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**UNITING HEALTHCARE CLERICAL EMPLOYEES
ENTERPRISE AWARD - STATE 2004**

Pursuant to s. 698 of the *Industrial Relations Act 1999*, the Uniting HealthCare Clerical Employees Enterprise Award - State 2004 with all amendments as at 10 December 2009, is hereby reprinted.

I hereby certify that the Award contained herein is a true and correct copy of the Uniting HealthCare Clerical Employees Enterprise Award - State 2004 as at 10 December 2009.

Dated 10 December 2009.

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PART 1 - APPLICATION AND OPERATION

1.1 Title

This Award is known as the Uniting HealthCare Clerical Employees Enterprise Award - State 2004.

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1.3 Date of operation

This Award takes effect from 20 December 2004.

1.4 Coverage

Subject to clause 1.4.1 and clause 1.4.2, this Award applies to clerical employees described in clause 5.2 employed by the Uniting HealthCare, in the State of Queensland.

1.4.1 Total exemption

- (a) Any person who is a proprietor, director or manager of a company, business or undertaking, or a person to whom has been delegated the right to engage and terminate the employment of employees.
- (b) Accountants.
- (c) Members of religious orders.
- (d) Employees covered by any other industrial agreement or award of the Australian Industrial Relations Commission and/or the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission covering duties of a clerical nature.

1.4.2 Partial exemption

- (a) As an alternative to being subject to all award provisions a full-time employee remunerated in excess of the highest ordinary time wage rate prescribed in clause 5.3.1 of this Award for the southern division eastern district, may mutually agree in writing with the employer not to be bound by the conditions of this Award, except for:
 - Annual leave
 - Long service leave
 - Sick leave
 - Family leave
 - Superannuation
 - Union encouragement
 - Disputes resolution
 - Termination Change and Redundancy
- (b) A copy of the terms of the agreement will be supplied to the employee.
- (c) There will be taken to be mutual agreement for the purposes of clause 1.4.2(a) if an employer employed a clerk and remunerated that employee at a level in excess of the highest ordinary time wage rate prescribed in this Award prior to the operation of this Award.
- (d) The overall terms and conditions of employment agreed under clause 1.4.2 must be not less favourable than the provisions of this Award as a whole, including work performed on public holidays and the employee shall not be disadvantaged by the agreement, taking into consideration the ordinary time award wage rate the employee would otherwise have been paid had the employee not entered into such agreement.
- (e) For any agreement entered into under clause 1.4.2, and in accordance with section 366(2) of the Act, there will be no requirement for the employer to keep particulars of the employee's starting and finishing times each day.
- (f) If an employee considers that the employee has been disadvantaged by the agreement, this issue must be addressed between the employer and employee in the manner prescribed in clause 3.2 (Grievance and dispute settling procedure). No claim for unpaid wages resulting from clause 1.4.2 may be made under the Act until the grievance and dispute settling procedure under this Award has been concluded.

1.5 Parties bound

This Award is legally binding upon the employees as prescribed by clause 1.4 and their employers, and upon the Australian Municipal, Administrative, Clerical and Services Union, Central and Southern Queensland Clerical and Administrative Branch, Union of Employees and/or the Branch Secretary of the Federated Clerks' Union of Australia, North Queensland Branch, Union of employees and its members.

1.6 Definitions

- 1.6.1 "Accrued Day Off " or "ADO" means the day an employee is rostered off due to the accrual of hours over a 4 week period as part of the working of a 38 hour week.
- 1.6.2 "Act" means the *Industrial Relations Act 1999* as amended or replaced from time to time.

- 1.6.3 "Commission" means the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission.
- 1.6.4 "Continuous Shift Work" means work that is performed by employees where the hours of work are regularly rostered in accordance with a shift roster covering a 24 hour period over a 7 day week.
- 1.6.5 "Junior" means any person under the age of 21 years who is covered by this Award.
- 1.6.6 "Private Hospital" means a facility licensed as a Private Hospital, in the State of Queensland, pursuant to the *Private Health Facilities Act 1999*, as amended or replaced from time to time.
- 1.6.7 "Rostered Day Off" or "RDO" means any continuous 24 hour period, other than an Accrued Day Off, between the completion of the last ordinary shift and the commencement of the next ordinary shift on which the employee is rostered on for duty.
- 1.6.8 "Union" means the Australian Municipal, Administrative, Clerical and Services Union, Central and Southern Queensland Clerical and Administrative Branch, Union of Employees; or the Federated Clerks' Union of Australia, North Queensland Branch, Union of employees.

1.7 Area of operation

The divisions and districts shall be as follows:

1.7.1 Divisions

Northern Division - that portion of the State along or north of a line commencing at the junction of the sea-coast with the 21st parallel of south latitude; from that latitude 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 21st 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.

1.7.2 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.

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 employee/s 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 Consultation

- 3.1.1 The parties to this Award are committed to co-operating positively to increase the efficiency, productivity and international competitiveness of the private hospitals covered by this Award and to enhance the career opportunities and job security of employees in such hospitals.
- 3.1.2 At each facility, an employer, the employees and the Union will establish and/or continue consultative mechanisms and procedures appropriate to the size, structure and needs of that facility. Measures raised by the employer, employees or Union for consideration consistent with the objectives of clause 3.1.1 shall be processed through the consultative mechanism and procedures.
- 3.1.3 A Group Consultative Committee will be established and will be made up of management representatives and employee representatives. It will meet quarterly or any other time if requested by either party. Other parties can be invited to attend such meetings.

3.2 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.

- 3.2.1 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.
- 3.2.2 If the grievance or dispute is not resolved under clause 3.2.1, 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.
- 3.2.3 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 3.2.5.
- 3.2.4 If the grievance or dispute is still unresolved after discussions mentioned in clause 3.2.2, the matter shall, in the case of a member of a Union, be reported to the relevant officer of that Union and the senior management of the employer or the employer's nominated industrial representative. An employee who is not a member of a 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 3.2.2 will not result in resolution of the dispute.
- 3.2.5 If, after discussion between the parties, or their nominees mentioned in clause 3.2.4, 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.
- 3.2.6 Whilst all of the above procedure is being followed, normal work shall continue except in the case of a genuine safety issue.
- 3.2.7 Except in the instance of termination of employment the *status quo* existing before the emergence of the grievance or dispute is to continue whilst the above procedure is being followed.
- 3.2.8 All parties to any 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.
- 3.2.9 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.
- 3.2.10 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 Contract of employment

4.1.1 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 employees

4.2.1 An employer may employ part-time employees in any classification in this Award.

4.2.2 A part-time employee is an employee who:

- (a) has been engaged as a part-time employee in accordance with clause 4.1; and
- (b) has reasonably predictable hours of work; and
- (c) is employed for a minimum of 15.2 hours per week and for not more than an average of 32 ordinary hours per week:

Provided that:

- (i) where an employee requests and the employer agrees, a part-time employee may be employed for less than 15.2 hours but not less than 4 hours per week;
- (ii) where there is mutual agreement, a part-time employee may work more than 32 ordinary hours per week but less than 37 hours per week;
- (iii) where agreement is reached in relation to clauses 4.2.2(c)(i) or (ii), such agreement shall be recorded in writing. (Attach form to work less than 15.2 or more than 32 on ordinary time)
- (d) receives, on a *pro rata* basis, equivalent pay and conditions to those of full-time employees who do the same kind of work.

4.2.3 At the time of engagement, the employer and the employee will agree in writing on the minimum number of ordinary hours to be worked per week during the working cycle permitted by clause 6.1.

- (a) The agreed number of ordinary hours per week may only be varied by mutual agreement. Any such agreed variation to the number of weekly hours of work will be recorded in writing.
- (b) Any variation to the normal work pattern will be by agreement with the employee/s directly affected.

4.2.4 *Hours* - The ordinary daily working hours shall be worked continuously, excluding meal breaks, and shall be not less than 4 hours nor more than 8 hours per day, except that by agreement between the employer and the employee, ordinary hours not exceeding 10 hours per day may be worked.

4.2.5 *Overtime* - Overtime shall be paid at the rates prescribed in clause 6.10 for:

- (a) all time worked in excess of 8 ordinary hours per day; or
- (b) all time worked in excess of 10 ordinary hours per day where 10 ordinary hours is agreed in accordance with clause 4.2.4; or
- (c) time worked in excess of the agreed number of hours each week, as defined by clauses 4.2.2(c) and 4.2.4.

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

4.2.7 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 such 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 employment

4.3.1 Definition

A casual employee is an employee who is engaged by the hour and who may terminate their employment or whose employment may be terminated by the employer without notice.

4.3.2 Rate of pay

Casual employees shall be paid an hourly rate calculated by dividing the weekly rate of the appropriate classification by 38 and adding a loading of 23%. The loading shall apply whether or not other ordinary time penalty rates (e.g. week-end penalty rates) apply.

4.3.3 Hours

All time worked outside the spread of ordinary working hours or in excess of 8 in any one day or 38 in any one week shall be paid for at overtime rates except where the arrangement of hours are worked in accordance with clause 6.2.3:

Provided a minimum of 2 hours shall be paid for each engagement.

4.4 Labour flexibility or Incidental and peripheral tasks

4.4.1 The parties to this Award agree:

- (a) that employees shall perform if or as required by the employer a wider range of duties, including work which is incidental or peripheral to their main tasks or functions:

Provided such duties are reasonably within the limits of the employee's skill, competence and training.

- (b) that employees shall perform such work as is reasonable and lawfully required of them by their employer including accepting instructions from authorised personnel.

- (c) that employees shall comply with all reasonable requests to perform any work provided for by this Award.

- (d) that where necessary, training shall be provided by the employer to ensure that employees are capable of meeting the employer's requirements in relation to the quality and accuracy of the work assigned to them.

- (e) that employees shall not unreasonably impose any limitations or continue to enforce any limitations on supervisors or technical personnel demonstrating the use of new equipment or machinery for the purpose of training clerical employees on the use of such equipment or machinery:

Provided that appropriate consultation in relation to the introduction of new technology has taken place in accordance with the provisions of clause 4.7 (Introduction of changes):

Provided further that consultation with the nominated representative of the employees has taken place, employees shall not impose any restrictions or limitations on the review of work methods.

- 4.4.2 Employees shall use such equipment as may be required by the employer, provided that the employee has been properly trained in the use of such equipment and the direction is consistent with the employer's responsibilities to provide a safe and healthy working environment.

4.5 Anti-discrimination

*4.5.1 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* 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 the above attributes;

- (b) sexual harassment; and

- (c) racial and religious vilification.

4.5.2 Accordingly in fulfilling their obligations under the grievance and disputes settling procedure in this Award , 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.

4.5.3 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.

4.5.4 Nothing in clause 4.5 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*; or
- (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.

4.6 Termination of employment

4.6.1 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.

4.6.2 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;
- (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.

4.6.3 Notice of termination by employee

The notice of termination required to be given by an employee shall be one week. 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 ordinary time rate for the period of notice.

4.6.4 Payment of all monies owing on termination

Payment of monies owing on termination can be paid by mutual consent between the employer and former employee into an electronic funds transfer account, or equivalent, within 3 working days after the employment stops. Where the notice given has not been paid in lieu but has been worked, the employer must pay the employee monies due on

termination at or before the employee ceases duty.

4.6.5 *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.

4.7 Introduction of changes

4.7.1 *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.

4.7.2 *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 4.7.1.
- (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.

4.8 Redundancy

4.8.1 *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 4.8.1(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.

4.8.2 *Transfer to lower paid duties*

- (a) Where an employee is transferred to lower paid duties for reasons set out clause 4.8.1 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 4.6.

- (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;
 - (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.

4.8.3 *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 (transmittor) to another employer (transmittee), and an employee who at the time of such transmission was an employee of the transmittor 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 transmittor or any prior transmittor shall be deemed to be service of the employee with the transmittee.
- (b) In clause 4.8.3, "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.

4.8.4 *Time off during notice period*

- (a) Where a decision has been made to terminate an employee in the circumstances outlined in clause 4.8.1, 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.

4.8.5 *Notice to Centrelink*

Where a decision has been made to terminate employees in the circumstances outlined in clause 4.8.1, 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.

4.8.6 *Severance pay*

- (a) In addition to the period of notice prescribed for ordinary termination in clause 4.6.2(a), and subject to further order of the Commission, an employee whose employment is terminated for reasons set out in clause 4.8.1(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.

(In the instance where commission payments, in whole or in part, are a feature of the Award, then reference to s. 7 of the *Industrial Relations Regulations 2000* offers assistance in the method of calculation to be adopted.)

4.8.7 *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.

4.8.8 *Employee leaving during notice*

An employee whose employment is terminated for reasons set out in clause 4.8.1(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.

4.8.9 *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.

4.8.10 *Employees with less than one year's service*

Clause 4.8 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.

4.8.11 *Employees exempted*

Clause 4.8 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.

4.8.12 *Employers exempted*

(a) Subject to an order of the Commission, in a particular redundancy case, clause 4.8 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.

4.8.13 *Exemption where transmission of business*

- (a) The provisions of clause 4.8.6 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 (transmittor) 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 transmittor, and any prior transmittor, 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 transmittor; and
 - (B) which recognises the period of continuous service which the employee had with the transmittor and any prior transmittor to be continuous service of the employee with the transmittee.
- (b) The Commission may amend clause 4.8.13(a)(ii) if it is satisfied that it would operate unfairly in a particular case, or in the instance of contrived arrangements.

4.8.14 *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.

4.9 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 Classification definitions

5.1.1 *Classification criteria*

- (a) "Classification Criteria" are guidelines to determine the appropriate classification Level under this Award and consist of characteristics and typical duties/skills.
- (b) The characteristics are the principal or primary guide to classification as they are designed to indicate the Level of basic knowledge, a comprehension of issues, problems and procedures required and the Level of responsibility/accountability of the position. The totality of the characteristics must be read as a whole to obtain a clear understanding of the essential features of any particular Level and the competency required.
- (c) The typical duties/skills are a non-exhaustive list of duties/skills that may be comprehended within the particular Level. They are an indicative guide only and at any particular Level employees may be expected to undertake duties of any Level lower than their own. Employees at any particular Level may perform/utilise one such duty/skill, or many of them, depending on the particular work allocated.
- (d) The key issue to be looked at in properly classifying an employee is the Level of initiative, responsibility/accountability, competency and skill that the employee is required to exercise in the work they perform within the parameters of the characteristics and not the duties they perform per se. It will be noted that some typical indicative duties/skills appear at only one Level, whereas others appear in more than one Level with little apparent differentiation. However, when assigning a classification to an employee, or when reclassifying an employee, this needs to be done by reference to the specific characteristics of the Level. For example, whilst shorthand is first specifically mentioned in Level 2 (100wpm) in terms of typical duties/skills, it does not mean that as soon as an employee performs any shorthand that they automatically become Level 2. They would achieve a Level 2 classification when they have achieved the Level of initiative, responsibility/accountability, skill and competency envisaged by the characteristics.
- (e) Level 1 in this structure is to be viewed as the Level at which employees learn and gain competency in the basic clerical skills required by the employer, which in many cases, would lead to progress through the classification structure as their competency and skills are increased and utilised.

5.1.2 *Reclassification criteria*

In the event that there is a claim for reclassification by an employee to a higher level under this structure on the ground that the employee's duties and responsibilities are reflected within the classification criteria for that level, the Award grievance and dispute settling procedure (clause 3.2) shall be followed.

5.2 Classification levels

All adult employees shall be classified in one of the following levels:

5.2.1 LEVEL 1

Range = 88% - 94%

Employees shall be graded at this level where the principal characteristics of their employment, as determined by the employer, are identified as follows:

Characteristics

Employees at this level may include the initial recruit who may have limited relevant experience. Initially work is performed under close direction using established practices, procedures and instructions. Later, work is likely to be performed under routine supervision with intermittent checking.

Such employees perform routine clerical and office functions requiring an understanding of clear, straight forward rules or procedures. Problems can usually be solved by reference to established practices, procedures and instructions.

Employees at this level are responsible and accountable for their own work within established routines, methods and procedures and the less experienced employee's work may be subject to checking at all stages. The more experienced employee may be required to give assistance to less experienced employees in the same classification.

Typical Duties/Skills

Indicative typical duties and skills of this level may include:

Directing telephone callers to appropriate staff, issuing and receiving standard forms, relaying internal information and greeting of visitors e.g. reception, switchboard.

- Telephonists involved in the manipulation of communication apparatus, including keyboard/switchboard.
- Maintenance of basic manual and/or computerised records.
- Filing, recording, matching, checking and batching of accounts, records, invoices, orders, store requisitions, etc.
- Handling, recording or distributing mail including messenger service.
- Simple stock control functions (e.g. seeing that the office or department has adequate supplies of stationery, standard printed forms, tea room amenities etc.) within clearly established parameters.
- Copy typing and audio typing. The routine operation of a range of equipment including adding machines, calculators, cash registers, facsimile and telex machines, photocopiers, guillotines, franking machines, switchboard, computerised radio/telephone equipment, or any other equipment to facilitate communications, paging systems, telephone/intercom systems, telephone answering machines.
- The basic use of keyboard operated equipment including typewriters/computers, word processing, micro personal computers and attached printers.

5.2.2 LEVEL 2

Range = 96% - 100%

Employees shall be graded at this level where the principal characteristics of their employment, as determined by the employer, are identified as follows:

Characteristics

This level caters for the employees who have had sufficient experience and/or training to enable them to carry out their assigned duties under limited supervision.

Employees at this level are responsible and accountable for their own work, with checking related to overall progress. In some situations detailed instructions may be necessary. Employees are required to exercise

judgement and initiative within a broad range of their skills and knowledge.

The work of these employees may be subject to final checking and as required progress checking. Such employees may be required to check the work and/or provide guidance to other employees at a lower level and/or provide assistance to less experienced employees at the same level.

Typical Duties/Skills

Indicative typical duties and skills at this level may include:

- Responding to inquiries, where presentation and the use of interpersonal skills together with the acquisition of sound knowledge of the organisation's operations and services are a key aspect of the position, e.g. reception/switchboard.
- Specialised operations of computerised radio/telephone equipment, micro personal computer and typewriter.
- Word processing e.g. the use of a word processing software package to create, format, edit correct, print and save text documents.
- Stenographer/person solely employed to take shorthand at 100 words per minute and to transcribe by means of appropriate keyboard equipment at 98% accuracy.
- Basic medical terminology typing.
- Basic clinical coding.
- Copy typing and audio typing at 65 words per minute at 98% accuracy.
- Maintenance of records and/or journals including initial processing and recording relating to the following:
 - reconciliation of accounts balance
 - incoming/outgoing cheques
 - invoices
 - debit/credit items
 - payroll data
 - petty cash imprest system
 - letters etc.
- Secretarial - performing a broad range of clerical functions within this level.
- Computer applications involving clerical skills at this level which may include one or more of the following functions:
 - create a data base/files/records
 - spreadsheet/worksheet
 - graphics
 - accounting/payroll file following standard procedures and using existing models/fields of information.

5.2.3 LEVEL 3

Range = 107% - 110%

Employees shall be graded at this level where the principal characteristics of their employment, as determined by the employer, are identified as follows:

Characteristics

Employees at this level have achieved a standard to be able to perform specialised or non-routine tasks or features of the work.

Work is likely to be without supervision with general guidance on progress and outcomes sought and involves the application of knowledge with depth in some areas and a broad range of skills. Initiative, discretion and judgement are required in carrying out assigned duties.

Such employees may be required to give assistance and/or guidance (including guidance in relation to quality of work and which may require some allocation of duties) to employees in Level 1 and 2 and would be able to train such employees by means of personal instruction and demonstration.

Typical Duties/Skills

Indicative typical duties and skills in this level may include:

- Prepare cash payment summaries, banking report and bank statements, calculate and maintain wage and salary records; follow credit referral procedures; apply purchasing and inventory control requirements; post journals to ledger etc. at a higher level than at Level 2.
- Provide detailed advice and information on the organisation's products and services; respond to client/public/supplier problems within own functional area utilising a high degree of interpersonal skills.
- Secretarial - performing a broad range of clerical functions at a higher level than at Level 2.
- Apply computer software packages utilising clerical skills at a higher level than at Level 2.
- Medical terminology typing at a standard of skill required at this level.
- Clinical coding at a standard of skill at a higher level than Level 2.

5.2.4 LEVEL 4

Range = 112% - 115%

Employees shall be graded at this level where the principal characteristics of their employment, as determined by the employer, are identified as follows:

Characteristics

Employees at this level will have achieved a level of organisation or industry specific knowledge sufficient for them to give independent advice and/or information to the organisation and clients in relation to specific areas of their responsibility.

Whilst not a pre-requisite a feature of this level is responsibility for supervision of employees in lower levels in terms of co-ordinating work flow, checking progress and resolving problems.

Judgement is required in planning and selecting appropriate equipment, services, techniques and work organisation for self and others.

They exercise initiative, discretion and judgement regularly in the performance of their duties. They are able to train employees in Levels 1 - 3 by personal instruction and demonstration.

Typical Duties/Skills

Indicative typical duties and skills in this level may include:

Secretarial/Executive Services - performing a broad range of clerical functions at a level higher than at Level 3, which may include the following:

- Maintain executive diary; attend executive/organisational meetings and take minutes; establish and/or maintain current working and personal filing systems for executive; answer executive correspondence from verbal or handwritten instructions.
- Responsibility for the preparation of financial/tax schedules; calculation of costings and/or wage and salary requirements; completion of personnel/payroll data for authorisation; reconciliation of accounts to balance.
- Advise on/provide information on one or more of the following:
 - (a) employment conditions;
 - (b) workers compensation procedures and regulations;
 - (c) superannuation entitlements, procedures and regulations.
- Apply computer software packages utilising clerical skills at a level higher than at Level 3.
- Medical terminology typing at a standard of skill required at this level.
- Clinical coding at a standard of skill at a higher level than level 3.

5.2.5 LEVEL 5

Range = 122% - 125%

Employees shall be graded at this level where the principal characteristics of their employment, as determined by the employer, are identified as follows:

Characteristics

Employees at this level are subject to broad guidance or direction and would report to more senior staff as required.

Such employees will typically have worked or studied in a relevant field and will have achieved a standard of relevant and/or specialist knowledge and experience sufficient to enable them to independently advise on a range of activities and features and contribute, as required, to the determination of objectives, within the relevant field/s of their expertise.

They are responsible and accountable for their own work; and may have delegated responsibility for the work under their control or supervision, in terms of, *inter alia*, scheduling workloads, resolving operations problems, monitoring the quality of work produced as well as counselling staff for performance as well as work related matters.

They would also be able to train and to supervise employees in lower levels by means of personal instruction and demonstration. They often exercise initiative, discretion and judgement in the performance of their duties.

The possession of relevant post secondary qualifications may be appropriate but not essential.

Typical Duties/Skills

Indicative typical duties and skills in this level may include:

- Operates and is responsible for a complex and diverse payroll system.
- Apply detailed knowledge of organisation's objectives, performance, projected areas of growth, product trends and general industry conditions for the purposes of assisting in developing policy or new products and services to meet changing market needs or other circumstances.
- Application of computer software packages including evaluating and determining optimum software solutions or the integration of complex word processing/data/graphics text.
- Prepare internal reports for management in any or all of the following areas:
 - (a) account/financial
 - (b) staffing
 - (c) legislative requirements
 - (d) other significant company activities/operations.
- Finalise quotations or costings by applying a detailed knowledge of variable inputs, margins, market conditions, supply and delivery arrangements.
- Executive Secretary/Executive Assistant who performs a broad range of executive support functions with minimal direction or supervision.
- Medical terminology typing at a standard of skill and responsibility required at this level.
- Clinical coding at a standard of skill and responsibility at a higher level than Level 4.
- The achievement of an accredited standard may be appropriate but not essential.

5.2.6 LEVEL 6

130%

Employees shall be graded at this level where the principal characteristics of their employment, as determined by the employer, are identified as follows:

Characteristics

Work at this level is usually performed in relation to established priorities, task methodology and work practices

to achieve results in line with the organisation goals.

The work may include preparing papers and reports, drafting complex correspondence for senior officers, undertaking activities of a specialist or detailed nature, assisting in the preparation of procedural guidelines, providing, interpreting and analysing information for clients or other interested parties, exercising specific process responsibilities, and overseeing and co-ordinating the work of subordinate staff.

Work at this level includes supervision of a work group, small work area or office within the total organisational structure and co-ordination of a range of organisation functions.

Work is performed under general direction as to work priorities and may be of a technical or professional, project, procedural or processing nature, or a combination of these.

Direction exercised over work performed at this level may be less direct than at lower levels and is usually related to task methodologies and work practices. Staff would be expected to set priorities and to monitor work flow in the area of responsibility.

The work at this level requires the application of knowledge usually gained through previous experience in the discipline or from post secondary or tertiary study. The work may require the co-ordination of a range of organisation functions and the exercising of judgement and/or delegated authority in areas where precedents or procedures are not clearly defined.

Independent action may be exercised at this level, e.g. developing procedures, management strategies and guidelines.

Typical Duties/Skills

Indicative typical duties and skills at this level may include:

- Supervision of staff, setting priorities, monitoring work flow, and the development of strategies or work practices.
- Responsibility for the development of appropriate training programmes related to group development.
- Application of equal employment opportunity and industrial relations principles.
- Application of occupational health and safety guidelines and principles.
- Providing advice in relation to personal and career development related to work requirements.
- Liaison or communication with clients or other interested groups.
- General knowledge of the organisation's operations, combined with a specialist knowledge of major activities within the work area.
- Ability to investigate interpret or evaluate information where legislation, regulations, instructions or procedural guidelines do not give adequate or specific answers.
- Medical terminology typing at a standard of skill and responsibility required at this level.
- Clinical coding at a standard of skill and responsibility at a level higher than level 5.

The achievement of an accredited standard may be appropriate but not essential.

5.3 Wages

5.3.1 Adults

The weekly rates of pay for adult employees shall be paid in accordance with the wage rates contained in Schedule 1.

5.3.2 Pay points for adult employees

- (a) Each Level 1 to 5 of the structure contains varying pay points which provide for automatic yearly service increments within a level.
- (b) Appointment to a higher level is to occur where an employee is required to perform duties and skills at such a higher level in accordance with the classification criteria.

(c) An employee may progress to a higher level in accordance with clause 5.3.2 without having progressed through all paypoints within a lesser level.

5.3.3 *Years of service* - Years of service are the years of service of a clerical employee within the classification level in the industry as a whole including years of service with the employer. Each year of service is based on the completion of 1976 hours.

5.3.4 *Savings* - No employee employed by the employer prior to 4 March 1996 is to suffer any reduction in ordinary time earnings as a result of this Award.

5.3.5 *Juniors*

The rates of pay for Junior employees shall be as follows:

	Percentage of appropriate Adult Total Minimum Rate
	%
15 and under 16 years of age	45
16 and under 17 years of age	50
17 and under 18 years of age	55
18 and under 19 years of age	65
19 and under 20 years of age	75
20 and under 21 years of age	85

Junior rates of pay are expressed as a percentage of the appropriate minimum adult rate in either Levels 1 or 2, with the first pay point in Levels 1 or 2 reflecting the wage rate upon which the Junior percentages above are calculated.

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.

Whether the first pay point in Level 1 or 2 is used depends on whether the Junior is performing work which falls within Level 1 (in which case the first adult pay point of Level 1 is used) or any Level above Level 1, in which case the first adult pay point in Level 2 is used.

Once a Junior employee reaches 21 years of age this employee then must be slotted into the appropriate Level (1 to 5) and commence on the wage rate reflected by the first pay point at that Level.

5.3.6 *Salary packaging*

Notwithstanding the wage rates contained in clause 5.3.1, the employer may by agreement with an employee introduce remuneration packaging in respect of that employees' salary, subject to the following provisions:

- (a) any financial advantage of salary packaging accrues to the employee, therefore any costs associated with salary packaging must be borne by the employee;
- (b) the employer shall ensure that the structure of any agreed package complies with taxation or other relevant laws;
- (c) the total salary package for each employee shall comprise a cash salary component, SGC superannuation, leave loading, all other applicable allowances and an agreed optional range or benefits. Such benefits shall be financed by the employer by way of salary sacrifice from the employee's individualised Expense Payment Benefit Account (EPBA) so established;
- (d) the terms of the salary packaging arrangement shall be committed to writing and signed by the employer and the employee. A copy of the signed agreement shall be half by the employer and the employee;
- (e) the selection of benefit payments may be altered at any time but frequent changes to payment schedules may incur additional costs to the employee;
- (f) in the event that the full amount of the agreed benefits allocated to a specific EPBA is not utilised at end of each FBT year (1 April to 30 March) such balance will be paid in cash to the employee and shall be treated as salary and shall be subject to PAYG taxation;
- (g) an employee who has a credit in the EPBA on cessation of employment may elect to utilise that credit to pay for an expense already incurred or receive the balance of the credit in cash. Provided that the cash payment shall be treated as salary and shall be subject to PAYG taxation;

- (h) the parties to this agreement strongly recommend that employees seek independent advice on any financial implications before entering into salary packaging arrangements. Notwithstanding the above provisions of clause 5.3.6, salary packaging arrangements may be cancelled by either party by the provision of one calendar month's notice.

The parties agree to review the provisions of clause 5.3.6 in the event of significant change to existing taxation laws or the introduction of any new legislation.

5.4 Higher duties payment

An employee who is called upon to perform the majority of work at a Level above their current classified Level for a period of more than 2 days, will be paid at the minimum Award rate prescribed for that higher Level for the whole period involved on such higher Level duties.

5.5 Payment of wages

5.5.1 Except where otherwise mutually agreed between the employer and the majority of employees, payment of wages shall be made in cash or by Electronic Funds Transfer, either weekly or fortnightly and either on a Friday or on the day which coincides with the pay day of the majority of the establishment. Where the pay day falls on a holiday, the preceding business day shall be the pay day for that period.

5.5.2 In case of dismissal of an employee or leaving the service of an employer after having given the prescribed notice, the employee shall be paid all wages due within 3 days after the employment stops. If such wages are not paid within the time prescribed all waiting time in excess of 15 minutes shall be paid for at overtime rates.

5.5.3 Employees going on annual leave shall be paid for such annual leave before departure or as requested in writing by the employee.

5.6 Allowances

5.6.1 Employees using own motor vehicle

Employees who are required to use their own motor vehicle on the employer's business shall be paid a car allowance of 30 cents per kilometre.

5.6.2 Uniforms

Where the employees are required by the employer to wear a uniform, the employer shall supply free of charge uniforms of a type or design considered most suitable, or in lieu thereof, an allowance of \$159.00 per annum paid *pro rata* each pay day. Additionally, an allowance of \$1.85 per week for laundry shall be paid.

5.6.3 Divisional and district allowances

(a) Adult employees (21 years and over) in the Mackay Division shall be paid 90 cents per week and adult employees (21 years and over) in the Eastern District of the Northern Division shall be paid \$1.05 per week in addition to the rates above prescribed.

(b) Western allowance

In addition to the rates of wages set out in this Award for the Eastern Districts, the following Western allowances shall be paid to all clerks to whom this Award applies employed in the Western Districts of the Southern and Northern Divisions:

- (i) in the case of adults of the age of 21 years and over in the Western District of the Southern Division - \$1.05 per week;
- (ii) in the case of Juniors under the age of 21 years in the Western District of the Southern Division - 53 cents per week;
- (iii) in the case of adults of the age of 21 years and over in the Western District of the Northern Division - \$2.20 per week; and
- (iv) in the case of Juniors under the age of 21 years in the Western District of the Northern Division - \$1.10 per week.

5.6.4 On-call and recall

The provisions hereunder apply to employees who are rostered to be on-call at their private residence, or at any other

mutually agreed place.

- (a) An employee rostered to be on-call shall receive an additional amount as follows:
 - (i) \$15.11 for each 24 hour period or part thereof when the on-call period is between rostered shifts of ordinary hours Monday to Friday inclusive;
 - (ii) \$22.68 for each 24 hour period or part thereof when the on-call period is on a Saturday; and
 - (iii) \$30.23 for each 24 hour period or part thereof when the on-call period is on a Sunday, public holiday or a day when the employee is rostered off duty.
- (b) Payment shall be calculated by reference to that allowance specified in clause 5.6.4(a) applicable to the calendar day on which the major portion of the on-call period falls.
- (c) If an employee rostered to be on-call is required to work, such work shall be remunerated at the appropriate overtime rate, in addition to the rates prescribed in clause 6.10. A minimum payment of 3 hours at the appropriate overtime rate shall be paid.
- (d) It is not the intention of the parties that employees, unless they consent otherwise, should be placed on-call immediately prior to an accrued day off.

5.6.5 *Recall - full-time and part-time employees*

The following provisions shall apply to employees who are not rostered to be on-call, but who are recalled to work after ceasing work:

- (a) an employee who is recalled to work shall be paid at the appropriate overtime rate, with a minimum of 3 hours, provided that the time spent travelling to and from the place of duty shall be deemed to be time worked:

Provided that where an employee is recalled within 3 hours of rostered commencement time, and the employee remains at work, only time spent in travelling to work shall be included with actual time worked for the purpose of overtime payment.

5.7 **Superannuation**

5.7.1 For the purpose of the employee enjoying a higher contribution to their occupational superannuation fund, an employer and an employee may agree at the written request of the employee that the employee will sacrifice part of their wages due under this Award, provided that such sacrificed part of their wages is paid by the employer to the credit of the employee in an agreed complying Fund.

5.7.2 *Superannuation Contribution*

- (a) An employer shall contribute to one of the following funds - Uniting Church Employees' Superannuation Fund, Sunsuper, Health Employees Superannuation Trust Australia, Health Industry Plan - on behalf of each eligible employee, such superannuation contributions as required to comply with the *Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992* as amended from time to time.

It is noted that the Federal Government legislation requires employers to contribute 9% on behalf of eligible employees at the time of making this Award.

- (b) Contributions on behalf of each eligible employee shall apply from the date of the employee's commencement of employment with the employer notwithstanding the date the membership application was forwarded to the fund. Such contributions will be made at least monthly.
- (c) The amount of contributions to the fund shall be calculated to the nearest 10 cents, any fraction below 5 cents shall be disregarded.
- (d) "Ordinary time earnings" for the purposes of clause 5.7 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.
- (e) The fund and the amount of contributions paid in accordance with clause 5.7 shall be included in pay advice notices provided by a respondent employer to each employee.

- (f) Each employee shall be given equal access to all information concerning the approved occupational superannuation funds set out in clause 5.7.2(a).
- (g) The employee shall choose the fund into which the employer shall make contributions on the employee's behalf.
- (h) Employers to participate in nominated fund:
 - (i) an employer shall make application to the fund to become a participating employer in the fund and shall become a participating employer upon acceptance by the trustee of the fund;
 - (ii) an employer shall provide each employee who is not a member of the fund with a membership application form upon commencement of this clause and thereafter upon commencement of employment; and
 - (iii) each employee shall be required to complete the membership application and the employer shall forward the completed application to the fund by the end of the calendar month of commencement of clause 5.7 or commencement of employment.
- (i) Provision for workers to make superannuation contributions to the award fund:

An employee may make contributions to the fund in addition to those made by the respondent employer under clause 5.7.2(a). An employee who wishes to make additional contributions must authorise the respondent employer in writing to pay into the fund, from the employee's wages, a specified amount in accordance with the fund trust deed and rules.

An employer who receives written authorisation from the employee, must commence making payments into the fund on behalf of the employee within 14 days of receipt of the authorisation.

An employee may vary the employee's additional contributions by a written authorisation and the employer must alter the additional contributions within 14 days of the receipt of the authorisation.

Additional employee contributions to the fund requested under clause 5.7.2(i) shall be expressed in whole dollars.

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

6.1 Hours of work - full-time employees

- 6.1.1 The ordinary hours of work shall be an average of 38 hours per week to be worked on one of the following bases, subject to clauses 6.3 (Procedures for discussions) and 6.1.2:
 - (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 day; or
 - (d) 152 hours within a work cycle not exceeding 28 consecutive days:
- 6.1.2 Where the employer and the employees in a work section or sections agree, 160 hours may be worked within a work cycle not exceeding 28 consecutive days with provision for one ADO per cycle up to a maximum of 5.
- 6.1.3 *Shift work* - Provisions relating to shift work or hours of work in this Award shall not apply to employers who have alternative shift work and/or extended spread of ordinary working hours agreements negotiated either as a 2nd Tier Order and listed in Schedule B of the Clerical Employees Award - State 2002 or by agreement with the Australian Municipal, Administrative, Clerical and Services Union, Central and Southern Queensland Clerical and Administrative Branch, Union of Employees pursuant to clauses 6.1 (Hours of work) and 6.8 (Shift work) of the Clerical Employees Award - State 2002.

6.2 Working of a 38 hour week

- 6.2.1 An employee to whom clause 6.2 applies is entitled to 2 full days off each week.
- 6.2.2 The 38 hour week shall be implemented on one of the following bases, most suitable to the particular operation, after consultation with, and giving reasonable consideration to the wishes of the employees concerned:
 - (a) 4 days of 8 hours and 1 of 6 hours;
 - (b) 19 days of 8 hours each day in a work cycle of 28 consecutive days;

- (c) the banking of a day each month up to a maximum of 5 days, to be taken at times mutually acceptable to the employer and the employee, but not later than 12 calendar months of the date on which the first ADO was accrued;
- (d) 4 days at 9 and a-half hours per day;
- (e) 5 days to be worked at a total of 7 hours and 36 minutes per day;
- (f) 4 or 5 days to be worked with no less than 6 hours nor more than 10 hours on any day; and
- (g) Any combination of the above arrangements over a normal roster period.

6.2.3 The ordinary hours of work arrangement agreed upon in clause 6.2.2 is subject to the following conditions:

- (a) the hours of work may be worked within a span of 6 to 12 hours per day exclusive of meal breaks:

Provided that where shifts shall exceed 8 hours per day, such hours of work shall only be worked by agreement in writing between the employer and the employee:

Provided further that the maximum span of 12 hours within which ordinary hours may be worked on any day may be extended by written agreement entered into between the employer and the relevant Union.

- (b) where shifts greater than 10 hours per day are to be worked, such shifts shall only be worked by agreement in writing between the employer and the appropriate Union/s:

Provided that where shifts of more than 10 hours per day are rostered for work, employees working such hours cannot be rostered for work on more than 3 consecutive shifts of 10 hours or more without a break of at least 48 hours, and further provided that no more than 8 shifts of more than 10 hours can be worked in a 4 week period; and

- (c) in relation to clauses 6.1.1(d) and 6.1.2, unless otherwise specified, an employee shall be entitled to 9 full days off per 4 week period.

- (d) no employee shall work more than 10 days in succession without a rostered day off.

6.3 Procedures for discussions

6.3.1 The employer and all employees concerned shall consult over the most appropriate means of implementing and working a 38 hour week.

6.3.2 The objective of consultation is to reach agreement on the method of implementing and working the 38 hour week in accordance with clause 6.2.

6.3.3 The outcome of any consultation shall be recorded in writing.

6.3.4 In cases where agreement cannot be reached as a result of consultation between the parties, either party may request the assistance or advice of their relevant employee or employer organisation.

6.3.5 Notwithstanding the consultative procedure outlined above, and notwithstanding any lack of agreement by employees, the employer shall have the right to make the final determination as to the method by which the 38 hour week is implemented or worked from time to time.

6.3.6 After implementation of the 38 hour week, upon giving 7 days' notice or such shorter period as may be mutually agreed upon, the method of working the 38 hour week may be altered, from time to time, following negotiations between the employer and employees concerned, utilising the foregoing provisions of clause 6.3, including clause 6.3.5.

6.4 Special provisions for banking of days

6.4.1 Where an ADO falls on a public holiday, the following day may be taken where practicable in lieu.

6.4.2 Each day of paid leave taken (not including annual leave, long service leave and periods of workers compensation) and any public holiday occurring during any cycle of 4 weeks shall be regarded as a day worked for accrual purposes.

6.5 19 day month provisions

- 6.5.1 As far as practicable the ADO should be continuous with normal rostered days off.
- 6.5.2 Where the ADO falls on a public holiday the following day may be taken where practicable in lieu thereof.
- 6.5.3 Subject to clause 9.1.1(b) employees shall be entitled to a week's wages in accordance with clause 5.3 for each week of the cycle:

Provided that the employer may, subject to agreement in writing with the majority of the employees involved, pay wages fortnightly according to the average hours worked or the actual hours worked in that fortnightly pay period.

- 6.5.4 The entitlement to an ADO on full pay is subject to the following:
- (a) each day of paid leave taken (not including annual leave and long service leave) and any public holiday occurring during any cycle of 4 weeks shall be regarded as a day worked for accrual purposes;
 - (b) an employee who has not worked a completed 4 week cycle in order to accrue a rostered day off shall be paid a *pro rata* amount for credits accrued for each day worked in such cycle payable for the rostered day off (i.e. an amount of 24 minutes for each 8 hour day worked or 2 hours each 40 hours worked).

6.5.5 *Sickness on an ADO*

Where an employee is sick or injured on the employee's ADO the employee shall not be entitled to sick pay nor shall the employee's sick pay entitlement be reduced as a result of the employee's sickness or injury on that day.

6.6 Spread of hours for broken shift

Where broken shifts are worked the spread of hours shall not exceed 12 hours per day.

6.7 Minimum break between shifts

The roster for all full-time employees shall provide for a minimum of 10 hours break between the finish of ordinary hours on one day and the commencement of ordinary hours on the following day. In the case of changeover of rosters, 8 hours shall be substituted for 10 hours.

6.8 Meal breaks

All employees are entitled to meal breaks as follows:

- (a) employees who work a minimum of 5 continuous ordinary hours in any work shall receive an unpaid meal break of a minimum of 30 minutes, and a maximum of one hour;
- (b) no more than 6 continuous hours are to be worked without a meal break of 30 minutes being taken;
- (c) where employees do not receive at least a 30 minute break before the expiration of 6 continuous hours of work, then such employees are to be paid at one and a half times their ordinary rate until a break of 30 minutes is taken;
- (d) a further meal break of 30 minutes is to be provided where employees work more than 5 hours after taking the first meal break. This further meal break is to be paid at ordinary rates; and
- (e) where employees are required to work overtime for 2 hours or more after their normal rostered ceasing time, then the employee is to be allowed a meal break of at least 30 minutes which is to be paid at ordinary time. In such circumstances, the employer is to either provide a meal of reasonable quality and quantity or pay \$9.60 in lieu of such meal.

6.9 Rest pauses

- 6.9.1 Any employee who works at least 7.6 hours in any one work period shall be entitled to a paid a 10 minute rest pause in the employer's time in the first and second halves of their work.

An employee who works at least 4 ordinary hours shall be entitled to a paid a 10 minute rest pause during their period of work.

Such rest pauses shall be taken at such times as will not interfere with the continuity of work when continuity is necessary.

- 6.9.2 Despite clause 6.9.1, where there is agreement between the employer and the majority of employees concerned,

the 2 rest pauses may be combined into one 20 minute rest pause to be taken in the first part of the ordinary working period, with such 20 minute rest pause and the meal break arranged in such a way that the ordinary working period is broken up into 3 approximately equal work periods.

6.10 Overtime

An employee may be required to work reasonable overtime subject to adequate prior notice.

6.10.1 No employee shall work overtime without permission of the employer, and payment for overtime so worked shall be claimed, adjusted and made at the next ensuing date of payment for such employee. Overtime shall be deemed payable when it is entered on the time sheet and authorised by the employer's representative who requested such overtime to be worked.

6.10.2 Overtime payments for all time worked by all employees outside the rostered ordinary hours or in excess of the ordinary hours shall be made at the rate of time and a-half for the first 3 hours and double time thereafter, Monday to Saturday inclusive.

6.10.3 All overtime worked on a Sunday shall be paid for at the rate of double time.

6.10.4 All work performed on an employee's Accrued Day Off shall be paid for at the rate of double time.

6.10.5 *Time in lieu*

(a) Subject to mutual agreement in writing between the employer and the employee, an employee may be compensated for overtime worked in lieu of payment by being allowed time off at the following rate:

(i) the first 3 hours of overtime in any one week may be taken at the rate of time worked for time taken;

(ii) any period in excess of 3 hours of overtime in any one week may be taken off at a rate equivalent to the prescribed overtime penalty.

Should overtime in excess of 3 hours be consecutively worked on any one engagement, such excess overtime shall be taken or paid at the rate of double time: Provided that the employee shall be required to clear accumulated time off in lieu within 3 months of the overtime being performed. If the employer is unable to release the employee accordingly, or at the time of termination for any reason by either party, then the employee shall be paid for the overtime worked at the appropriate overtime rate.

(b) Subject to prior approval by the employer, an employee may be granted time off notwithstanding that such time has not been worked as overtime in accordance with clause 6.10.1. The employer shall pay the employee's wages as if the employee worked ordinary hours during such time off:

Provided that the period of time off shall be made up in accordance with clause 6.10.6 through authorised overtime worked, within 4 weeks of the time off being taken, or the employees pay shall be reduced by the amount of such time off taken.

The employer shall maintain an appropriate record of hours accumulated and taken off duty by each employee under clause 6.10.6.

(c) Reverse time in lieu - On request by the employee, the hospital may release an employee from a rostered shift and agree to pay the employee for the hours not worked at the ordinary rate of pay.

The employee shall be rostered to work the hours not worked as additional hours, that is over and above contracted hours, at a later date. The employee shall receive no payment (except shift penalties) for those additional hours worked.

The employee may accumulate up to a maximum of 16 hours reverse time in lieu.

The employee shall be rostered to work the additional hours owed within 4 weeks of the hours being accrued.

The additional hours shall be rostered as agreed between the employee and the hospital and shall be rostered in shifts lengths equivalent to that of the time released from duty.

Employees who have accumulated reverse time in lieu shall be given preference to work available additional hours.

On termination of employment any hours owed by the employee shall be deducted from the termination payment subject to the employee having the opportunity and declining to work the hours required.

6.10.6 An employee who has worked at least 7.6 ordinary hours on any day and who is required to continue to work after the usual ceasing time shall be supplied with a reasonable meal at the employer's expense, or be paid \$9.60 per meal in lieu thereof, after more than 2 hours, or after more than one hour if overtime continues beyond 6 p.m. If an employee continues to so work the employee shall be allowed an additional meal or \$9.60 in lieu thereof for each completed 4 hours work after the first hour:

Provided that an employee is not entitled to a meal or to be paid in lieu of a meal if the employee would not normally take a meal after the 2 hours or the one hour of overtime respectively referred to above.

6.10.7 An employee who works so much overtime between the termination of ordinary work on the one day and the commencement of ordinary work on the next day that at least 10 consecutive hours off duty have not been taken between those times shall, subject to clause 6.10.8 be released after the completion of such overtime until 10 consecutive hours off duty have been taken without loss of pay for ordinary working time occurring during such absence. If on the instructions of the employer, such an employee resumes or continues work without having had such 10 consecutive hours off duty, double rates shall be paid until such period off duty is provided without loss of ordinary pay for such time off.

The provisions of clause 6.10.8 shall apply in the case of shift workers who rotate from one shift to another as if 8 hours were substituted for 10 hours when overtime is worked:

- (a) for the purpose of changing shift rosters; or
- (b) where a shift worker does not report for duty; or
- (c) where a shift is worked by arrangement between the employees themselves.

6.11 Roster

6.11.1 Each employer shall keep posted in some position in the premises, accessible to the employee, a roster setting out the ordinary starting and ceasing times.

6.11.2 All full-time and part-time employees shall work in accordance with a roster to be agreed from time to time between the employer and a majority of employees in any workplace or part thereof.

- (a) The roster shall set out the employee's periods of duty and the starting and finishing times for such periods. It shall be displayed in a place conveniently accessible to employees at least 7 days before the commencement of each week.
- (b) 2 days' notice of an altered starting or ceasing time within a roster shall be given by the employer, or
- (c) Rosters can be varied by agreement in writing between the employer and employee on reasonable grounds without overtime or other penalty the notified roster for work (including lengthening or shortening or adding shifts) for that employee to suit the hospital and/or employee requirements provided that:
 - (i) no such agreement can require an ordinary time shift longer than the duration of ordinary shifts permitted by agreement under this Award; and
 - (ii) the effect of such agreement is not to reduce the number of regular rostered hours of work to be performed by the employee over 2 consecutive pay periods. The term "regular rostered hours of work" excludes hours of work performed on relieving duties.

6.12 Penalty payments

6.12.1 Monday to Friday penalty rates

Full-time, part-time and casual employees who commence to be employed from 4 March 1996 shall be entitled to the following penalty rates:

All ordinary time worked on shifts where the major portion of the shift is worked between the hours of 4.00 p.m. and 8.00 a.m. the following day - 15%.

6.12.2 Week-end penalty rates

All rostered ordinary hours worked by any employee between Midnight Friday and Midnight Sunday up to and including 10 ordinary hours in any one shift shall be paid for at the rate of ordinary time plus the additional percentage of the employee's ordinary time rate as follows:

Midnight Friday to Midnight Saturday	50 - time and a-half
Midnight Saturday to Midnight Sunday	75 - time and three-quarters

All time worked by an employee during the above week-end period in excess of ordinary hours in any one shift shall be paid at the appropriate overtime rate in lieu of the above additional percentages.

PART 7 - LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

7.1 Annual leave

7.1.1 Every full-time employee covered by this Award, shall at the end of each year of such employee's employment, be entitled to annual leave on full pay as set out below.

7.1.2 The accrual rate for annual leave as from 4 November 1990 shall be as follows:

- (a) for non-continuous shift workers and day workers - 152 hours per annum (i.e. 4 weeks' annual leave per annum on a 38 hour week basis).
- (b) for Continuous Shift Workers - 190 hours per annum (i.e. 5 weeks' annual leave per annum on a 38 hour week basis):

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

7.1.3 Leave debit

Leave debits on and after 5 November 1990 will be equivalent to the ordinary hours employees would have worked had they not been on paid leave. Such leave will therefore be paid and debited on the basis of the hours actually taken.

7.1.4 Accrued day off

- (a) An employee shall not derive any additional benefit for accrued days off which fall within a period of annual leave.
- (b) Annual leave shall be exclusive of any public holiday which may occur during the period of annual leave.
- (c) Subject to clauses 7.1.5 and 7.1.6, or employee request in writing, an employer shall pay annual leave in advance.
- (d) Subject to clause 7.1.4(e), annual leave shall be calculated according to an employee's ordinary rate of pay.
- (e) If an employee is being paid in excess of their ordinary rate of pay immediately prior to the commencement of annual leave, such leave shall be calculated according to the excess rate.
- (f) If any employee is dismissed by the employer or voluntarily leaves their employment after any annual leave has become due, and without such leave having been taken, such employee shall be entitled in lieu thereof to a sum equal to salary computed at the rate of wages which the employee was earning at the date of such dismissal or leaving calculated in accordance with clauses 7.1.5 or 7.1.6.
- (g) If an employee is dismissed by the employer or voluntarily leaves their employment after the date which their last preceding leave was due, the employee shall be allowed the *pro rata* number of days for the time so worked, by payment equal to salary computed at the rate of wages they were earning at the date of such dismissal or leaving, calculated in accordance with clauses 7.1.5 or 7.1.6.
- (h) 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 them an amount equal to 1\12th of their pay for the period of their employment calculated in accordance with clauses 7.1.5 or 7.1.6.

7.1.5 Calculation of annual leave pay - all employees

In respect of annual leave, the employer shall pay to the employee an amount not less than:

- (a) the employee's ordinary wage rate as described by the Award for the period of the annual leave (excluding shift premiums and week-end penalty rates); and
- (b) all purpose allowances; and
- (c) a further amount calculated at the rate of 17.5% of the amounts referred to in clauses 7.1.5(a) and 7.1.5(b).

7.1.6 Every employee shall be given at least 4 weeks' notice by the employer of the commencement of annual leave:

Provided that less than 4 weeks' notice of the commencement of annual leave may be given by agreement between the employer and the employee.

7.2 Sick leave

7.2.1 Entitlement

(a) Every employee, except casuals and school-based trainees, is entitled to 76 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) Payment for sick leave will be made based on the ordinary number of hours which would have been worked if the employee were not absent on sick leave.

(c) Sick leave may be taken for part of a day (minimum 4 hours).

(d) 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; and

(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 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.

7.3.3 *Paid maternity leave*

The employer will provide 6 weeks' paid maternity leave, in the manner set out below after one calendar year of continuous service either as a full-time or part-time employee or a combination of both:

(a) 4 weeks' pay at that time the employee proceeds on leave;

(b) one additional week's pay in each of the first 2 pay periods following the employee's return from leave to full-time or part-time work.

Other than during the 6 weeks period of compulsory leave, employees on maternity leave may undertake casual work for the employer from time to time during such leave. Such work shall not affect the employee's entitlement to the full period of leave as prescribed by the Family Leave Award.

An employee may elect to receive paid maternity leave at half pay. In this instance the request must be in writing to the pay office as they proceed on maternity leave and payments will be made as follows:

(c) 8 weeks' half pay at that time the employee proceeds on leave;

(d) one-half additional week's pay in each of the first 4 pay periods following the employee's return from leave to full-time or part-time work.

7.3.4 *Family/Carers leave*

Employees may access up to 75% of their annual sick leave entitlement for the purpose of family/carers leave.

7.4 **Bereavement leave**

7.4.1 *Full-time and part-time employees*

Full-time and part-time employees shall, on the death of a member of their immediate family or household in Australia, be entitled to be 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) A "long-term casual employee" is 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 1 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) a 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**

7.5.1 All employees shall be entitled to long service leave on full pay under, subject to, and in accordance with the provisions of the *Industrial Relations Act 1999*.

7.5.2 Subject to clauses 7.5.3 and 7.5.4 the following enhanced long service leave entitlements shall also apply:

Introduction

Upon completion of 10 years of continuous service with the one employer, employees shall be entitled to 13 weeks' long service leave with pay.

Subject to the foregoing the eligibility for long service leave shall be determined in accordance with clause 7.5.2.

Any leave taken and paid under clause 7.5.2 shall be deducted from the entitlement that would otherwise have accrued under the *Industrial Relations Act 1990*.

7.5.3 Entitlement

For all continuous service after the 2nd January 1996 an employee who completes 10 years' continuous service shall be entitled to long service leave at the rate of 1.3 weeks on full salary for each year of continuous service and a proportionate amount for an incomplete year of service.

For service prior to the 2nd January 1996, long service leave entitlements shall be as prescribed by the *Industrial Relations Act 1990* as at the 2nd January 1996 except that an employee shall be entitled to take such leave after 10 years of service as hereafter provided.

Entitlement to enhanced long service leave benefit for service in excess of 15 years with the one employer shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

Conditions

The following provisions shall apply in respect of long service leave:

- (a) an application for leave shall be made in writing, in a form determined by the Local Hospital Management;
- (b) timely notice of the desire for leave shall be given by the employee. The employee shall be given timely advice of whether or not leave is approved. In the event of any disagreement the employer may require an employee to take a period of long service leave by giving 3 months' notice of the request to take long service leave; and
- (c) leave may be taken up to the total amount of leave due as at the date of commencement of the leave, calculated by:
 - (i) determining the total period of the employee's continuous service having regard to the provisions of these regulations in respect of leave credited for service;
 - (ii) determining the total long service leave entitlement appropriate to that period of continuous service;
 - (iii) deducting from the total entitlement, long service leave previously taken;
- (d) the minimum period of long service leave which may be taken at any one time shall be 2 weeks;
- (e) where an employee becomes ill and is granted sick leave in lieu of long service leave approved, the period of long service leave actually taken shall not be subject to the minimum period requirement set out in clause 7.5.3(d); and
- (f) where an employee is recalled from long service leave, the taking of the balance of the leave originally approved shall not be subject to the minimum period requirement set out in clause 7.5.3(d).

7.5.4 Cash equivalent

- (a) Cash equivalent on ceasing employment normally occurs at or after 10 calendar years' continuous service. However, payment will be made for lesser periods of continuous service in the following circumstances:
 - ♦ upon retrenchment - one year;
 - ♦ upon ill health retirement - 5 years;
 - ♦ upon retirement within 10 years of attaining age 65 - 5 years; and
 - ♦ upon death - 5 years

Where an employee dies, the amount which would have been payable to that employee had that employee retired or been dismissed on the date on which the employee actually died shall be paid to the employee's dependants (if any) or, if there be no dependant, to the employee's personal representative.

(b) Payment in lieu of long service leave not taken:

(i) a person who ceases to be an employee and who at the date of ceasing to be an employee has an entitlement to long service leave shall receive a payment in lieu of long service leave not taken.

(ii) the calculation of the amount of the payment shall be based on:

(A) that entitlement; and

(B) the rate of ordinary salary which the person was receiving at the date of ceasing to be an employee.

(c) Casual employees

Prior to 23 June 1990, casuals, as a general rule, were not entitled to accrued long service leave. As from 23 June 1990, the *Industrial Relations Act 1990* came into force and casual employees were granted an entitlement to Long Service Leave.

Put simply this means casual employee entitlements are as follows:

DATE	ENTITLEMENT
Prior to 23.6.90	No entitlement - Service does not count.
23.6.90 - 30.3.94	Service counts provided at least 32 hours are worked every 4 weeks.
From 30.3.94 onwards	Service counts provided there is no break between casual engagements of more than 3 months.

7.5.5 Record keeping

(a) The Act placed additional responsibility on employers with regard to time and wages records. Section 366 particularly highlights the need to record total hours other than overtime aggregated to 30 June each year as well as entitling the employee to receive a certificate of such accumulated hours calculated to the previous 30 June.

All long service leave entitlements are to be expressed in hours.

(b) Part-Time employees - long service leave

A part-time employee accrues long service leave on a proportionate basis of the entitlement for a full-time employee.

In determining the length of absence of a part-time employee on long service leave, employees should apply for the number of ordinary hours they would have been at work for the required period. The debit against the balance of accrued leave is to be the actual number of hours absent from duty as described. This principle also applies in the case of employees who have accrued their leave entitlements by working a combination of full time and part-time employment.

7.5.6 Long service leave on half pay

(a) All employees shall be entitled to apply for long service leave on half pay upon completion of 10 years' continuous service. Clause 7.5.6 provides for the employee to extend the period of leave to twice the period that may be taken with full pay. The wages shall be apportioned over the period of leave at the rate of half pay.

(b) The same entitlements and conditions that apply to long service leave on full pay shall apply to clause 7.5.6 as per clause 5.5 and the Act.

(c) Long service leave shall be exclusive of any public holiday that falls during the leave period. An employee shall receive payment of their usual hours at the ordinary hours rate for those public holidays that occur during the leave period.

(d) Annual, sick and long service leave shall accrue on a pro rata basis for employees who access clause 7.5.6.

(e) Recognition of service shall accrue on a pro rata basis for employees who access clause 7.5.6 provision.

(f) Recognition of service for the purposes of wage increments shall be calculated on a pro rata basis.

(g) The employee who applies for long service leave on half pay will be responsible for seeking financial advice in respect of any affect such leave may have on taxation and superannuation contributions.

(h) The employer will include a reference to the benefits of seeking financial advice on the hospital's application form.

7.6 Public holidays

7.6.1 Subject to clause 7.6.9 all work done by any employee on:

- the 1st January;
- the 26th January;
- Good Friday;
- Easter Saturday (the day after Good Friday);
- Easter Monday;
- the 25th 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 payment of 4 hours.

7.6.2 Labour Day

All employees 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 who works on Labour Day, 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 the rate of time and a-half with a minimum payment 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 shall be paid for at the rate of double time and a-half with a minimum payment 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 Double time and a-half

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

7.6.5 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, is 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.

7.6.6 The employer will give at least one clear day's notice to any employee required to work on a public holiday.

7.6.7 Where there is agreement between the majority of employees in the enterprise or section or sections involved, and the employer, and subject to statutory limitations, other ordinary working days may be substituted for the public holidays specified in clause 7.6 other than Anzac Day and Labour Day:

Provided that, where an employee is subsequently required to work on such substituted day, the employee shall be paid the rate applicable for the holiday that has been substituted.

7.6.8 Should any of the holidays mentioned in clause 7.6.1 fall on an employee's ADO, by mutual agreement between the employer and the employee, the employee may receive another full day off in lieu thereof or one full day may be added to such employee's annual leave, or alternatively, one full day's wage at ordinary rates may be paid in addition to the weekly wage.

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

8.1 Travelling, transport and fares

8.1.1 Travelling time and expenses

- (a) Employees transferred at the request of the employer or travelling under the employer's instructions shall be deemed to be working while so travelling so far as they may be travelling during ordinary hours of duty.
- (b) All reasonable fares incurred by an employee whilst travelling on the employer's business shall be paid by the employer.
- (c) The fares allowed shall be:
 - (i) on passenger coaches - normal fare;
 - (ii) on trains - first class (with sleeping berths if available); and
 - (iii) on passenger aircraft - economy class.
- (d) Employees required within ordinary working hours, to travel in excess of 3.2 km from the location where they are usually employed, shall be allowed reasonable return fares.
- (e) Employees required, in the course of the employee's work, to remain away from home overnight, shall be reimbursed by the employer for all reasonable expenses actually incurred in obtaining board and accommodation.

PART 9 - TRAINING AND RELATED MATTERS

9.1 Training program

9.1.1 Training and retraining

- (a) Where an employee undertakes a course of training/retraining at the request of the employer, such training shall not result in the loss of any ordinary time earnings by the employee and shall wherever possible be conducted in the employer's time.
- (b) Notwithstanding the provisions contained in this Award where an employee undertakes a course of training/retraining at the request of the employer at a time/times either partially or wholly outside ordinary working hours including Saturdays and Sundays, but excluding public holidays, such time shall be paid for at the rate of single time:

Provided that no employee subject to clause 9.1.1(b) shall be required to attend such course(s) of training/retraining for more than 4 hours on any week day or 8 hours on any Saturday or Sunday and on no more than 5 days in any one year of employment.

- (c) All costs associated with such training/retraining in clause 9.1.1(a) and (b) shall be borne by the employer.

- (d) The parties to this Award recognise that in order to increase the efficiency, productivity and competitiveness of the office, plant or enterprise, a greater commitment to training and skill development is required. Accordingly, the parties commit themselves to:
- (i) developing a more highly skilled and flexible workforce;
 - (ii) providing employees with career opportunities through appropriate training to acquire additional skills required by the employer;
 - (iii) removing barriers to the utilisation of skills acquired.
- (e) Following proper consultation through the establishment of a Joint Training Body or other appropriate means, the employer shall develop a training programme consistent with:
- (i) the current and future skill needs of the plant or enterprise;
 - (ii) the size, structure and nature of the operations of the plant or enterprise;
 - (iii) the need to develop vocational skills relevant to the plant or enterprise through courses conducted by accredited educational institutions and providers.

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

10.1 Accommodation

10.1.1 In any establishment where the employee is provided with board and lodgings by the employer, the employer shall have the right to deduct from the pay of the employee residing on the premises an amount of \$50.40 for adults and \$40.00 for juniors per week.

10.1.2 Where employees are required to reside in accommodation provided by the employer such accommodation so provided shall be of a fit and proper standard.

10.2 Immunisation and x-ray

The employer will provide and arrange administration of the following immunisation where required by the employer and agreed by the employee.

- Fluvax to be provided to staff annually
- Hep B to be provided where not currently immunised and required by Management for the role.

The employer will reimburse any employee who is required by the employer to have an x-ray.

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 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 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 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 Union, during non-working time.

11.1.5 *Conduct*

An authorised industrial 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 Trade union training leave

11.3.1 Employees shall be entitled to access up to 12 hours of paid leave on ordinary earnings each calendar year, non-cumulative, to attend courses and seminars approved or conducted by an industrial Organisation of Employees. This leave will be granted only after an employee has completed all mandatory hours of core competency training in the calendar year.

11.3.2 Employees who are workplace representatives and/or members of workplace consultative committee/s shall be entitled to access up to 5 days paid leave on ordinary earnings each calendar year, non-cumulative, to attend union nominated courses or seminars.

11.3.3 Such leave shall be available to a maximum of 3 employees per hospital per calendar year.

11.3.4 The granting of such leave shall be subject to the reasonable convenience of the employer having regard to the efficient operation of the facility.

11.3.5 In the event that such attendance creates or potentially creates operational difficulties at the hospital, the hospital will notify the industrial organisation of employees of such difficulty. Approval of such leave shall not be unreasonably withheld.

11.4 Union encouragement

Clause 11.4 gives effect to section 110 of the Act 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.

11.4.1 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 the employee.

11.4.2 Union delegates

- (a) Union delegates and job representative have a role to play within a workplace. The existence of accredited Union delegates and/or representatives is encouraged.
- (b) The employer shall not unnecessarily hinder accredited Union delegates and/or job representatives in the reasonable and responsible performance of their duties. Following consultation with their manager, delegates will be allowed reasonable time allocation to achieve outcomes from the consultative processes.

11.4.2 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.

11.5 Flow-on of Certified Agreement

Subject to the provision of the Act and the relevant Wage Fixation Principles, either the ASU or Uniting HealthCare will at the end of the expiry date of relevant certified agreements, flow-on agreed conditions contained in the Agreement into the Enterprise Award.

11.6 Flow-on of other amendments

Subject to the Uniting HealthCare being informed of any proposed amendments to the Clerical Award - Private Hospitals - State 2003 (general award), and being involved in any negotiations, conciliation or arbitration of the matter/s, any decision given by the Commission in respect to the arbitrated matter/s under the general award will be flowed-on to the Enterprise Award.

11.7 Posting of award

A true copy of this Award shall be exhibited in a conspicuous and convenient place on the premises of the employer so as to be easily read by employees.

Schedule 1 - Wage rates

Level 1	Per Week \$
1.1	613.30
1.2	624.60
1.3	635.70
1.4	646.90
Level 2	
2.1	658.00
2.2	669.30
2.3	680.40
2.4	686.70
Level 3	
3.1	719.50
3.2	736.20
Level 4	
4.1	748.80
4.2	764.10
Level 5	
5.1	803.10
5.2	819.90
Level 6	
6.1	854.40

NOTE: The rates of pay in this Award are intended to include the arbitrated wage adjustment payable under the 1 September 2009 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.

Dated 16 December 2004.

By the Commission,

Operative Date: 20 December 2005

[L.S.] G.D. SAVILL,
Industrial Registrar.

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