s. 7½d. per hour. During the year the Court has, however, in pursuance and exercise of the powers vested in it by the Economic Stabilization Emergency Regulations 1942 and on the application of the parties involved, amended 427 awards and industrial agreements.

The following table gives the minima for a number of the principal industries. Where there is no Dominion award or agreement in operation, Wellington rates have been taken, unless otherwise indicated. All the wage rates shown below are subject to an increase of 5 per cent. and a further increase of 5 per cent. (with a maximum of 5s. for adult males and 2s. 6d. for adult females), with the exception of those rates indicated by a section mark (§), which are subject only to the second increase.

| Industry. | Rate. | Weekly Hours. |
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| Bacon-workers | 2s. 9½d. to 3s. 1½d. per hour .. | 40 |
| Bakers | £6 1s. 8d. per week | 40 |
| Biscuit and confectionery workers— | | |
| Male | £5 5s. to £6 6s. 8d. per week .. | 40 |
| Female | £3 3s. per week | 40 |
| Boot operatives— | | |
| Male | 2s. 10½d. to 3s. per hour | 40 |
| Female | £3 7s. 6d. per week | 40 |
| Bricklayers | 3s. 2d. per hour | 40 |
| Brick, tile, and pottery workers— | | |
| Male | 2s. 8½d. to 3s. 0½d. per hour .. | 40 |
| Female | £3 5s. per week, Dunedin | 40 |
| Butchers (retail shops) | £5 17s. 10d. to £6 17s. 10d. per week | 40 |
| Canister workers— | | |
| Male | 2s. 10½d. to 2s. 11d. per hour .. | 40 |
| Female | £3 2s. 6d. per week | 40 |
| Carpenters and joiners | 3s. 0½d. per hour | 40 |
| Cleaners and caretakers— | | |
| Male | £5 to £5 10s. per week | 40 |
| Female | £3 5s. per week | 40 |
| Clerical workers— | | |
| Male | £6 per week | 40 |
| Female | £3 15s. per week | 40 |
| Clothing-trade employees— | | |
| Male | £5 12s. 6d. per week | 40 |
| Female | £3 5s. per week | 40 |
| Coachworkers | 3s. 0½d. per hour | 40 |
| Cheese- and butter-factory employees | £5 1s. 8d. to £6 5s. 8d. per week .. | 40 |
| Drivers— | | |
| (a) Motor | £5 7s. 8d. to £5 19s. 8d. per week .. | 40 |
| (b) Horse | £5 4s. 8d. per week for one horse, £5 7s. 8d. per week for two horses, and 6d. per day or 2s. 6d. per week extra for each horse above two | 40 |
| (c) Passenger transport | £6 1s. 8d. per week | 40 |