

QUEENSLAND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION

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**MEAT INDUSTRY (OTHER THAN EXPORT) AWARD - STATE 2002**

Following the Declaration of the General Ruling for Overtime Meal Allowance (matter numbers B/2010/34 and B/2010/38), the Meat Industry (Other than Export) Award - State 2002 is hereby reprinted, pursuant to s. 698 of the *Industrial Relations Act 1999*.

I hereby certify that the Award contained herein is a true and correct copy of the Meat Industry (Other than Export) Award - State 2002 as at 1 January 2011.

Dated 1 March 2011.

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Industrial Registrar

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This Award applies to all employers in the meat industry (other than export) in the State of Queensland, and to employees who are employed by them.	
This Award does not apply to those employers and employees to whom any Federal Award applies or to employees who are covered by any other award of this Commission.	
As to the employers named in the Schedules to this Award the provisions of the Award are modified in accordance with the requirements of the individual Orders listed in such Schedules.	
<b>1.4 Commencement of Award</b>	
This Award takes effect from 6 January 2003	
<b>1.5 Definitions</b>	

1.5.1 The "Act" means the *Industrial Relations Act 1999* as amended or replaced from time to time.

1.5.2 "Butcher's Shop" means any shop, tent, stall, vehicle or place other than abattoirs where uncooked meats (including the preparation thereof) are offered for sale, i.e., beef, mutton, pork, veal, and/or sausages:

Provided that any other business establishment may sell poultry, rabbits, hams, uncooked or salted pigs' cheeks and pigs' trotters, bacon, ham or pork bones, sausages, pork fillets, kidneys and tripe, and by so doing shall not be deemed to be a Butcher's Shop.

1.5.3 "Commission" means the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission.

1.5.4 "General Butcher" means an adult who has had at least 4 years' general experience in general butchering and is not exclusively employed in the making of smallgoods, or in such other cases where an employer engaged or calls upon an employee to perform tradesmen's functions of general butcher:

Provided that the reference to "an adult" shall not prevent a person who has successfully completed a relevant apprenticeship being classified as a General Butcher.

1.5.5 "Slaughtering" means and includes taking charge of slaughteryard, penning up, knocking down, pithing, sticking, bleeding, dressing, skinning, necking off, cutting down, handing back and washing.

1.5.6 "Union" means the Australasian Meat Industry Union of Employees (Queensland Branch)

## **1.6 Divisions and Districts**

For the purposes of this Award, the Divisions and Districts are as follows:

### **1.6.1 Divisions**

Northern Division - That portion of the State along or north of a line commencing at the junction of the sea-coast with the 21<sup>st</sup> parallel of south latitude; from that latitude due west to 147 degrees of east longitude; from that longitude due south to 22 degrees 30 minutes of south latitude; from that latitude due west to the western border of the State.

Mackay Division - That portion of the State within the following boundaries: Commencing at the junction of the sea-coast with the 21<sup>st</sup> parallel of south latitude; from that latitude due west to 147 degrees of east longitude; from that longitude due south to 22 degrees of south latitude; from that latitude due east to the sea-coast; from the sea-coast northerly to the point of commencement.

Southern Division - That portion of the State not included in the Northern or Mackay Divisions.

### **1.6.2 Districts**

(a) Northern Division:

Eastern District - That portion of the Northern Division along or east of 144 degrees 30 minutes of east longitude.

Western District - The remainder of the Northern Division.

(b) Southern Division:

Eastern District - That portion of the Southern Division along or east of a line commencing at the junction of the southern border of the State with 150 degrees of east longitude; from that longitude due north to 25 degrees of south latitude; from that latitude due west to 147 degrees of east longitude; from that longitude due north to the southern boundary of the Mackay Division.

Western District - The remainder of the Southern Division.

## **1.7 Parties bound**

This Award is legally binding upon the employees as prescribed by clause 1.3 and their employers, and the Union and its members.

## **PART 2 - FLEXIBILITY**

### **2.1 Enterprise flexibility**

- 2.1.1 As part of a process of improvement in productivity and efficiency, discussion should take place at each enterprise to provide more flexible working arrangements, improvement in the quality of working life, enhancement of skills, training and job satisfaction and to encourage consultative mechanisms across the workplace.
- 2.1.2 The consultative processes established in an enterprise in accordance with clause 2.1 may provide an appropriate mechanism for consideration of matters relevant to clause 2.1.1 Union delegates at the place of work may be involved in such discussions.
- 2.1.3 Any proposed genuine agreement reached between an employer and employees in an enterprise is contingent upon the agreement being submitted to the Commission in accordance with Chapter 6 of the Act and is to have no force or effect until approval is given.

## **PART 3 - COMMUNICATION, CONSULTATION AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

### **3.1 Grievance and dispute settling procedure**

The matters to be dealt with in this procedure shall include all grievances or disputes between an employee and an employer in respect to any industrial matter and all other matters that the parties agree on and are specified herein. Such procedures shall apply to a single employee or to any number of employees.

- 3.1.1 In the event of an employee having a grievance or dispute the employee shall in the first instance attempt to resolve the matter with the immediate supervisor, who shall respond to such request as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances. Where the dispute concerns alleged actions of the immediate supervisor the employee/s may bypass this level in the procedure.
- 3.1.2 If the grievance or dispute is not resolved under clause 3.1.1, the employee or the employee's representative may refer the matter to the next higher level of management for discussion. Such discussion should, if possible, take place within 24 hours after the request by the employee or the employee's representative.
- 3.1.3 If the grievance involves allegations of unlawful discrimination by a supervisor the employee may commence the grievance resolution process by reporting the allegations to the next level of management beyond that of the supervisor concerned. If there is no level of management beyond that involved in the allegation the employee may proceed directly to the process outlined at clause 3.1.4.
- 3.1.4 If the grievance or dispute is still unresolved after discussions mentioned in clause 3.1.2, the matter shall, in the case of a member of the Union, be reported to the relevant officer of the Union and the senior management of the employer or the employer's nominated industrial representative. An employee who is not a member of the Union may report the grievance or dispute to senior management or the nominated industrial representative. This should occur as soon as it is evident that discussions under clause 3.1.2 will not result in resolution of the dispute.
- 3.1.5 If, after discussion between the parties, or their nominees mentioned in clause 3.1.4, the dispute remains unresolved after the parties have genuinely attempted to achieve a settlement thereof, then notification of the existence of the dispute is to be given to the Commission in accordance with the provisions of the Act.
- 3.1.6 Whilst all of the above procedure is being followed, normal work shall continue except in the case of a genuine safety issue.
- 3.1.7 The *status quo* existing before the emergence of the grievance or dispute is to continue whilst the above procedure is being followed.
- 3.1.8 All parties to the dispute shall give due consideration to matters raised or any suggestion or recommendation made by the Commission with a view to the prompt settlement of the dispute.
- 3.1.9 Any Order or Decision of the Commission (subject to the parties' right of appeal under the Act) will be final and binding on all parties to the dispute.
- 3.1.10 Discussions at any stage of the procedure shall not be unreasonably delayed by any party, subject to acceptance that some matters may be of such complexity or importance that it may take a reasonable period of time for the appropriate response to be made. If genuine discussions are unreasonably delayed or hindered, it shall be open to any party to give notification of the dispute in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

## **PART 4 - EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEES' DUTIES, EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP AND RELATED ARRANGEMENTS**

### **4.1 Employment categories**

Employees covered by this Award shall be advised in writing of their employment category upon appointment. Employment categories are:

- (a) full-time;
- (b) part-time (as prescribed in clause 4.2); or
- (c) casual (as prescribed in clause 4.3).

#### **4.2 Part-time employment**

4.2.1 A part-time employee is an employee who:

- (a) is employed for not less than 20 hours per week and for not more than 32 ordinary hours per week; and
- (b) is rostered for a minimum of 4 consecutive hours on any shift or day.

4.2.2 At the time of engagement the employer and the part-time employee will agree in writing the number of ordinary hours worked each week.

4.2.3 Any agreed variation to the number of ordinary hours worked will be recorded in writing.

4.2.4 A part-time employee's roster may be altered by the employer giving notice to the employee in accordance with the provisions of clause 6.1.7 or by a lesser period of notice by mutual agreement:

Provided that the agreed number of ordinary hours per week can only be varied in accordance with clause 4.2.3.

4.2.5 All time worked outside the ordinary daily and weekly hours specified in the employee's roster will be overtime and paid for at the rates prescribed in clause 6.3.

4.2.6 A part-time employee employed under the provisions of clause 4.2 must be paid for ordinary hours worked at the rate of 1/38 of the weekly rate prescribed in clause 5.2 for the class of work performed.

4.2.7 A part-time employee will receive proportionate pay and employment conditions to those of full-time employees.

4.2.8 Where a public holiday falls on a day upon which a part-time employee is normally employed, that employee shall be paid the appropriate rate for the number of hours normally worked on that day. A part-time employee's regular roster will not be altered to avoid this obligation.

4.2.9 Where an employee and their employer agree in writing, part-time employment may be converted to full-time, and vice-versa on a permanent basis or for a specified period of time. If an employee transfers from full-time to part-time (or *vice-versa*) all accrued award and legislative entitlements shall be maintained. Following transfer to part-time employment accrual will occur in accordance with the provisions relevant to part-time employment.

#### **4.3 Casual employees**

A casual employee shall be paid for each hour employed at 1/38<sup>th</sup> of the weekly wage prescribed in clause 5.2 for the classification concerned, plus a loading of 23% for each hour employed. Such loading shall be in lieu of payment for annual leave, sick leave, public holidays, and bereavement leave (subject to clause 7.4). Each engagement of a casual employee shall be for a period of not less than 4 hours.

#### **4.4 Flexibility of work**

4.4.1 An employer may direct an employee to carry out such duties as are reasonably within the limits of the employee's skill, competence and training.

4.4.2 An employer may direct an employee to carry out such duties and use such tools and equipment as may be required provided that the employee has been properly trained in the use of such tools and equipment.

4.4.3 Any direction issued by an employer pursuant to clauses 4.4.1 and 4.4.2 shall be consistent with the employer's responsibilities to provide a safe and healthy working environment.

#### **4.5 Trainees**

Trainees may be engaged under this Award in accordance with the *Order for Apprentices' and Trainees' Wages and Conditions (Excluding Certain Queensland Government Entities)*.

#### **4.6 Anti-discrimination**

4.6.1 It is the intention of the parties to this Award to prevent and eliminate discrimination as defined by the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991* and the *Industrial Relations Act 1999* as varied from time to time which includes:

- (a) discrimination on the basis of sex, marital status, family responsibilities, pregnancy, parental status, age, race, impairment, religion, political belief or activity, trade union activity, lawful sexual activity and association with, or relation to, a person identified on the basis of any of the above attributes;
- (b) sexual harassment; and
- (c) racial and religious vilification.

4.6.2 Accordingly, in fulfilling their obligations under the grievance and disputes settling procedure in clause 3.1, the parties to this Award must take reasonable steps to ensure that neither the Award provisions nor their operation are directly or indirectly discriminatory in their effects.

4.6.3 Under the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991* it is unlawful to victimise an employee because the employee has made or may make or has been involved in a complaint of unlawful discrimination or harassment.

4.6.4 Nothing in clause 4.6 is to be taken to affect:

- (a) any different treatment (or treatment having different outcomes) which is specifically exempted under the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*;
- (b) an employee, employer or registered organisation, pursuing matters of discrimination, including by application to the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission/Anti-Discrimination Commission Queensland.

## 4.7 Termination of employment

### 4.7.1 Statement of employment

An employer shall, in the event of termination of employment, provide upon request to the employee who has been terminated a written statement specifying the period of employment and the classification or type of work performed by the employee.

### 4.7.2 Termination by employer

- (a) An employer may dismiss an employee only if the employee has been given the following notice:

Period of Continuous Service	Period of Notice
Not more than 1 year	1 week
More than 1 year but not more than 3 years	2 weeks
More than 3 years but not more than 5 years	3 weeks
More than 5 years	4 weeks

- (b) In addition to the notice in (a) above, employees 45 years old or over and who have completed at least 2 years' continuous service with the employer shall be entitled to an additional week's notice.

- (c) Payment in lieu of notice shall be made if the appropriate notice is not given:

Provided that employment may be terminated by part of the period of notice specified and part payment in lieu thereof.

- (d) In calculating any payment in lieu of notice the minimum compensation payable to an employee will be at least the total of the amounts the employer would have been liable to pay the employee if the employee's employment had continued until the end of the required notice period. The total must be worked out on the basis of:

- (i) the ordinary working hours to be worked by the employee; and
- (ii) the amounts payable to the employee for the hours including for example allowances, loadings and penalties; and
- (iii) any other amounts payable under the employee's employment contract.

- (e) The period of notice in this clause shall not apply in the case of dismissal for misconduct or other grounds that justify instant dismissal, or in the case of a casual employee, or an employee engaged by the hour or day, or an employee engaged for a specific period or tasks.

#### 4.7.3 *Notice of termination by employee*

The notice of termination required to be given by an employee shall be the same as that required of an employer, save and except that there shall be no additional notice based on the age of the employee concerned. If an employee fails to give notice, the employer shall have the right to withhold monies due to the employee with a maximum amount equal to the amount the employee would have received under clause 4.7.2(d).

#### 4.7.4 *Time off during notice period*

During the period of notice of termination given by the employer, an employee shall be allowed up to one day's time off without loss of pay for the purpose of seeking other employment. This time off shall be taken at times that are convenient to the employee after consultation with the employer.

### 4.8 **Introduction of changes**

#### 4.8.1 *Employer's duty to notify*

- (a) Where an employer decides to introduce changes in production, program, organisation, structure or technology, that are likely to have significant effects on employees, the employer shall notify the employees who may be affected by the proposed changes and, where relevant, their Union or Unions.
- (b) 'Significant effects' includes 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 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 the Award makes provision for alteration of any of the matters referred to herein an alteration shall be deemed not to have significant effect.

#### 4.8.2 *Employer's duty to consult over change*

- (a) The employer shall consult the employees affected and, where relevant, their Union or Unions about the introduction of the changes, the effects the changes are likely to have on employees (including the number and categories of employees likely to be dismissed, and the time when, or the period over which, the employer intends to carry out the dismissals), and the ways to avoid or minimise the effects of the changes (e.g. by finding alternative employment).
- (b) The consultation must occur as soon as practicable after making the decision referred to in clause 4.8.1.
- (c) For the purpose of such consultation the employer shall provide in writing to the employees concerned and, where relevant, their Union or Unions, 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 any employer shall not be required to disclose confidential information, the disclosure of which would be adverse to the employer's interests.

### 4.9 **Redundancy**

#### 4.9.1 *Consultation before terminations*

- (a) Where an employer decides that the employer no longer wishes the job the employee has been doing to be done by anyone, and this is not due to the ordinary and customary turnover of labour, and that decision may lead to termination of employment, the employer shall consult the employee directly affected and where relevant, their Union or Unions.
- (b) The consultation shall take place as soon as it is practicable after the employer has made a decision, which will invoke the provisions of clause 4.9.1(a) and shall cover the reasons for the proposed terminations, measures to avoid or minimise the terminations and/or their adverse effects on the employees concerned.
- (c) For the purpose of the consultation the employer shall, as soon as practicable, provide in writing to the employees concerned and, where relevant, their Union or Unions, all relevant information about the proposed terminations including the reasons for the proposed terminations, the number and categories of employees likely to be affected, the number of workers normally employed and the period over which the terminations are likely to be carried out:

Provided that any employer shall not be required to disclose confidential information, the disclosure of which would be adverse to the employer's interests.

#### 4.9.2 *Transfer to lower paid duties*

- (a) Where an employee is transferred to lower paid duties for reasons set out clause 4.9.1 the employee shall be entitled to the same period of notice of transfer as the employee would have been entitled to if the employee's employment had been terminated under clause 4.7.
- (b) The employer may, at the employer's option, make payment in lieu thereof of an amount equal to the difference between the former amounts the employer would have been liable to pay and the new lower amount the employer is liable to pay the employee for the number of weeks of notice still owing.
- (c) The amounts must be worked out on the basis of:
  - (i) the ordinary working hours to be worked by the employee; and
  - (ii) the amounts payable to the employee for the hours including for example, allowances, loadings and penalties; and
  - (iii) any other amounts payable under the employee's employment contract.

#### 4.9.3 *Transmission of business*

- (a) Where a business is, whether before or after the date of insertion of this clause in the Award transmitted from an employer (transmitter) to another employer (transmittee), and an employee who at the time of such transmission was an employee of the transmitter of the business, becomes an employee of the transmittee:
  - (i) the continuity of the employment of the employee shall be deemed not to have been broken by reason of such transmission; and
  - (ii) the period of employment which the employee has had with the transmitter or any prior transmitter shall be deemed to be service of the employee with the transmittee.
- (b) In clause 4.9.3, 'business' includes trade, process, business or occupation and includes a part or subsidiary (which means a corporation that would be taken to be a subsidiary under the Corporations Law, whether or not the Corporations Law applies in the particular case) of any such business and 'transmission' includes transfer, conveyance, assignment or succession whether by agreement or by operation of law and 'transmitted' has a corresponding meaning.

#### 4.9.4 *Time off during notice period*

- (a) Where a decision has been made to terminate an employee in the circumstances outlined in clause 4.9.1.(a), the employee shall 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 shall, at the request of the employer, be required to produce proof of attendance at an interview or the employee shall not receive payment for the time absent. For this purpose a statutory declaration will be sufficient.

#### 4.9.5 *Notice to Centrelink*

Where a decision has been made to terminate employees in the circumstances outlined in clause 4.9.1, the employer shall notify Centrelink as soon as possible giving all relevant information about the proposed terminations, including a written statement of the reasons for the terminations, the number and categories of the employees likely to be affected, the number of workers normally employed and the period over which the terminations are intended to be carried out.

#### 4.9.6 *Severance pay*

- (a) In addition to the period of notice prescribed for ordinary termination in clause 4.7.2(a), and subject to further order of the Commission, an employee whose employment is terminated for reasons set out in clause 4.9.1(a), shall be entitled to the following amounts of severance pay:

Period of Continuous Service	Severance Pay (weeks' pay)
Less than 1 year	nil
1 year but not more than 2 years	4
More than 2 years but not more than 3 years	6
More than 3 years but not more than 4 years	7
More than 4 years but not more than 5 years	8
More than 5 years but not more than 6 years	9
More than 6 years but not more than 7 years	10

More than 7 years but not more than 8 years	11
More than 8 years but not more than 9 years	12
More than 9 years but not more than 10 years	13
More than 10 years but not more than 11 years	14
More than 11 years but not more than 12 years	15
More than 12 years	16

(b) 'Weeks' Pay' means the ordinary time rate of pay for the employee concerned:

Provided that the following amounts are excluded from the calculation of the ordinary time rate of pay: overtime, penalty rates, disability allowances, shift allowances, special rates, fares and travelling time allowances, bonuses and any other ancillary payments.

#### 4.9.7 *Superannuation benefits*

An employer may make an application to the Commission for relief from the obligation to make severance payments in circumstances where:

- (a) the employer has contributed to a superannuation scheme which provides a particular benefit to an employee in a redundancy situation; and
- (b) the particular benefit to the employee is over and above any benefit the employee might obtain from any legislative scheme providing for superannuation benefits (currently the federal Superannuation Guarantee levy) or an award based superannuation scheme.

#### 4.9.8 *Employee leaving during notice*

An employee whose employment is terminated for reasons set out in clause 4.9.1(a), may terminate such employment during the period of notice, and, if so, shall be entitled to the same benefits and payments under this clause had such employee remained with the employer until the expiry of such notice:

Provided that in such circumstances the employee shall not be entitled to payment in lieu of notice.

#### 4.9.9 *Alternative employment*

An employer, in a particular case, may make application to the Commission to have the general severance pay prescription amended if the employer obtains acceptable alternative employment for an employee.

#### 4.9.10 *Employees with less than one year's service*

Clause 4.9 shall not apply to employees with less than one year's continuous service and the general obligation on employers should be no more than to give relevant employees an indication of the impending redundancy at the first reasonable opportunity, and to take such steps as may be reasonable to facilitate the obtaining by the employees of suitable alternative employment.

#### 4.9.11 *Employees exempted*

Clause 4.9 shall not apply:

- (a) where employment is terminated as a consequence of misconduct on the part of the employee; or
- (b) to employees engaged for a specific period or task(s); or
- (c) to casual employees.

#### 4.9.12 *Employers exempted*

- (a) Subject to an order of the Commission, in a particular redundancy case, clause 4.9 shall not apply to an employer including a company or companies that employ employees working a total of fewer than 550 hours on average per week, excluding overtime, Monday to Sunday. The 550 hours shall be averaged over the previous 12 months.

- (b) A 'company' shall be defined as:

- (i) a company and the entities it controls; or
- (ii) a company and its related company or related companies; or
- (iii) a company where the company or companies has a common Director or common Directors or a common shareholder or common shareholders with another company or companies.

#### 4.9.13 *Exemption where transmission of business*

(a) The provisions of clause 4.9.6 are not applicable where a business is before or after the date of the insertion of this clause into the Award, transmitted from an employer (transmitter) to another employer (transmittee), in any of the following circumstances:

- (i) where the employee accepts employment with the transmittee which recognises the period of continuous service which the employee had with the transmitter, and any prior transmitter, to be continuous service of the employee with the transmittee; or
- (ii) where the employee rejects an offer of employment with the transmittee:
  - (A) in which the terms and conditions are substantially similar and no less favourable, considered on an overall basis, than the terms and conditions applicable to the employee at the time of ceasing employment with the transmitter; and
  - (B) which recognises the period of continuous service which the employee had with the transmitter and any prior transmitter to be continuous service of the employee with the transmittee.

(b) The Commission may amend clause 4.9.13(a)(ii) if it is satisfied that it would operate unfairly in a particular case, or in the instance of contrived arrangements.

#### 4.9.14 *Incapacity to pay*

An employer in a particular redundancy case may make application to the Commission to have the general severance pay prescription amended on the basis of the employer's incapacity to pay.

### **4.10 Continuity of service - transfer of calling**

In cases where a transfer of calling occurs, continuity of service should be determined in accordance with sections 67-71 of the Act as amended from time to time.

## **PART 5 - WAGES AND WAGE RELATED MATTERS**

### **5.1 Definition of classifications**

Employees covered by this Award are to be classified into one of the following classification and wage levels and remunerated accordingly:

#### 5.1.1 *Level 7 employee* (relativity to trade equivalent level: 105%)

This is the General Butcher in charge of a retail butcher shop.

#### 5.1.2 *Level 6 employee* (relativity to trade equivalent level: 100%)

This is the tradesman rate that will apply to a General Butcher, a smallgoods maker and a tradesman slaughterer.

#### 5.1.3 *Level 5 employee* (relativity to trade equivalent level: 92.3%)

This rate will apply to an employee who performs tasks such as Slaughtering (not a tradesman slaughterer), boning.

#### 5.1.4 *Level 4 employee* (relativity to trade equivalent level: 90%)

This rate will apply to an employee who performs the tasks of salesperson, slicer, smallgoods maker in a Butcher Shop, cutter operator, mixing operator, packing/scaling, ham and bacon curing, cooking, heavy vehicle driving, washing/drying/smoking.

#### 5.1.5 *Level 3 employee* (relativity to trade equivalent level: 87%)

This rate will apply to an employee who performs the tasks of salting/pickle pumping, packing room hand, clerk.

#### 5.1.6 *Level 2 employee* (relativity to trade equivalent level: 85.5%)

This rate will apply to any other employee other than a level 1 employee.

#### 5.1.7 *Level 1 employee* (relativity to trade equivalent level: 81%)

This rate will apply to an employee who is new to the industry and who is under on the job training for an initial trial period of at least 3 months.

## 5.2 Wage rates

### 5.2.1 Weekly wage rates

Classification level	Award rate per week
Level 7 employee	706.60
Level 6 employee	682.00
Level 5 employee	642.10
Level 4 employee	630.80
Level 3 employee	616.00
Level 2 employee	608.65
Level 1 employee	588.20

The rates of pay in this Award are intended to include the arbitrated wage adjustment payable under the 1 September 2010 Declaration of General Ruling and earlier Safety Net Adjustments and arbitrated wage adjustments. This arbitrated wage adjustment may be offset against any equivalent amount in rates of pay received by employees whose wages and conditions of employment are regulated by this Award which are above the wage rates prescribed in the Award. Such payments include wages payable pursuant to certified agreements, currently operating enterprise flexibility agreements, Queensland workplace agreements, award amendments to give effect to enterprise agreements and overaward arrangements. Absorption which is contrary to the terms of an agreement is not required.

Increases made under previous State Wage Cases or under the current Statement of Principles, excepting those resulting from enterprise agreements, are not to be used to offset arbitrated wage adjustments.

### 5.2.2 Juniors

The wage rate to be paid to any junior shall be calculated by applying the appropriate percentage, according to age appearing hereunder, to the rate for the particular task performed.

Age	Percentage of relevant adult rate
16 years	50
17 years	60
18 years	75
19 years	85
20 years	100

Junior rates shall be calculated in multiples of 10 cents with any result of 5 cents or more being taken to the next highest 10 cent multiple.

### 5.2.3 Division and District Allowances

Employees employed outside the Eastern District of the Southern Division shall be paid the following amounts in addition to the wage rates prescribed by clause 5.2.1 for the Division or District in which they are located:

	Adults Per Hour	Adults Per Week	Juniors Per Hour	Juniors Per Week
Northern Division, Eastern District	0.0275	1.05	0.0140	0.53
Northern Division, Western District	0.0855	3.25	0.0430	1.63
Mackay Division	0.0235	0.90	0.0120	0.45
Southern Division, Western District	0.0275	1.05	0.0140	0.53

These amounts are payable for all purposes of this Award.

### 5.2.4 Protective clothing

Each employer shall provide protective clothing, including waterproof aprons and/or boots, to employees working under dirty, greasy or wet conditions:

Provided that a payment of \$2.68 per week in lieu of the supply of protective clothing shall be made to the following types of employees where they are required to provide and wear such protective clothing:

- (i) employees in country slaughteryards;
- (ii) meat carters from abattoirs and/or country slaughteryards to shops; and
- (iii) in smallgoods factories and ham and bacon factories - table hands, fillers (including hands employed in the beef-loaf department), cookers (including brawnmaker and fat-renderer), machine operator, labourers (washing down), salters, car washers, smoke-house attendants and employees in press shoulder department:

Provided further that where such protective clothing is supplied by the employer clause 5.2.4 as to the payment of \$2.68 per week shall not apply.

### **5.3 Payment of wages**

- 5.3.1 Wages shall be payable weekly and shall where it is practicable to do so, be by way of electronic funds transfer.
- 5.3.2 When an employee's employment is terminated, or the employee resigns, the employee shall be paid all moneys due within 2 working days of ceasing work:

Provided that wages due to casual employees shall be paid immediately on the termination of work.
- 5.3.3 An employer shall not keep more than 2 days' pay in hand.

### **5.4 Superannuation**

- 5.4.1 *Application* - In addition to the rates of pay prescribed in clause 5.2, eligible employees (as defined in clause 5.4.3(b)) shall be entitled to occupational superannuation benefits, subject to the provisions of clause 5.4.
- 5.4.2 *Contributions*
  - (a) *Amount* - As from 1 January 2005 every employer shall contribute on behalf of each eligible employee an amount calculated at 9% of the employee's ordinary time earnings, into an approved fund, as defined in this clause. Each such payment of contributions shall be rounded off to the nearest ten (10) cents:

Provided that where an employee is absent and is receiving by way of workers' compensation an amount of money no less than the award rate of pay the contribution shall be calculated at 3%.
  - (b) *Regular payment* - The employer shall pay such contributions to the credit of each eligible employee at least once each calendar month or in accordance with the requirements of the approved fund trust deed.
  - (c) *Minimum level of earnings* - As from 1 January 2005 no employer shall be required to pay superannuation contributions on behalf of any eligible employee in respect of any month during which the employee's ordinary time earnings, as defined, is less than \$450.00.
  - (d) *Absences from work* - Contributions shall continue to be paid on behalf of an eligible employee during any absence on paid leave such as annual leave, long service leave, public holidays, sick leave and bereavement leave, but no employer shall be required to pay superannuation contributions on behalf of any eligible employee during any unpaid absences except in the case of absence on workers' compensation.
  - (e) *Other contributions* - Nothing in clause 5.4 shall preclude an employee from making contributions to a fund in accordance with the provisions of the trust deed of the fund.
  - (f) *Cessation of contributions* - An employer shall not be required to make any further contributions on behalf of an eligible employee for any period after the end of the ordinary working day upon which the contract of employment ceases to exist.
  - (g) *No other deductions* - No additional amounts shall be paid by the employer for the establishment, administration, management or any other charges in connection with the fund other than the remission of contributions as prescribed in clause 5.4.

### **5.4.3 Definitions**

- (a) "Approved fund" means a fund (as defined in clause 5.4.3(c)) approved for the purposes of clause 5.4 by the Commission as one to which occupational superannuation contributions may be made by an employer on behalf of an employee, as required by clause 5.4. Such approved fund may be individually named or may be identified by naming a particular class or category.

- (b) "Eligible employee" means any employee who has been employed by the employer during 5 consecutive weeks and who has worked a minimum of 50 hours during that period. After completion of the above qualifying period, superannuation contributions shall then be made in accordance with clause 5.4.2 effective from the commencement of that qualifying period.
- (c) "Fund" means a superannuation fund satisfying the Commonwealth legislation for occupational superannuation funds and satisfying the superannuation fund conditions in relation to a year of income, as specified in the relevant Act and complying with the operating standards as prescribed by Regulations made under the relevant Act. In the case of a newly established fund, the term shall include a superannuation fund that has received a notice of preliminary listing from the Insurance and Superannuation Commissioner.
- (d) "Ordinary time earnings" for the purposes of clause 5.4 means the actual ordinary time rate of pay the employee receives for ordinary hours of work including shift loading, skill allowances and leading hand allowances, where applicable. The term includes any over-award payment as well as casual rates received for ordinary hours of work. Ordinary time earnings shall not include overtime, disability allowances, commission, bonuses, lump sum payments made as a consequence of the termination of employment, annual leave loading, penalty rates for public holiday work, fares and travelling time allowances or any other extraneous payments of a like nature.

**5.4.4 For the purposes of this Award, an approved fund means:**

- (a) Sunsuper or M.I.E.S.F.
- (b) Any named fund as is agreed to between the relevant employer/Union parties to this Award and as recorded in an approved Industrial Agreement.
- (c) In the case of a minority group of employees of a particular employer, any industry, multi-industry or other fund which has been approved in an award or an agreement approved by an Industrial Tribunal whether State or Federal jurisdiction which has already had practical application to the majority of award employees of that employer.
- (d) As to employees who belong to the religious fellowship known as the Brethren, who hold a Certificate issued pursuant to section 115 of the Act and are employed by an employer who also belongs to that fellowship, any fund nominated by the employer and approved by the Brethren.
- (e) Any fund agreed between an employer and an employee who holds a Certificate issued pursuant to section 115 of the Act where membership of a fund cited in an award would be in conflict with the conscientious beliefs of that employee in terms of section 115 of the Act.
- (f) In relation to any particular employer, any other established fund to which that employer was already actually making regular and genuine contributions in accordance with clause 5.4.2 on behalf of at least a significant number of that employer's employees covered by this Award as at 29 September 1989 and continues to make such contribution.
- (g) The employer and employee may agree to have the employee's superannuation contributions made to an approved superannuation fund, other than those specified in this Award.
  - (i) Any such agreement must be recorded in writing and signed by the employer and employee and kept on the employee's file.
  - (ii) A person must not coerce someone else to make an agreement.
  - (iii) Such agreement, where made, will continue until such time as the employer and employee agree otherwise, and shall be made available to relevant persons for the purposes of sections 371 and 373 (inspection of time and wage records) of the Act.
  - (iv) Any dispute arising out of this process will be handled in accordance with the grievance and dispute settling procedure as contained in clause 3.1.

**5.4.5 Challenge of a fund**

- (a) An eligible employee being a member or a potential member of a fund, as well as the Union, may by notification of a dispute to the Commission challenge a fund on the grounds that it does not meet the requirements of clause 5.4.
- (b) Notwithstanding that the Commission determines that a particular fund does not meet the requirements of clause 5.4, the Commission may in its discretion and subject to any recommendation, direction or order it

may make, recognise any or all of the contributions previously made to that fund as having met the requirements or part thereof of clause 5.4.2 up to and including the date of that determination.

(c) In the event of any dispute over whether any fund complies with the requirements of clause 5.4, the onus of proof shall rest upon the employer.

#### 5.4.6 *Fund selection*

- (a) No employer shall be required to make or be prevented from making, at any one time, contributions into more than one approved fund. Such fund, other than a fund referred to in clauses 5.4.4(c), (d), (e), (f) and (g) shall be determined by a majority decision of employees.
- (b) Employees who are members of an established fund covered by clause 5.4.4(f) shall have the right by majority decision to choose to have the contributions specified in clause 5.4.2 paid into a fund as provided for elsewhere in clause 5.4.4 in lieu of the established fund to which clause 5.4.4(f) has application.
- (c) The initial selection of a fund recognised in clause 5.4.4 shall not preclude a subsequent decision by the majority of employees in favour of another fund recognised under that clause where the long term performance of the fund is clearly disappointing.
- (d) Where clause 5.4.6 has been utilised and as a result another approved fund is determined, access to a further re-appraisal of the fund for the purpose of favouring yet another fund shall not be available until a period of 3 years has elapsed after that utilisation.

#### 5.4.7 *Enrolment*

- (a) Each employer to whom clause 5.4 applies shall as soon as practicable as to both current and future eligible employees:
  - (i) notify each employee of the employee's entitlement to occupational superannuation;
  - (ii) consult as may be necessary to facilitate the selection by employees of an appropriate fund within the meaning of clause 5.4.4;
  - (iii) take all reasonable steps to ensure that upon the determination of an appropriate fund, each eligible employee receives, completes, signs and returns the necessary application form/s provided by the employer, to enable that employee to become a member of the fund; and
  - (iv) submit completed application form/s and any other relevant material to the trustees of the fund.
- (b) Each employee upon becoming eligible to become a member of a fund determined in accordance with clause 5.4 shall:
  - (i) complete and sign the necessary application form/s to enable that employee to become a member of that fund; and
  - (ii) return such form/s to the employer within 28 days of receipt of the application form/s in order to be entitled to the benefit of the contributions prescribed in clause 5.4.2.
- (c) Where an employer has complied with the requirements of clause 5.4.7(a) and an eligible employee fails to complete, sign and return the application form/s within 28 days of the receipt by the employee of that form/s, then that employer shall:
  - (i) Advise the eligible employee in writing of the non-receipt of the application form/s and further advise the eligible employee that continuing failure to complete, sign and return such form/s within 14 days could jeopardise the employee's entitlement to the occupational superannuation benefit prescribed by clause 5.4.
  - (ii) In the event that the eligible employee fails to complete, sign and return such application form/s within the specified period of 14 days be under no obligation to make any occupational superannuation contributions in respect of such eligible employee excepting as from any subsequent date from which the completed and signed application form/s is received by the employer.
  - (iii) In the event that the eligible employee fails to return a completed and signed application form/s within a period of 6 months from the date of the original request by the employer, again advise that eligible employee in writing of the entitlement and that the receipt by the employer of a completed and signed application form/s is a pre-requisite to the payment of any occupational superannuation contributions.

- (iv) At the same time as advising the eligible employee pursuant to clause 5.4.7(c)(iii) submit both to the Chief Industrial Inspector, Brisbane and to the Union a copy of each letter forwarded by the employer to the eligible employee pursuant to clauses 5.4.7(c)(i) and 5.4.7(c)(iii).
- (d) Where an employer fails to provide an eligible employee with an application form/s in accordance with clause 5.4.7(a)(iii) the employer shall be obliged to make contributions as from the date the employee became an eligible employee provided that the eligible employee completes, signs and returns to the employer an application form/s within 28 days of being provided with the application form/s by the employer. Where the eligible employee fails to complete, sign and return an application form/s within such period of 28 days the provisions of clause 5.4.7(c) shall apply.

#### 5.4.8 *Unpaid contributions*

Subject to Chapter 11, Part 2, Division 5 of the Act and to clause 5.4.5, where the discretion of the Commission has been exercised, should it be established that the employer has failed to comply with the requirements of clause 5.4.2 in respect of any eligible employee such employer shall be liable to make the appropriate contributions retrospectively to the date of eligibility of the employee, plus an amount equivalent to the rate of return those contributions would have attracted in the relevant approved fund, or as necessary a fund to be determined by the Commission under clause 5.4.5, had they been paid on the due dates.

The making of such contributions satisfies the requirements of clause 5.4 excepting that resort to clause 5.4.8 shall not limit any common law action which may be available in relation to death, disablement or any similar cover existing within the terms of a relevant fund.

#### 5.4.9 *Exemptions*

An employer may apply to the Commission for exemption from all or any of the provisions of clause 5.4 in the following circumstances:

- (a) incapacity to pay the costs associated with its implementation; or
- (b) any special or compelling circumstances peculiar to the business of the employer.

### **PART 6 - HOURS OF WORK, BREAKS, OVERTIME, SHIFT WORK, WEEKEND WORK**

#### **6.1 Hours of work**

- 6.1.1 The ordinary working hours for employees shall be an average of 38 per week to be worked on one of the following basis:
  - (a) 38 hours within a work cycle not exceeding 7 consecutive days; or
  - (b) 76 hours within a work cycle not exceeding 14 consecutive days; or
  - (c) 114 hours within a work cycle not exceeding 21 consecutive days; or
  - (d) 152 hours within a work cycle not exceeding 28 consecutive days.
- 6.1.2 Ordinary hours may be worked on 5 days of the week on Monday to Saturday inclusive but any such ordinary hours worked between 6.00 a.m. and noon on a Saturday shall be paid for at the rate of time and one-quarter, between 5.30 p.m. and 9.00 p.m. on a designated late night shopping night at the rate of time and one-quarter, and on Saturday between noon and 6.00 p.m. at the rate of time and one-half.
- 6.1.3 No time worked before 6.00 a.m. or after 6.00 p.m. on Monday to Saturday inclusive or after 9.00 p.m. on the designated late night shopping night in retail butcher shops, or before 6.00 a.m. or after 6.00 p.m. in smallgoods factories and in country slaughter-houses, shall be reckoned as part of the ordinary hours prescribed in clauses 6.1.1 and 6.1.2.
- 6.1.4 No time worked on a Sunday shall be reckoned as part of the ordinary hours prescribed in clauses 6.1.1 and 6.1.2.
- 6.1.5 Ordinary working hours shall be unbroken except by prescribed meal intervals.
- 6.1.6 No daily period of work shall exceed 8 hours in duration exclusive of meal breaks prescribed in clause 6.5.1.
- 6.1.7 Subject to clause 6.1, the employer shall, for any employee/s, fix each day's starting and finishing times of ordinary hours of work (inclusive of special starting and finishing times for any day next preceding a public holiday):

Provided that the employer shall state such times in advance in a notice which shall be permanently posted in the establishment so as to be at all times accessible and visible to the employees concerned.

The employer may from time to time substitute other starting and finishing times if, not less than 7 days in advance of the substituted times, the employer states such times in a notice posted so as to be visible at all times to the employees concerned together with the immediately previous notice concerning such times.

Every fixation of starting and finishing times shall be made in respect of a period which shall not be less than 7 days in length.

## **6.2 Half-holiday other than Saturday**

In places where the weekly half-holiday falls on a day other than Saturday, then the provisions of clauses 6.1.2 and 6.1.3 which refer to Saturday shall apply to the day of the week on which the half-holiday falls and vice versa.

## **6.3 Overtime**

6.3.1 All time worked by employees outside the ordinary working hours on any day fixed in accordance with clause 6.1 shall be deemed to be overtime and shall be paid for at the rate of time and a-half for the first 3 hours and double time thereafter:

Provided that any time worked between 8.00 p.m. on Friday and 4.00 a.m. on Saturday shall be paid for at double time.

6.3.2 An employee required to work overtime for one and a-half hours or more after the employee's rostered finishing time shall be paid the sum of \$12.10 meal money.

## **6.4 Sunday work**

All work performed on Sundays shall be paid for at the rate of double time with a minimum payment as for 2 hours' work.

## **6.5 Meal breaks and rest pauses**

6.5.1 Every employee shall be allowed an unpaid break of 60 minutes for lunch on each working day except Saturday and 30 minutes for breakfast on days where work is commenced earlier than 7.00 a.m.:

Provided that should the employer and employee so agree the lunch hour may be reduced to 30 minutes.

6.5.2 One paid rest pause of 10 minutes duration shall be allowed in the employer's time in the first and second half of each working day to be taken at times to be mutually agreed upon between employer and employee:

Provided that such rest pauses may be combined by agreement between the employer and the employee and taken in one break of 20 minutes duration.

## **6.6 Work during meal hours**

Should an employee be instructed by the employer to leave the shop or slaughteryard before the meal break prescribed in clause 6.5.1 to deliver meat, and be not able to return to the shop or yard within 60 minutes after the regular meal break ceased, the employee shall be paid at the rate of double time for such meal period.

# **PART 7 - LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**

## **7.1 Annual leave**

7.1.1 Every employee (other than a casual employee) shall at the end of each year of employment be entitled to an annual leave on full pay of 4 weeks.

7.1.2 Such annual leave shall be exclusive of any public holiday which may occur during the period of that annual leave and (subject to clause 7.1.5) shall be paid for by the employer in advance:

(a) in the case of any and every employee in receipt immediately prior to that leave of ordinary wages at a rate in excess of the ordinary rate payable under clause 5.2 at that excess rate; and

(b) in every other case, at the ordinary rate payable under clause 5.2 to the employee concerned immediately prior to that leave.

7.1.3 If the employment of any employee is terminated at the expiration of a full year of employment, the employer shall be deemed to have given the leave to the employee from the date of the termination of the employment and shall pay to the employee, in addition to all other amounts due, the employee's pay, calculated in accordance with clause 7.1.5, for 4 weeks and also the employee's ordinary time rate of pay for any public holiday occurring during such period of 4 weeks.

7.1.4 If the employment of any employee is terminated before the expiration of a full year of employment, such employee shall be paid, in addition to all other amounts due to the employee, an amount equal to 1/12<sup>th</sup> of their pay for the period of their employment calculated in accordance with clause 7.1.5.

#### 7.1.5 *Calculation of annual leave pay*

In respect to annual leave entitlements to which clause 7.1 applies, annual leave pay (including any proportionate payments) shall be calculated as follows:

(a) Subject to clause 7.1.5(b), in no case shall the payment by an employer to an employee be less than the sum of the following amounts:

- (i) the employee's ordinary wage rate as prescribed in clause 5.2 for the period of the annual leave (excluding weekend penalty rates); and
- (ii) a further amount calculated at the rate of 17 ½ % of the amount referred to in clause 7.1.5(a)(i).

(b) Clause 7.1.5(a) does not apply to any period or periods of annual leave exceeding:

- (i) 4 weeks; and
- (ii) employers who are already paying an annual leave bonus, loading or other annual leave payment which is not less favourable to employees.

7.1.6 Reasonable notice of at least 14 days of the commencement of annual leave shall be given to the employee.

7.1.7 Except as provided in clauses 7.1.3 and 7.1.4, it shall not be lawful for the employer to give or for any employee to receive payment in lieu of annual leave.

## 7.2 Sick leave

### 7.2.1 *Entitlement*

(a) Every employee, except casuals and school based apprentices and trainees, is entitled to 60.8 hours' sick leave for each completed year of their employment with their employer:

Provided that part-time employees accrue sick leave on a proportional basis.

(b) This entitlement will accrue at the rate of 7.6 hours for each 6 weeks of employment.

(c) Payment for sick leave will be made based on the number of hours which would have been worked if the employee was not absent on sick leave.

(d) Sick leave may be taken for part of a day.

(e) Sick leave shall be cumulative, but unless the employer and employee otherwise agree, no employee shall be entitled to receive, and no employer shall be bound to make, payment for more than 13 weeks' absence from work through illness in any one year.

### 7.2.2 *Employee must give notice*

The payment of sick leave is subject to the employee promptly advising their employer of their absence and its expected duration.

### 7.2.3 *Evidence supporting a claim*

When the employee's absence is for more than 2 days the employee is required to give their employer a doctor's certificate or other reasonably acceptable evidence about the nature and approximate duration of the illness.

### 7.2.4 *Accumulated sick leave*

An employee's accumulated sick leave entitlements are preserved when:

- (a) the employee is absent from work on unpaid leave granted by the employer;
- (b) the employer or employee terminates the employee's employment and the employee is re-employed within 3 months; or
- (c) the employee's employment is terminated because of illness or injury and the employee is re-employed by the same employer without having been employed in the interim.

The employee accumulates sick leave entitlements whilst they are absent from work on paid leave granted by the employer.

#### 7.2.5 *Workers' compensation*

Where an employee is in receipt of workers' compensation, the employee is not entitled to payment of sick leave.

### 7.3 Family leave

The provisions of the Family Leave Award apply to and are deemed to form part of this Award.

#### 7.3.1 It is to be noted that:

- (a) part-time work can be performed by agreement in the circumstances specified in the Family Leave Award;
- (b) a copy of the Family Leave Award is required to be displayed in accordance with section 697 of the Act.

#### 7.3.2 The Family Leave Award also provides for the terms and conditions of leave associated with:

- (a) maternity leave
- (b) parental leave
- (c) adoption leave
- (d) special responsibility leave for the care and support of the employee's immediate family or household.

### 7.4 Bereavement leave

#### 7.4.1 *Full-time and part-time employees*

A full-time and part-time employee on the death of a member of their immediate family or household in Australia is entitled to paid bereavement leave up to and including the day of the funeral of such person. Such leave shall be without deduction of pay for a period not exceeding the number of hours worked by the employee in 2 ordinary days of work. Proof of such death is to be furnished by the employee to the satisfaction of the employer.

#### 7.4.2 *Long-term casual employees*

- (a) A long-term casual employee is entitled to at least 2 days unpaid bereavement leave on the death of a member of the person's immediate family or household in Australia.
- (b) The term "long-term casual employee" means a casual employee engaged by a particular employer, on a regular and systematic basis, for several periods of employment during a period of at least one year immediately before the employee seeks to access an entitlement under clause 7.4.2

#### 7.4.3 "Immediate family" includes:

- (a) a spouse (including a former spouse, a *de facto* spouse and a former *de facto* spouse, spouse of the same sex) of the employee; and
- (b) child or an adult child (including an adopted child, a foster child, an ex-foster child, a stepchild or an ex-nuptial child), parent, grandparent, grandchild or sibling of the employee or spouse of the employee.

#### 7.4.4 *Unpaid leave*

An employee with the consent of the employer, may apply for unpaid leave when a member of the employee's immediate family or household in Australia dies and the period of bereavement leave entitlement provided above is insufficient.

## 7.5 Long service leave

All employees covered by this Award are entitled to long service leave on full pay under, subject to, and in accordance with, the provisions of Chapter 2, Part 3, sections 42-58 of the Act as amended from time to time.

## 7.6 Public holidays

7.6.1 Subject to clause 7.6.7 all work done by any employee on:

- the 1<sup>st</sup> January;
- the 26<sup>th</sup> January;
- Good Friday;
- Easter Saturday (the day after Good Friday);
- Easter Monday;
- the 25<sup>th</sup> April (Anzac Day);
- The Birthday of the Sovereign;
- Christmas Day;
- Boxing Day; or
- any day appointed under the *Holidays Act 1983*, to be kept in place of any such holiday

will be paid for at the rate of double time and a-half with a minimum of 4 hours.

7.6.2 Labour Day

All employees covered by this Award are entitled to be paid a full day's wage for Labour Day (the first Monday in May or other day appointed under the *Holidays Act 1983*, to be kept in place of that holiday) irrespective of the fact that no work may be performed on such day, and if any employee concerned actually works on Labour Day, such employee will be paid a full day's wage for that day and in addition a payment for the time actually worked by the employee at one and a-half times the ordinary time rate of pay prescribed for such work with a minimum of 4 hours.

7.6.3 Annual show

All work done by employees in a district specified from time to time by the Minister by notification published in the *Industrial Gazette* on the day appointed under the *Holidays Act 1983*, to be kept as a holiday in relation to the annual agricultural, horticultural or industrial show held at the principal city or town, as specified in such notification of such district will be paid for at the rate of double time and a-half with a minimum of 4 hours.

In a district in which a holiday is not appointed for an annual agricultural, horticultural or industrial show, the employee and employer must agree on an ordinary working day that is to be treated as a show holiday for all purposes.

7.6.4 Employees who do not work Monday to Friday of each week

Employees who do not ordinarily work Monday to Friday of each week are entitled to public holidays as follows:

(a) A full-time employee is entitled to either payment for each public holiday or a substituted day's leave.

(b) A part-time employee is entitled to either payment for each public holiday or a substituted day's leave:

Provided that the part-time employee would have been ordinarily rostered to work on that day had it not been a public holiday.

(c) Where a public holiday would have fallen on a Saturday or a Sunday but is substituted for another day all employees who would ordinarily have worked on such Saturday or Sunday but who are not rostered to work on such day are entitled to payment for the public holiday or a substituted day's leave.

(d) Where Christmas Day falls on a Saturday or a Sunday and the public holiday is observed on another day an employee required to work on Christmas Day (i.e. 25<sup>th</sup> December) is to be paid at the rate of double time.

(e) Nothing in clause 7.6.4 confers a right to any employee to payment for a public holiday as well as a substituted day in lieu.

7.6.5 Double time and a-half

For the purposes of clause 7.6 "double time and a-half" means one and a-half day's wages in addition to the employee's ordinary time rate of pay or *pro rata* if there is more or less than a day.

#### 7.6.6 *Stand down*

Any employee, with 2 weeks or more of continuous service, whose employment has been terminated by the employer or who has been stood down by the employer during the month of December, and who is re-employed in January of the following year, shall be entitled to payment at the ordinary rate payable to that employee when they were dismissed or stood down, for any one or more of the following holidays, namely, Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

#### 7.6.7 *Substitution*

Where there is agreement between the employer and the majority of employees concerned, a public holiday may be substituted for another day. If such other day is worked, then payment for that day will be at the rate of double time and a-half at the employees' ordinary time rate of pay.

### 7.7 **Jury service**

- (a) An employee, other than a casual employee, required to attend for jury service during their ordinary working hours shall be reimbursed by the employer an amount equal to the difference between the amount paid in respect of their attendance for such jury service and the ordinary pay the employee would have been paid if the employee was not absent on jury service.
- (b) Alternatively, by agreement, fees (other than meal allowance) received by the employee to attend jury service will be paid to the employer and the employer will continue to pay the employee their ordinary pay for the time the employee was absent on jury service.
- (c) Employees shall notify their employer as soon as practicable of the date upon which they are required to attend for jury service and shall provide their employer with proof of such attendance, the duration of such attendance and the amount received in respect thereof.
- (d) If the employee is not required to serve on a jury for a day or part of a day after attending for jury service and the employee would ordinarily be working for all or part of the remaining day, the employee must, if practicable, present for work at the earliest reasonable opportunity.
- (e) "Ordinary pay" means the rate of pay that an employee would normally expect to receive for working ordinary hours on an ordinary day of the week, including any over-award payment. "Ordinary pay" excludes overtime, penalty rates of all types - including those attaching to working ordinary hours (for example) on a Saturday, disability allowances, shift allowances, special rates, fares and travelling time allowances, bonuses and other ancillary payments of a like nature.

## **PART 8 - TRANSFERS TRAVELLING AND WORKING AWAY FROM USUAL PLACE OF WORK**

NOTE: No provisions inserted in this Award relevant to this Part.

## **PART 9 - TRAINING AND RELATED MATTERS**

### **9.1 Training**

The parties to this Award commit themselves to continuing to maintain, upgrade and improve the training provided to employees.

This training will form the basis of an enhanced career structure in the industry.

## **PART 10 - OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY MATTERS, EQUIPMENT, TOOLS AND AMENITIES**

### **10.1 Amenities**

- 10.1.1 Each employer shall provide boiling water in sufficient quantities to make an adequate supply of tea for employees immediately before each meal break or rest pause commences.
- 10.1.2 Each employer shall also make available dining and changing accommodation and facilities, and washing and sanitary conveniences, of such quantity and standard as will comply with the requirements of the *Workplace Health and Safety Act 1995* and of all Rules and Regulations made thereunder.
- 10.1.3 Employees engaged on objectionable work shall be supplied with antiseptic soap.
- 10.1.4 Each employer of employees engaged in a meat hall shall supply a long greaseproof coat to such employees.

## 10.2 First aid material

Each employer shall provide and continuously maintain sufficient first aid materials and appliances at each place where employees are employed. Such first aid materials and appliances shall be of such quantity and standard as will comply with the requirements of the *Workplace Health and Safety Act 1995*.

# PART 11 - AWARD COMPLIANCE AND UNION RELATED MATTERS

## Preamble

Clauses 11.1 and 11.2 replicate legislative provisions contained within the Act. In order to ensure the currency of existing legal requirements parties are advised to refer to sections 366, 372 and 373 of the Act as amended from time to time.

### 11.1 Right of entry

#### 11.1.1 Authorised industrial officer

- (a) An "authorised industrial officer" is any Union official holding a current authority issued by the Industrial Registrar.
- (b) Right of entry is limited to workplaces where the work performed falls within the registered coverage of the relevant Union.

#### 11.1.2 Entry procedure

- (a) The authorised industrial officer is entitled to enter the workplace during normal business hours as long as:
  - (i) the authorised industrial officer alerts the employer or other person in charge of the workplace to their presence; and
  - (ii) shows their authorisation upon request.
- (b) Clause 11.1.2(a)(i) does not apply if the authorised industrial officer establishes that the employer or other person in charge is absent.
- (c) A person must not obstruct or hinder any authorised industrial officer exercising their right of entry.
- (d) If the authorised industrial officer intentionally disregards a condition of clause 11.1.2 the authorised industrial officer may be treated as a trespasser.

#### 11.1.3 Inspection of records

- (a) An authorised industrial officer is entitled to inspect the time and wages record required to be kept under section 366 of the Act.
- (b) An authorised industrial officer is entitled to inspect such time and wages records of any former or current employee except if the employee:
  - (i) is ineligible to become a member of the relevant Union; or
  - (ii) is a party to a QWA or ancillary document, unless the employee has given written consent for the records to be inspected; or
  - (iii) has made a written request to the employer that they do not want their record inspected.
- (c) The authorised industrial officer may make a copy of the record, but cannot require any help from the employer.
- (d) A person must not coerce an employee or prospective employee into consenting, or refusing to consent, to the inspection of their records by an authorised industrial officer.

#### 11.1.4 Discussions with employees

An authorised industrial officer is entitled to discuss with the employer, or a member or employee eligible to become a member of the relevant Union:

- (a) matters under the Act during working or non-working time; and

- (b) any other matter with a member or employee eligible to become a member of the relevant Union, during non-working time.

#### 11.1.5 *Conduct*

An officer must not unreasonably interfere with the performance of work in exercising a right of entry.

### 11.2 **Time and wages record**

11.2.1 An employer must keep, at the place of work in Queensland, a time and wages record that contains the following particulars for each pay period for each employee, including apprentices and trainees:

- (a) the employee's award classification;
- (b) the employer's full name;
- (c) the name of the award under which the employee is working;
- (d) the number of hours worked by the employee during each day and week, the times at which the employee started and stopped work, and details of work breaks including meal breaks;
- (e) a weekly, daily or hourly wage rate - details of the wage rate for each week, day, or hour at which the employee is paid;
- (f) the gross and net wages paid to the employee;
- (g) details of any deductions made from the wages; and
- (h) contributions made by the employer to a superannuation fund.

11.2.2 The time and wages record must also contain:

- (a) the employee's full name and address;
- (b) the employee's date of birth;
- (c) details of sick leave credited or approved, and sick leave payments to the employee;
- (d) the date when the employee became an employee of the employer;
- (e) if appropriate, the date when the employee ceased employment with the employer; and
- (f) if a casual employee's entitlement to long service leave is worked out under section 47 of the Act - the total hours, other than overtime, worked by the employee since the start of the period to which the entitlement relates, worked out to and including 30 June in each year.

11.2.3 The employer must keep the record for 6 years.

11.2.4 Such records shall be open to inspection during the employer's business hours by an inspector of the Department of Industrial Relations, in accordance with section 371 of the Act or an authorised industrial officer in accordance with sections 372 and 373 of the Act.

### 11.3 **Union encouragement**

#### **Preamble**

Clause 11.3 gives effect to section 110 of the Act in its entirety. Consistent with section 110 a Full Bench of the Commission has issued a Statement of Policy on Union Encouragement (reported 165 QGIG 221) that encourages an employee to join and maintain financial membership of the Union.

#### 11.3.1 *Documentation to be provided by employer*

At the point of engagement, the employer shall provide employees with a document indicating that a Statement of Policy on Union Encouragement has been issued by the Commission, a copy of which is to be kept on the premises of the employer in a place readily accessible by each employee.

The document provided by the employer shall also identify the existence of a union encouragement clause in this Award.

#### 11.3.2 *Union delegates*

Union delegates and job representatives have a role to play within a workplace. The existence of accredited Union delegates and/or job representatives is encouraged.

The employer shall not unnecessarily hinder accredited Union delegates and/or job representatives in the reasonable and responsible performance of their duties.

#### 11.3.3 *Deduction of union fees*

Where arrangements can be entered into, employers are encouraged to provide facilities for the deduction and remittance of union fees for employees who signify in writing to their employer, their desire to have such membership fees deducted from their wages.

### 11.4 **Posting of Award**

A copy of this Award shall be displayed at each place of employment in a prominent position so as to be easily read by the employees without interference or hindrance.

### **SCHEDULE 1 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Tier Agreements**

Employer	Case No.	Date of Order
Councils of the Brisbane College of Advanced Education; and Capricornia Institute of Advanced Education; Darling Downs; and Institute of Advanced Education; Gold Coast College of Advanced Education Queensland Agricultural College; Queensland Conservatorium of Music; and Queensland Institute of Technology; and Permanent Heads of Queensland Government Departments.	B765/88	23.09.88
	B122/88	9.09.88

### **SCHEDULE 2 - College of Tourism and Hospitality**

The 38 hour week for employees at the College of Tourism and Hospitality (COTAH) shall be implemented on the following basis, after consultation with, and giving reasonable consideration to the wishes of the employees concerned:

(a) The ordinary hours of work shall not exceed 10 hours per day to be worked between the hours of 6.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. Monday to Friday inclusive:

Provided that where the ordinary hours are to exceed 8 on any one day, the arrangement of hours shall be subject to agreement between the employer and the employees concerned.

(b) Where the arrangement of ordinary hours of work provide for a rostered day off, the employer and the employees concerned may agree to accrue up to a maximum of 5 rostered days off.

Where agreement has been reached, such accrued days off shall be taken within 12 calendar months of the date on which the first rostered day off was accrued. Accrued rostered days off are to be taken at a time to suit the operational requirements of the college.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of clause 6.5, the employer may determine that the rest pauses provided may be combined into one 20 minute rest pause, to be taken in the first part of the ordinary working day, with such 20 minute rest pause and the meal break arranged in such a way that the ordinary working day is broken into approximately 3 equal working periods.

Dated 6 November 2002.

By the Commission,  
[L.S.] E. EWALD,  
Industrial Registrar.

Operative Date: 6 January 2003