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**UNITING HEALTHCARE ENTERPRISE AWARD - STATE 2003**

Pursuant to s. 698 of the *Industrial Relations Act 1999*, the Uniting Healthcare Enterprise Award - State 2003 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 Enterprise Award - State 2003 as at 10 December 2009.

Dated 10 December 2009.

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Industrial Registrar

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**PART 1 - APPLICATION AND OPERATION**

**1.1 Title**

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### **1.3 Date of Operation**

This Award takes effect from 1 October 2002.

### **1.4 Coverage**

This Enterprise Award shall cover all employees covered by Schedule 1 who are employed by the Uniting HealthCare Group of Hospitals and to contractors and/or subcontractors to the said employers and to such contractors' and/or subcontractors' employees (subject to Appendix 1) and no other award shall apply to these employees.

### **1.5 Parties bound**

This Award shall be legally binding upon the employees as prescribed by clause 1.4 and their employers and upon the Union and its members.

### **1.6 Definitions**

1.6.1 The "Act" means the *Industrial Relations Act 1999* as amended from time to time.

1.6.2 "Commission" means the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission.

1.6.3 "Private Hospital" means an establishment licensed as such in accordance with the provisions of the *Health Act 1937* or other relevant legislation s amended from time to time.

1.6.4 "Union" means The Australian Workers' Union of Employees, Queensland.

### **1.7 Area of operation**

This Award shall operate throughout Queensland.

For the purposes of this Award the following divisions and districts named herein shall be:

#### *1.7.1 Divisions*

(a) Northern Division - That portion of the State along or north of a line commencing at the junction of the sea-coast with the parallel of south latitude; then by that parallel of latitude due west to 147 degrees of east longitude; then by that meridian of longitude due south to 22 degrees 30 minutes of south latitude; then by that parallel of latitude due west to the western border of the State.

(b) 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; then by that parallel of latitude due west to 147 degrees of east longitude; then by that meridian of longitude due south to 22 degrees of south latitude; then by that parallel of latitude due east to the sea-coast; then by the sea-coast northerly to the point of commencement.

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

#### *1.7.2 Districts*

(a) Northern Division

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

(ii) Western District - The remainder of the Northern Division.

(b) Southern Division

(i) 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; then by that meridian of longitude due north to 25 degrees of south latitude; then by that parallel of latitude due west to 140 degrees of east longitude; then by that parallel of longitude due north to the boundary of the Mackay Division.

(ii) 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 Grievance and dispute settlement procedure**

3.1.1 The objectives of this procedure are to:

- (a) promote the prompt resolution of grievances and dispute by consultation, co-operation and discussion; and
- (b) reduce the amount of disputation.

3.1.2 The following procedure to resolve and settle all grievances will apply:

- (a) in the first instance the employee shall attempt to resolve the grievance with the employee's immediate superior;
- (b) if the grievance is still unresolved, the matter shall be referred to the appropriate level of management;
- (c) if the grievance is still unresolved, the local representative of the Union, or other representative of the employee shall consult with the appropriate level of management;
- (d) if the grievance is still unresolved, then senior management and the Union, or other representative of the employee shall be advised and a meeting of all parties arranged;
- (e) if the matter is not resolved then the issue will be referred to the General Manager and if the matter is still unresolved the matter can be referred to the Chief Executive Officer;
- (f) it is agreed clause 3.1.2 (a) to (c) shall take place, wherever possible, within 7 days; clause 3.1.2 (d) within 14 days and clause 3.1.2 (e) within 28 days;
- (g) work shall continue normally in accordance with the custom and practice existing before the grievance arose until the grievance is resolved except in the instance of a health or safety issue;
- (h) if the matter is still unresolved it shall be submitted to the Commission;
- (i) no party shall be prejudiced as to the final settlement by the continuance of work.

### **3.2 Consultation**

- 3.2.1 The parties to this Award are committed to co-operating positively to increase the efficiency, productivity and competitiveness of the private hospitals and to enhance the career opportunities and job security of employees in such hospitals.
- 3.2.2 At each facility, an employer, the employees and the Union may 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 3.2.1 shall be processed through the consultative mechanism and procedures.
- 3.2.3 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 such as representatives from industrial organisations can be invited to attend such meetings.

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

## **4.1 Employment categories**

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) Fixed Term;
- (c) Part-time (as prescribed in clause 4.2); and
- (d) Casual (as prescribed in clause 4.3).

4.1.2 Except in the case of casual employees and in the absence of any agreement in writing to the contrary, the engagement shall be a weekly one.

## **4.2 Part-time employees**

4.2.1 A part-time employee means an employee, being other than a casual employee, who is engaged to work rostered regular hours each week with a minimum engagement of 16 hours per fortnight and fewer than 76 hours per fortnight.

- (a) Part-time employees shall be paid at an hourly rate equal to the appropriate full-time rate prescribed by clause 5.2 of this Award and divided by 38 per hour with a minimum payment as for 3 hours on any day when work is performed. In addition such employees shall be entitled to a *pro rata* payment of allowances where appropriate.
- (b) A part-time employee shall be entitled to annual leave, sick leave, long service leave, bereavement leave and statutory holiday entitlements, on a proportionate basis calculated on the employee's ordinary hours of work. The eligibility of a part-time employee to these entitlements is to be on the same basis as for full-time employees.
- (c) Subject to clause 6.1.1(g) the ordinary daily working hours shall be worked continuously excluding meal breaks. They shall not be less than 3 hours or more than 8 hours on any one day provided that by agreement between the employer and employee the daily ordinary working hours may be not more than 10 hours on any one day.
- (d) Part-time employees who work a minimum of 4 consecutive ordinary hours on any day shall be entitled to a rest pause of 15 minutes duration without loss of pay during the first 4 hours and a further rest pause where 8 consecutive hours are worked on any one day. Such rest pauses shall be taken at such times as will not interfere with the continuity of work where continuity in the opinion of the employer is necessary:

Provided that where at least 6 hours are worked continuously, such employees shall be entitled to a meal break of not less than 30 minutes.

- (e) Subject to clause 4.2.1 (b) and clause 6.4, a part-time employee who works more than 8 hours or 10 hours by mutual agreement if rostered on any one day or more than 38 hours in any one week shall be paid overtime in accordance with clause 6.11.
- (f) The hospital and a part-time employee may mutually agree to vary without penalties the hours to be worked over 2 consecutive pay periods provided that:
  - (i) the employee is guaranteed at least 3 hours pay per day worked and at least 16 hours pay per fortnight; and
  - (ii) the hospital endeavours to change the hours of work of casual employees wherever practicable before those of part-time employees.

4.2.2 If by the expiry of the 2 consecutive pay periods there is a need for the temporary change to contracted hours to continue for more than the 2 pay periods planned the hospital and the affected employee will either revert at the completion of the 2 pay periods to the hours arrangement applicable immediately prior to the last change or may mutually agree to extend the change for up to a further 2 pay periods.

4.2.3 Subject to the provisions contained herein, all other provisions of this Award relevant to full-time employees shall apply to part-time employees.

## **4.3 Casual employment**

4.3.1 *Definition*

A "casual employee" means an employee who is not regularly employed as a part-time employee, and who is engaged to work on an hourly basis for fewer than 76 hours per fortnight. A minimum of 3 hours shall be paid for each such engagement or a minimum of 2 hours shall be paid if employee is guaranteed at least 12 hours work in any one week.

#### 4.3.2 *Rate of Pay*

- (a) Casual employees shall be paid at an hourly rate equal to 123% of the appropriate hourly ordinary rate prescribed by clause 5.2 of the Award, and shall be further entitled to *pro rata* payment of any applicable allowances under this Award.
- (b) The casual loading shall not be compounded by penalties contained within this Award. Penalties shall be calculated on the base rate of pay, excluding the casual loading, with the casual loading component then added to the penalty rate of pay.
- (c) Casual employees employed at the time of making of the Award who had their penalties compounded by the casual loading shall continue to have their penalties calculated in that manner.

#### 4.3.3 *Hours*

Subject to there not being an agreement between the employer and employee to work daily working hours of up to 10 hours on any one day, a casual employee who works more than 8 hours on any one day or more than 38 hours in any one week shall be paid overtime in accordance with clause 6.11.

### **4.4 Job sharing**

The parties support the concept of job sharing and will facilitate such through addressing the particular requirements of the job an availability of job share.

### **4.5 Workload management strategy**

- 4.5.1 The parties to this Award shall acknowledge that staff and management in the hospitals have a responsibility to maintain a balanced workload and recognise the adverse effect that excessive workloads may have.
- 4.5.2 The parties agree that staff and management should have access to a number of avenues to ensure that as changes or new processes are adopted, consideration will be given to achieving a balanced workload for staff.
- 4.5.3 The issue of safe and appropriate workload management strategies will be addressed by the local forums upon a request to do so from any member of the local forums or any other employee. Where an employee wishes to request that the issue be considered by the local forums that employee may choose to remain anonymous and/or may request representation from the Union in relation to any such request.

### **4.6 Inclement weather**

4.6.1 Full-time and part-time employees who are genuinely caught in family/personal difficulties in attending work during periods of bon-fide cyclone or flood conditions may be granted paid leave of one day per annum (non-cumulative). Parameters will be developed for approval of such leave with the employee having to validate that they could not attend work in a safe manner. Parameters will include:

- Employees who are prevented from attending work due to local flooding, road closures, cyclonic disturbances, etc.
- Employees who are prevented from attending work because of a necessity to remain at their residence to safeguard their family, property or to have temporary repairs effected, restore belongings, etc.

4.6.2 The employer may consider additional special leave in exceptional cases where any employee is affected by more than one disaster in any one year. The payment of any such additional leave is to be taken from accrued TOIL, sick leave or other leave entitlements.

### **4.7 Incidental and peripheral tasks**

4.7.1 An employer may direct an employee to carry out such duties as are within the limits of the employee's skills, competence and training provided that such duties are not designed to promote de-skilling.

An employer may direct an employee to carry out duties and use such equipment and tools as may be required:

Provided that the employee has been properly trained in the use of such equipment and tools.

4.7.2 The assignment of incidentals or peripheral tasks to an employees or a class of employees shall:

- (a) be consistent with the efficient performance of the employee's main task or functions;
- (b) be subject to the employee having skills or competence to perform the initial tasks;
- (c) be consistent with the employer's responsibilities to provide a safe and healthy working environment.

#### **4.8 Anti-discrimination**

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

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

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

4.8.3 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.

4.8.4 Nothing in clause 4.8 is to be taken to affect:

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

#### **4.9 Termination of employment**

##### *4.9.1 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.

##### *4.9.2 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 two years' continuous service with the employer shall be entitled to an additional week's notice.
- (c) Payment in lieu of notice shall be made if the appropriate notice is not given:

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

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

- (i) the ordinary working hours to be worked by the employee; and

- (ii) the amounts payable to the employee for the hours including for example allowances, loadings and penalties; and
  - (iii) any other amounts payable under the employee's employment contract.
- (e) The period of notice in this clause shall not apply in the case of dismissal for misconduct or other grounds that justify instant dismissal, or in the case of a casual employee, or an employee engaged by the hour or day, or an employee engaged for a specific period or tasks.

#### 4.9.3 *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.

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

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

### **4.10 Introduction of changes**

#### 4.10.1 *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.

#### 4.10.2 *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 alternate employment).
- (b) The consultation must occur as soon as practicable after making the decision referred to in clause 4.10.1.
- (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.

### **4.11 Redundancy**

#### 4.11.1 *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 4.11.1(a) and shall cover the reasons for the proposed terminations, measures to avoid or minimise the terminations and/or their adverse affects 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.

#### 4.11.2 *Transfer to lower paid duties*

- (a) Where an employee is transferred to lower paid duties for reasons set out clause 4.11.1 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 4.9.
- (b) The employer may, at the employer's option, make payment in lieu thereof of an amount equal to the difference between the former amounts the employer would have been liable to pay and the new lower amount the employer is liable to pay the employee for the number of weeks of notice still owing.
- (c) The amounts must be worked out on the basis of:
  - (i) the ordinary working hours to be worked by the employee; and
  - (ii) the amounts payable to the employee for the hours including for example, allowances, loadings and penalties; and
  - (iii) any other amounts payable under the employee's employment contract.

#### 4.11.3 *Transmission of business*

- (a) Where a business is, whether before or after the date of insertion of this clause in the Award transmitted from an employer (transmitter) to another employer (transmittee), and an employee who at the time of such transmission was an employee of the transmitter of the business, becomes an employee of the transmittee:
  - (i) the continuity of the employment of the employee shall be deemed not to have been broken by reason of such transmission; and
  - (ii) the period of employment which the employee has had with the transmitter or any prior transmitter shall be deemed to be service of the employee with the transmittee.
- (b) In clause 4.11.3 '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.

#### 4.11.4 *Time off during notice period*

- (a) Where a decision has been made to terminate an employee in the circumstances outlined in clause 4.11.1 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.

#### 4.11.5 *Notice to Centrelink*

Where a decision has been made to terminate employees in the circumstances outlined in clause 4.11.1 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.

#### 4.11.6 *Severance pay*

- (a) In addition to the period of notice prescribed for ordinary termination in clause 4.9.2(a) and subject to further order of the Commission, an employee whose employment is terminated for reasons set out in clause 4.11.1(a) shall be entitled to the following amounts of severance pay:

Period of Continuous Service	Severance Pay (weeks' pay)
Less than 1 year	nil
1 year but not more than 2 years	4

More than 2 years but not more than 3 years	6
More than 3 years but not more than 4 years	7
More than 4 years but not more than 5 years	8
More than 5 years but not more than 6 years	9
More than 6 years but not more than 7 years	10
More than 7 years but not more than 8 years	11
More than 8 years but not more than 9 years	12
More than 9 years but not more than 10 years	13
More than 10 years but not more than 11 years	14
More than 11 years but not more than 12 years	15
More than 12 years	16

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

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

#### 4.11.7 *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.

#### 4.11.8 *Employee leaving during notice*

An employee whose employment is terminated for reasons set out in clause 4.11.1(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.

#### 4.11.9 *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.

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

Clause 4.11 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.

#### 4.11.11 *Employees exempted*

Clause 4.11 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.

#### 4.11.12 *Employers exempted*

- (a) Subject to an order of the Commission, in a particular redundancy case, clause 4.11 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.

#### 4.11.13 *Exemption where transmission of business*

- (a) The provisions of clause 4.11.6 are not applicable where a business is before or after the date of the insertion of this clause into the Award, transmitted from an employer (transmitter) to another employer (transmittee), in any of the following circumstances:
  - (i) where the employee accepts employment with the transmittee which recognises the period of continuous service which the employee had with the transmitter, and any prior transmitter, to be continuous service of the employee with the transmittee; or
  - (ii) where the employee rejects an offer of employment with the transmittee:
    - (A) in which the terms and conditions are substantially similar and no less favourable, considered on an overall basis, than the terms and conditions applicable to the employee at the time of ceasing employment with the transmitter; and
    - (B) which recognises the period of continuous service which the employee had with the transmitter and any prior transmitter to be continuous service of the employee with the transmittee.
- (b) The Commission may amend clause 4.11.13(a)(ii) if it is satisfied that it would operate unfairly in a particular case, or in the instance of contrived arrangements.

#### 4.11.14 *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.

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

### **5.1 Classification structure**

See Schedules 1 and 1A.

### **5.2 Wage rates**

Employees shall be classified in accordance with the Classification Structure (Schedules 1 and 1A) and shall be paid in accordance with the wage rates contained in Schedule 1A in respect to laundry workers and for other callings Schedule 2.

### **5.3 Relieving at a higher grade**

Where any person on any one day relieves at a higher grade, to which a differential rate fixed by this Award is applicable, such person, if employed for more than 4 hours on the grade carrying the higher rate, shall be paid in respect of the whole time during which the employee works on that day at the same rate, which shall be at the highest rate fixed by this Award in respect of any such grade of work, and if employed for 4 hours or less on the grade carrying a higher rate, the employee shall be paid at such higher rate for 4 hours.

### **5.4 No extra claims**

During the period between July 2002 and July 2004 there shall be no further claims made against the employer by the Union in respect to industrial matters covered in this Award. Further, the safety net wage increases that are determined between 1 September 2002 and 1 September 2004 inclusive, shall be absorbed in the wage rates contained in Schedule 2.

### **5.5 Payment of wages**

Wages shall be paid by the employer by electronic funds transfer ("E.F.T."), fortnightly, provided that where payment is made by E.F.T that there is reasonable geographical access to a facility which enables the employee to withdraw some or all of their wages on the usual pay day. Should public holiday/s occur during the close of the weekly or fortnightly pay period and/or on the usual pay day, payment of wages may be delayed no longer than the period of such holidays. Any alternative arrangements of paying wages shall be at the discretion of the employer.

### **5.6 Deductions from wages**

Upon request by an employee the employer shall pay out of money due to the employee in respect of wages, to the Union, the annual contribution or part thereof of such employee as a member of that Union. In addition subject to the agreement of the majority of employees covered by this Award as to the selection of one other possible supplier of services (e.g. Ambulance) and subject to the written request by a particular employee in regard to that agreed supplier, the employer shall pay out of money due to requesting employees the annual contribution or part thereof due to the agreed supplier of services.

The employer shall not be required to process more than 2 different types of payments for employees generally.

### 5.7 No reduction in wages

Employees receiving a higher rate of wages or conditions than that provided for in this Award shall not be reduced in wages or conditions as a consequence of the making of this Award.

### 5.8 Salary packaging

Where mutually agreed between the employer and a full-time or part-time employee, an employer may introduce salary packaging in respect of wages. The terms and conditions of such packaging shall not, when viewed objectively, be no less favourable than the entitlements otherwise available under this Award.

### 5.9 Allowances

#### 5.9.1 Divisional and district allowances

Employees employed outside the Eastern District of the Southern Division shall be paid the following amounts in addition to the wage rates prescribed by clause 5.2 for the Division or District in which they are located:

	Adults Per Week	Juniors Per Week
	\$	\$
Northern Division, Eastern District	1.05	0.53
Northern Division, Western District	2.20	1.10
Mackay Division	0.90	0.45
Southern Division, Western District	1.05	0.53

These amounts are payable for all purposes of this Award.

#### 5.9.2 Uniform allowance

- (a) A uniform allowance of \$160.00 per annum shall be paid on a *pro-rata* basis per fortnight. A full-time or part-time employee may submit a written request on a yearly basis to forego payment of the *pro-rata* uniform allowance in lieu of the employer providing uniforms to the value of \$160.00 in that year.
- (b) Uniforms shall be laundered at the expense of the employer or an allowance of \$1.85 per week paid.
  - (i) In the event of it becoming necessary to wear overcoats, such overcoats shall be provided by the employer free of charge.
  - (ii) Employees who are required to perform work which results in their clothing becoming wet shall be supplied with waterproof aprons or overalls.
  - (iii) Employees whilst regularly working in the kitchen shall be provided with aprons which shall be maintained in a clean condition by the employee.
  - (iv) Employees who are required to perform work which results in the boots of such employees becoming wet shall be supplied with rubber waterproof boots.
  - (v) Leave is reserved to the parties to seek a review of the allowance in clause 5.9.2 at an appropriate time.

#### 5.9.3 Laundry employees handling foul linen

- (a) Laundry employees personally required to collect foul linen from the ward chutes and wrap such linen into bundles or required to sort foul linen or who are in charge of the washing machines in which foul linen is cold rinsed and boiled while still in the foul condition shall be paid an allowance at the rate of \$3.70 per week in addition to the wages prescribed in Schedule 2 for laundry employees.
- (b) For the purposes of clause 5.9.3 "foul linen" means linen that contains body excrement of a nature or quantity which makes it offensive to a reasonable employee.

- (c) All other employees who handle linen of a foul nature other than linen bagged or packed in containers shall be paid 78c per day or part thereof in addition to the wages prescribed by clause 5.2 for the classification of the particular employee concerned.

#### 5.9.4 *Employees engaged in cleaning grease traps*

Employees engaged on the cleaning of grease traps shall be paid \$6.90 per week in addition to the wage rates prescribed in clause 5.2 whilst so engaged.

### **5.10 Allowance for afternoon and night work**

5.10.1 In addition to the rates of pay prescribed by Schedule 2, employees whilst engaged on afternoon shift and night shift, as defined, shall be paid an additional penalty rate for each such shift as follows:

Afternoon Shift	12.5% (or \$9.70 whichever is the greatest)
Night Shift	15% or (\$9.70 whichever is the greatest)

5.10.2 For the purposes of clause 5.10:

- (a) "Afternoon shift" shall mean a shift, other than a night shift as defined herein, commencing at or after 12 midday;
- (b) "Night shift" shall mean any shift commencing at or after 6.00p.m. or before 7.30a.m. the following day, the major portion of which is worked between 6.00p.m. and 7.30a.m.;
- (c) The percentage which is quoted shall be the amount which is payable for each shift in addition to the employee's ordinary time wage rate.

5.10.3 This allowance shall not apply to work performed on Saturday and Sunday and public holidays where extra payments apply for such work.

5.10.4 If current employees at the time of making this Award are in receipt of a higher shift rate, than those employees shall maintain the higher rate until the shift percentage rate catches up.

### **5.11 Extra payment for week-end work**

- (a) 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

- (b) 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.

### **5.12 On-call and recall**

5.12.1 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) \$16.15 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) \$24.23 for each 24 hour period or part thereof when the on-call period is on a Saturday;
- (iii) \$32.30 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 5.12.1(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 5.12.1(a). A minimum payment of 3 hours at the appropriate overtime rate shall be paid.

- (d) An employee placed on-call is required to remain at their private residence or at any other mutually agreed place as will enable the employer to readily contact them during the hours for which they have been placed on-call, or shall be provided by the employer with an electronic or other device by which the employee can be contacted.
- (e) An employee on-call who usually lives out and who is required to remain on close call within the hospital precincts shall be provided free of charge with board and lodging, in addition to any allowances payable pursuant to clause 5.12.
- (f) The provisions of clause 6.11.6 shall not apply when an employee has actually worked less than 2 hours on one or more call-outs.
- (g) Employees who are rostered on call and who, as part of that arrangement, are called in to work after 9.00p.m. on 20 or more occasions in any year shall accrue an additional week's annual leave on the same basis as continuous shift staff. No employee shall be entitled to accrue more than 6 weeks' annual leave in one year.
- (h) 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.

#### 5.12.2 *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.
- (b) The provisions of clause 6.11.6 shall not apply when an employee has actually worked less than 2 hours on one or more call-outs.

### 5.13 **Superannuation**

5.13.1 For the purpose of an 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 and provided further that such sacrifice arrangement is in compliance with income taxation legislation.

#### 5.13.2 *Superannuation Contribution*

- (a) An employer shall contribute to one of the following funds so long as they are a complying fund - Uniting Church Employees' Superannuation Plan, Sunsuper, HESTA or Health Indirect 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.
  - (i) 9% on behalf of each eligible employee.
  - (ii) 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.
  - (iii) The amount of contributions to the fund shall be calculated to the nearest 10 cents, any fraction below 5 cents shall be disregarded.
- (b) The fund and the amount of contributions paid in accordance with this clause shall be included in pay advice notices provided by a respondent employer to each employee.

#### 5.13.3 *Definitions*

"Ordinary time earnings" for the purposes of calculating the employer contribution under this provision shall mean the weekly/fortnightly (as the case may be) wage earned during ordinary time in the pay period concerned as detailed in Schedule 2. Included in such calculation where applicable shall be supervisory and/or certificate allowances.

Shift allowances, weekend penalty rates, allowances for disabilities, reimbursement of expenses, annual leave loading, uniforms and the like shall not be included in the calculation of ordinary time earnings.

#### 5.13.4 *Employers to participate in nominated fund*

- (a) An employer shall make application to the Employer Nominated Fund to become a participating employer in the fund and shall become a participating employer upon acceptance by the trustee of the fund.
- (b) 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.
- (c) 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 this clause or commencement of employment.

#### 5.13.5 *Provision for workers to make superannuation contributions to the award fund*

- (a) An employee may make contributions to the Fund in addition to those made by the respondent employer under clause 5.13.2 (a).
- (b) 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.
- (c) 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.
- (d) An employee may vary their additional contributions by a written authorisation not more than once in each calendar year and the employer must alter the additional contributions within 14 days of the receipt of the authorisation: provided that an employee may alter the choice of fund more than once in a calendar year by agreement with the employer or in extenuating circumstances.
- (e) Additional employee contributions to the fund requested under clause 5.13.4 shall be expressed in whole dollars.

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

### **6.1 Hours of work**

#### 6.1.1 *Hours of Work*

- (a) Subject to clause 6.4 and subject to the exceptions hereafter provided, the ordinary hours of work shall be an average of 38 per week as rostered, to be worked on one of the following bases:
  - (i) 38 hours within a cycle not exceeding 7 consecutive days; or
  - (ii) 76 hours within a work cycle not exceeding 14 consecutive days; or
  - (iii) 114 hours within a work cycle not exceeding 21 consecutive days; or
  - (iv) 152 hours within a work cycle not exceeding 28 consecutive days.
- (b) Subject to clauses 6.1.1(a), 6.4 and 6.5 and unless as otherwise arranged by mutual agreement between the employer and the majority of employees the ordinary hours of work, exclusive of meal times, shall not exceed 7.6 hours per day or 38 hours per week or 76 hours per fortnight.
  - (i) Each full-time and part-time employee shall be allowed 2 consecutive days off each week.
  - (ii) A full time or part-time employee's roster may provide for any one of the following combinations of days free from rostered work each fortnight:
    - 2 periods comprising 2 days each or 3 consecutive days and one stand-alone day, or one period of 4 consecutive days.
- (c) The ordinary hours of work shall not exceed 10 hours per day.
- (d) Where necessary the employees shall commence their ordinary hours and breaks at different times to ensure continuity of service.

- (e) The ordinary starting and finishing times may be altered to suit geographic safety, climatic or traffic conditions by the employer with the agreement of the employees concerned:

Provided further that any such altered starting and finishing time will not invoke any penalty payment that would not be payable if the spread of hours permitted by this Award was observed.

- (f) Rosters

(i) 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. Such roster is to comply with clause 6.1.1(a).

(ii) The roster shall set-out the employees' 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 the new roster, unless the change is necessary to met unforeseen fluctuations in patient demand for services, or where another employee is absent from duty on account of illness or an emergency.

(iii) 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:

(a) No such agreement can require an ordinary time shift longer than the duration of ordinary shifts permitted by agreement under this Award; and

(b) 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.

- (g) Broken Rostered Periods of Duty

Where practicable there shall be no broken rostered periods of duty and the hours to be worked shall be arranged so that the continuity of work of the hospital shall not be interfered with.

Broken rostered periods of duty shall only be worked where there is mutual agreement between the employer and the employee. When such a duty period is rostered a total of 10 hours only shall be worked. One period of the broken period of duty shall be a minimum of 2 hours with only one break between duty period portions exclusive of meal times and shall be worked within a spread of 12 hours.

- (h) 10 hour break

Employees shall be allowed a break of not less than 10 hours between the termination of one duty period and the commencing of another duty period:

Provided that in lieu thereof, such break shall not be less than 8 hours in any of the following circumstances:

(i) to permit changes of rosters;

(ii) in any other case agreed upon the employee and the employer.

Where agreement has been reached between the employer and the employee to reduce the 10 hour break between duty periods to an 8 hour continuous break, due consideration shall be given to recognise that fatigue prevention must be, at all times, paramount to ensure that standards of care are not reduced.

- (i) 10 hour periods of duty

Employees shall not be rostered to work more than 4 consecutive rostered periods of duty of 10 hours each.

### 6.3 Shift work

6.3.1 *Shift worker* - means an employee whose work is regularly rotated in accordance with a roster which prescribes 2 or more shifts each day (encompassing morning, afternoon or night shifts) but does not cover a 24 hour per day period over 7 days each week of the year. Work performed by a shift worker is "shift work".

6.3.2 *Continuous shift worker* - means an employee whose work is organised within a roster pattern which meets all of the following 4 criteria:

(a) work is performed in rotation on morning, afternoon and night shifts; and

(b) those 3 shifts are worked over 24 hours per day; and

(c) those shifts are worked over 7 days each week; and

(d) this roster pattern is worked over a 12 month period.

Work performed by a continuous shift worker is "continuous shift work".

#### **6.4 Implementation of 38 hour week**

- 6.4.1 (a) The 38 hour week shall be implemented on one of the following bases, most suitable to each location, after consultation with a given reasonable consideration to the wishes of the employees concerned:
- (i) by employees working less than 8 ordinary hours per day; or
  - (ii) by employees working less than 8 ordinary hours on one or more days in each work cycle; or
  - (iii) by fixing one or more work days on which all employees will be off during a particular work cycle; or
  - (iv) by rostering employees off on various days of the week during a particular work cycle, so that each employee has one work day off during that cycle.
- (b) Subject to the provisions of clause 6.4, employees may agree that the ordinary hours of work are to exceed 8 on any day, thus enabling more than one workday to be taken off during a particular work cycle.
- (c) Notwithstanding any other provisions in clause 6.4, where the arrangement of ordinary hours of work provides for an accrued day off, the employer and the employee concerned may agree to accrue up to a maximum of 5 accrued days off. Where such agreement has been reached, the accrued days off shall be taken within 12 calendar months from the date on which the first accrued day off was accrued. Consent to accrue days off shall not be unreasonably withheld by either party.
- (d) Different methods of implementation of the 38 hour week may apply to individual employees, groups or sections of employees in each location concerned.

#### **6.5 38 hour week - procedures for enterprise level discussions**

- (a) The employer and all employees concerned in each establishment shall consult over the most appropriate means of implementing and working a 38 hour week.
- (b) The objective of such consultation shall be to reach agreement on the method of implementing and working the 38 hour week in accordance with clause 6.5.
- (c) The outcomes of such consultation shall be recorded in writing.
- (d) 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.
- (e) Notwithstanding the consultative procedures 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.
- (f) 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 this clause.

#### **6.6 Maximising available work time**

Employees are required to observe the nominated starting and finishing times for the work day, including designated meal breaks and rest pauses, to maximise available working time. Preparation for work and cleaning up of the employees person shall be in the employee's time.

#### **6.7 Standard pays**

By mutual agreement between the employer and an employee the employee may be paid a standard or average pay for work done in each pay period.

#### **6.8 ADO accrual**

6.8.1 The entitlement to an accrued day off on full pay shall be subject to the following:

- (a) Each day of paid leave (not including annual leave, 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 complete 4 week cycle in order to accrue an accrued day off shall be paid a *pro rata* amount for credits accrued for each day worked in such cycle payable for the accrued day off (i.e. an amount of 24 minutes for each 8 hour day worked or 2 hours for each 40 hours worked).

For the purposes of clause 6.8.1 (b) "worked" includes paid leave referred to (a) above.

- (c) Sickness on an accrued day off which has resulted from the 19 day month work cycle.

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

- (d) Voluntary splitting of accrued days off

Employees may elect, in writing, to split their accrued days off over 2 day provided that the minimum number of ordinary hours to be performed on each of the days shall be no less than 4.

#### 6.8.2 *ADO on public holiday*

Where accrued days off fall on a public holiday the following day may be taken where practicable in lieu or the employee and the employer may agree to an alternative day off duty as substitution.

### 6.9 Meal breaks

6.9.1 Where an employee is rostered to work at least 6 hours continuously the employee shall be allowed an unpaid meal break of not less than 30 minutes and no more than one hour to be taken between the 4th and 6th sixth hour after commencing work, at a time to be agreed between the employer and the employee.

6.9.2 Except as provided in clause 6.9.1 of this clause double time shall be paid for all work done during meal breaks and thereafter where the employee is directed to work by Management/Supervisor in that shift until a meal break is taken.

### 6.10 Rest pauses

Every employee shall be entitled to a rest pause of not less than 15 minutes' duration within each period of 4 ordinary hours of work at a time to be agreed between the employer and the employee. Notwithstanding the above, at the discretion of the employer and having regard to the employee's health and welfare as well as taking into account peak periods of work load, the period of the 2 rest pauses may be combined into one 30 minutes rest pause, to be taken in the first part of the day.

### 6.11 Overtime

6.11.1 All time worked by any employee in excess of the employee's rostered hours of work or outside the spread of hours on any one day shall be deemed to be overtime and shall be paid for at the following rate:

- (a) In the instance of shift workers and continuous shift workers at the rate of double time;
- (b) In the instance of all other employees at the rate of time and a-half for the first 3 hours and double time thereafter;
- (c) All overtime worked on a Sunday shall be paid or at the rate of double time;
- (d) All overtime payments shall be in addition to the actual or full-time wage paid to each employee.

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

6.11.3 Except in an emergency no employee shall work overtime unless instructed to do so by a person authorised to so instruct.

#### 6.11.4 *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 6.11.1. 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 this clause 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 6.11.

- (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 hour.

On termination of employment any hours owed by the employee shall be deducted from the termination payment.

- 6.11.5 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 6p.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.

- 6.11.6 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 this clause 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 6.11.6 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.

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

### **7.1 Annual leave**

- 7.1.1 (a) Every full-time employee shall at the end of each year of employment be entitled to annual leave on full pay of not less than 152 hours of leave:

Provided that an employee who is a continuous shift worker as defined in clause 7.1.1 (b) shall be entitled to an additional period of paid annual leave as prescribed by clause 7.1.1 (b).

- (b) 12 month on continuous shift work

If a continuous shift worker has worked at least 20 rostered shifts on each of the 3 types of shift (i.e. morning, afternoon and night shifts) as defined in this Award during a 12 month period from the anniversary date of their employment and has made themselves available for rostering on all of the 3 types of shift by the employer over such period or since such date, such employee shall be entitled to an additional 38 hours paid annual leave for each 12 month period in which an employee has so worked.

- (c) The mere availability for continuous shift work shall not entitle an employee to additional annual leave.

- (d) Non-continuous shift work

Where an employee has worked on only one or 2 of such types of shift during the period of 12 months referred to such an employee shall not be regarded as a continuous shift worker for the purposes of clause 7.1.

- (e) Less than 12 months continuous shift work completed

An employee who is not a continuous shift worker in terms of the above but has worked as a continuous shift worker for a portion of the 12 months prior to taking annual leave or who having worked as a continuous shift worker resigns before the completion of 12 months service, shall be entitled to additional annual leave on *pro rata* basis in respect of the period of work performed as a continuous shift worker, on the terms below:

Provided that the following minimum number of each of the 3 types of shift have been worked:

- (i) up to and including 3 months service, no entitlement;
- (ii) from 3 months and up to but not including 6 months service - 5 of each shift to be worked;
- (iii) from 6 months and up to but not including 9 months service - 10 of each shift to be worked;
- (iv) from 9 months and up to but not including 12 months service - 15 of each shift to be worked.

- (f) Part-time employee entitlement after 12 months continuous shift work

A part-time employee shall be entitled to additional leave on a *pro rata* basis on the same conditions as apply to full-time employees subject to the employee working that number of each of the 3 types of shift which is proportionate to the total number of shifts to be worked by a full-time employee to become entitled to the additional leave.

[For example, an employee employed for 24 hours per week who has worked all 3 types of shift over the 12 months qualifies for additional leave if at least 12 of each type of shift has been worked (20 x 24/38).]

- (g) Part-time employee entitlement if less than 12 months continuous shift work completed

A part-time employee who is deemed to be a continuous shift worker for less than 12 months in terms of clause 7.1.1(f) shall accrue additional annual leave on a *pro rata* basis, provided that *pro rata* of the minimum of each shift as prescribed in clause 7.1.1 (f) has been worked.

[For example, an employee employed for 24 hours per week who resigns after 7 months service qualifies for additional leave if at least 6 of each type of shift has been worked (10 x 24/38).]

- (h) Subject to the requirements as to minimum qualifying shifts (where appropriate) prescribed by clause 7.1.1 (a), if the employment of an employee is terminated before the expiration of a full year of employment such employee shall be paid in addition to all other amounts due monetary *pro rata* equivalent of the employee's annual leave entitlement prescribed clause 7.1.1 (a).

- (i) by mutual agreement between the employer and employee annual holidays may be taken in one or more parts provided that 38 hours of the entitlement shall be available in single day periods and the remaining entitlement shall be available in periods of not less than 38 hours.
- (ii) the 38 hours that may be taken in single day periods entitlement referred to in clause 7.1.1 above are deemed to be the week for which annual leave loading is not payable pursuant to clause 7.1.1(e)(iii) and accordingly single day absences shall not attract annual leave loading.

## 7.1.2 Calculation of annual leave pay

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

- (a) Shift workers - Subject to clause 7.1.2(b) the rate of wage to be paid to a shift worker shall be the rate payable for work in ordinary time according to the employee's roster or projected roster, including Saturday, Sunday or holiday shifts.
- (b) All employees - Subject to the provisions of clause 7.1.2 (c), in no case shall the payment by an employer to an employee be less than the sum of the following amounts:
  - (i) The employee's ordinary wage rate as prescribed by the Award for the period of the annual leave (excluding shift premiums and week-end penalty rates);
  - (ii) A further amount calculated at the rate of 17 1/2 percent of the amounts referred to in clause 7.1.2(b) of this provision.
- (c) The provisions of clause 7.1.2(b) shall not apply to the following:
  - (i) Any period or periods of annual leave exceeding -
    - 190 hours of leave in the case of continuous shift work; or
    - 152 hours of leave in any other case.
  - (ii) Employers (and their employees) who are already paying (or receiving) an annual leave bonus, loading or other annual leave payment which is not less favourable to employees.

7.1.3 If any of the annual leave referred to in clause 7.1 has not been taken as it falls due from time to time, such annual leave, by mutual arrangement, may be accumulated for a period not exceeding 2 years. All leave is to be paid for in advance or at another time by mutual agreement. Annual leave shall be taken to suit the administration of the hospital but in exercising its discretion the administration will give reasonable consideration to the preference of employees.

7.1.4 Accumulated day off arising from the implementation of the 38 hour week

Whilst on annual leave an employee continues to accrue time for the purposes of an ADO as if the employee had been at work. Such accrued time may be taken as additional time in conjunction with the annual leave or be accumulated.

## **7.2 Sick leave**

### *7.2.1 Entitlement*

- (a) Every full-time employee shall become entitled to not less than 76 hours' sick leave for each completed year of employment with an employer.

Moreover, in respect to any completed period of employment of less than one year with an employer, an employee shall become entitled to 7.6 hours' sick leave for each one month and 6 days of such period.

- (b) Where a part-time employee has accumulated an entitlement to sick leave, payment for sick leave shall be based upon the number of hours that the employee would otherwise have worked on that day or days when such leave is taken.

### *7.2.2 Evidence supporting a claim*

- (a) Every employee absent from work through illness on the production of a certificate from a duly qualified medical practitioner specifying the period or approximate period during which the employee will be unable to work, or of other evidence of illness to the satisfaction of the employer at any time (e.g. duly completed statutory declaration), shall, subject as herein provided, be entitled to payment in full for all time the employee is so absent from work:

Provided that it shall not be necessary for an employee to produce such a doctor's certificate if the absence from work on account of illness does not exceed 2 days.

### *7.2.3 Accumulative sick leave*

Sick leave shall be cumulative, but unless the employer and the 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 in any one year.

#### 7.2.4 *Continuity of service*

- (a) The continuity of employment of an employee with an employer for sick leave accumulation purposes shall be deemed to be not broken by any of the following:
  - (i) Absence from work on leave granted by the employer;
  - (ii) The employee having been dismissed or stood down by the employer, or the employee having terminated employment with the employer, for any period not exceeding 3 months.

Provided that employee shall have been re-employed by the employer.

- (b) The period during which the employment of the employee with the employer shall have been interrupted or determined in any of the circumstances mentioned in clause 7.2.4(a) shall not be taken into account in calculating the period of employment of the employee with the employer.

#### 7.2.5 **Procedure for monitoring sick leave usage**

- (a) The parties to this Award recognise that absenteeism can create significant difficulties for employers and employees at a workplace. As a consequence the parties will collaborate on reducing its incidence and agree to a range of initiatives to examine trends and causes.
- (b) A hospital may develop a consultative process for the monitoring of sick leave usage across the hospital.
- (c) An employer may:
  - (i) monitor sick leave usage at a hospital, ward or other discrete section of the hospital; and
  - (ii) introduce human resources procedures for individual employees' counselling where required.
- (d) With any process established to monitor sick leave usage confidentiality of individuals will be of utmost importance and principles of natural justice will apply.
- (e) The above procedure does not operate to withdraw the employer's right to take termination procedures or other disciplinary action against any employee if that employee has been guilty of submitting a false sick leave application form. Similarly, this procedure does not limit the Union's or the employee's right to make a reinstatement application where the employee is dismissed for alleged unsatisfactory attendance.

### 7.3 **Long service leave**

- 7.3.1 (a) All employees covered by this Award are entitled to long service leave on full pay under, subject to, and in accordance with, the provisions of Chapter 2, Part 3, sections 42-58 of the Act as amended from time to time.
- (b) Employees are entitled to the enhanced entitlements for long service leave as detailed below.

#### 7.3.2 *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 7.3.

Any leave taken and paid under clause 7.3 shall be deducted from the entitlement that would otherwise have accrued under the Act.

#### 7.3.3 *Entitlement*

- (a) For all continuous service after 2 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.
- (b) For service prior to the 2nd January 1996, long service leave entitlement shall be as prescribed by the *Industrial Relations Act 1999* as at 2 January 1996 except that an employee shall be entitled to take such leave after 10 years of service as hereafter provided.
- (c) 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.

#### 7.3.4 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.
- (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 7.3.4(d).
- (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 7.3.4(d).

#### 7.3.5 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:
  - (i) Upon retrenchment - 1 year
  - (ii) Upon ill health retirement - 5 years.
  - (iii) Upon retirement within 10 years of attaining age 65 - 5 years
  - (iv) Upon death - 5 years
- (b) 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.

#### 7.3.6 Payment in lieu of long service leave not taken

- (a) 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.

The calculation of the amount of the payment shall be based on:

- (i) that entitlement; and
- (ii) the rate of ordinary salary which the person was receiving at the date of ceasing to be an employee.

#### 7.3.7 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

#### 7.3.8 Entitlement for part-time employees

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

#### 7.3.9 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 7.3.9 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 7.3.9 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 this provision.
- (e) Recognition of service shall accrue on a *pro-rata* basis for employees who access this 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.

#### 7.4 Family leave

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

##### 7.4.1 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.

##### 7.4.2 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 employer's immediate family household.

##### 7.4.3 Paid maternity leave

- (a) 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:
  - (i) 3 weeks' pay at that time the employee proceeds on leave;
  - (ii) one additional week's pay in each of the first 3 pay periods following the employee's return from leave to full-time or part-time work.

- (b) 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.

## **7.5 Bereavement Leave**

### *7.5.1 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 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.

### *7.5.2 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 one year immediately before the employee seeks to access an entitlement under clause 7.5.2.

### *7.5.3 "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.

### *7.5.4 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.

## **7.6 Public Holidays**

7.6.1 Subject to clause 7.6.7 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 of 4 hours.

### *7.6.2 Labour day*

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

### *7.6.3 Annual show*

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

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

Provided that where the Show Day is of more than one day's duration the employees may agree with the employer to choose another day during the show period in lieu of the day so appointed, in which case the provisions of this paragraph shall apply to the day so chosen.

#### 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" shall mean 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 *Stand down*

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

#### 7.6.6 *Notice of requirement to work*

If it is required that any employee shall work on any of the holidays provided in clause 7.6, the employer shall give not less than one clear days notice of such requirements to the employee.

#### 7.6.7 *Substitution*

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:

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 *If no work is required by employer to be performed*

All full-time employees shall be entitled to be paid their ordinary rostered hours for each public holiday mentioned in clause 7.6.1 which falls on a day regularly worked by the employees concerned irrespective of the fact that no work may be required of them by the employer on such day.

#### 7.6.9 *Annual leave impact*

Should any public holiday occur during the period of an employee's annual leave, there shall be added to the employee's annual leave an extra day for each such day so occurring.

#### 7.6.10 *If rostered off*

- (a) For each of the public holidays mentioned in clause 7.6.1 which falls on a full-time employee's day off such employee shall be paid an additional day's wage or shall be granted a day's holiday in lieu at a time to be mutually arranged between the employer and the employee concerned, or an extra day shall be added to the employee's annual leave.
- (b) Provided that the provisions of clause 7.6.10(a) insofar as Easter Saturday or other Public Holiday falling on a weekend is concerned shall not apply to any employee whose ordinary hours of work are regularly worked between Monday and Friday inclusive and who regularly has Saturday and/or Sunday off each week.

#### 7.6.11 *Part-time employees*

- (a) Part-time employees are entitled to the holiday provisions in clauses 7.6.1, 7.6.2 and 7.6.3 provided that part-time employees would have been ordinarily rostered to work on that day, had it not been a public holiday.
- (b) A part-time employee who is rostered to work on a day of the week on which a public holiday falls, and who is not required to work on that day, shall be paid for the hours which would otherwise have been worked on that day.
- (c) Should a part-time employee be rostered regularly to work on a day on which a Public Holiday happens to fall and such public holiday occurs during a period of the employee's annual leave, there shall be added to the employee's annual leave an extra day for each such day so occurring.

#### 7.6.12 *Casual employees*

Casual employees required to work on public holidays shall be paid at the rate of double time and a-half for all time worked on such days, provided they are paid a minimum of 4 hours.

#### 7.6.13 *Additional annual leave option*

An employee may agree in writing with an employer to be compensated for an entitlement to extra payment for work performed by an entitlement to additional annual leave on full pay at the appropriate rate.

#### 7.6.14 *ADO impact*

In the event that the ADO does coincide with a public holiday another day determined by mutual agreement between the employer and employee shall be taken in lieu thereof, this day to be within the same 4 weekly work cycle where possible.

#### 7.6.15 *ADO accrual*

Where an employee is not required to work on any specific public holiday it shall be regarded as a day worked for accrual purposes of the ADO.

### **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**

No provisions inserted in this Award relevant to this part.

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

### **9.1 Commitment to training and careers**

9.1.1 The parties acknowledge that various degrees of training are provided to employees in private hospitals, both by internal on the job training and through external training providers. Such training as is appropriate will continue to be provided.

9.1.2 The parties will cooperate in ensuring that appropriate training is available for all employees and agree to encourage both employers and employees to avail themselves of the benefits from such training.

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

No provisions inserted in this Award relevant to this part.

## **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 the employee does not want that employee's 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 a Union. This leave will be granted only after an employee has completed 8 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 3 days' paid leave on ordinary earnings each calendar year, non-cumulative, to attend courses or seminars as per clause 11.3.1.

Such leave shall be available to a maximum of 5 employees per calendar year.

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

11.3.4 In the event that such attendance creates or potentially creates operational difficulties at the Hospital, the hospital will notify the Union of employees of such difficulty. Approval of such leave shall not be unreasonable withheld.

## **11.4 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 - Classification Structure**

### **Level 1**

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

#### **Characteristics**

An employee at this level may operate individually or as a member of a team and will be responsible for the quality of their work and actions within established routines, methods and procedures. At first work is performed under close direction, with experience work is likely to be performed under routine supervision with intermittent inspection. Employees may have discretion within procedures regarding the method of completing the task.

Problems can be generally solved by reference to established instructions, practices and procedures. A more experienced employee may be required to give assistance and training to a less experienced employee in the same classification.

An employee at this level may be receiving on or off-the-job training or have received appropriate training.

#### **Indicative duties/skills**

Kitchen hand duties

Basic food preparation and presentation, cooking snacks and breakfast

Counting meal portion numbers for meal provision

Provision of basic dietary advice

Distribution, collection and collation of menus for patients

Transporting, lifting, positioning with patient exercises

Removal of waste and cleaning of facility equipment

Linen supply and repair and sewing

Handling laundry and operation of laundry equipment

Basic ordering of supplies, maintaining inventory and store work

Handyperson duties, general maintenance of facilities and equipment

Operation of mechanical mobile lifting equipment and responsibility for minor maintenance and repairs of such

Car park attending

Anaesthetic Assistant - no formal qualifications

Basic computer tasks

Handling small amounts of money

Assisting in answering phones, basic documentation and administration

Domestic and general tasks

### **Level 2**

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

#### **Characteristics**

An employee classified at this level shall require formal qualifications equivalent to a trade certificate or similar or appropriate experience or training to enable the duties of the position to be carried out.

Employees may work independently under limited supervision and may be responsible for the supervision of employees at lower levels.

Employees at this level are responsible and accountable for their own work, with checking related to overall progress. Tasks performed may be complex requiring applied theoretical knowledge and motor skills and good interpersonal and communication techniques. Employees are required to exercise judgment and initiative within a broad range of their skills and knowledge.

The employee would perform all tasks accompanying the primary task, facilitate the completion of the entire task and be responsible for inspection (process, product and materials) for conformity with established operational standards. Employees at this level would perform incidental and peripheral tasks to their main function and have the ability to move between areas to the level of their training.

#### **Indicative duties/skills could include in addition to those at Level 1:**

Completion of trade certificate and performance of trade duties e.g. chef/cook, hairdresser

Security and fire safety- qualifications such as crowd control and handling bomb threats required  
Team Co-ordinator, responsible for supervision of Level 1 staff.  
Therapy Assistant  
CSSD Attendant - required performing work such as cleaning, sterilising, and maintaining equipment in Theatre.  
Dresser, theatre orderly, theatre assistant

### **Level 3**

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

#### **Characteristics**

A position at this level shall be by appointment only. The employee shall have formal qualifications to a trade certificate or similar or appropriate experience/training in the field to enable duties of the position to be carried out. The employee will be required to manage, supervise or train a number of employees or be in charge of a designated sector.

Employees at this level have achieved a measure of performance or features of the work.

Work is likely to be without supervision, with the employee able to carry out specialised or non-routine tasks with general guidance on progress and outcomes. Initiative, discretion and judgement are required to carry out assigned duties, which may involve the application of knowledge with depth in some areas and a broad range of skills.

#### **Indicative duties/skills at this level in addition to those at Level 2 may include:**

Supervision of team (including Level 1 and Level 2 employees)  
Chief Cook in charge of Trade Cooks.

### **SCHEDULE 1A Classification Structure and Wage Rates - Linen Workers**

#### **1.1 Linen Assistant Level 1**

- (a) A Level 1 employee has no previous experience in the laundry industry.
- (b) Employees at this level must possess the following skills and abilities:
  - (i) be responsible for their own work subject to detailed instructions;
  - (ii) work under routine supervision whether individually or in a team environment;
  - (iii) carry out duties in a safe, responsible and efficient manner;
  - (iv) possess basic communication and interpersonal skills; and be capable of maintaining simple production records.
- (c) Employees will be trained and expected to carry duties in the following areas:
  - (i) flatwork;
  - (ii) washing/drying;
  - (iii) apparel/finishing;
  - (iv) repair;
  - (v) assembly and packaging
  - (vi) portorage
  - (vii) soiled sorting
  - (viii) cleaning
  - (ix) other related duties

#### **1.2 Linen Assistant Level 2A**

- (a) A Level 2 employee will have at least 12 months employment in the laundry processing industry and be able to competently demonstrate that they have attained the skills required to perform the duties required for Level 1.
- (b) A Level 2A employee performs work above and beyond the skills of an employee at Level 1.
- (c) A Level 2A employee works under general direction and may operate individually or as a member of a work group. Only limited supervision is necessary and employees may exercise discretion regarding the completion of a task.
- (d) In addition, a Level 2A employee is required to:

- (i) recognise and report obvious faults in the equipment they use;
- (ii) be responsible for the maintenance of the quality and quantity of their own output;
- (iii) perform driving duties if required.

### 1.3 Linen Assistant Level 2B

- (a) A Level 2B employee will be appointed to their position.
- (b) A Level 2B employee performs work above and beyond the skills of an employee at Level 2A.
- (c) A Level 2B employee is a multi-skilled worker capable of performing duties relating to the operation of a variety of types of equipment. Employees at this level have technical skills.
- (d) A Level 2B employee will have worked a minimum of 3 years as a Level 2A employee or possess equivalent experience.
- (e) Level 2B employees are competent to set up and operate a number of machines or processes on the line.
- (f) Level 2B employees are required to possess a thorough knowledge of the company's operating procedures as they relate to a number of different machines or processes on the line. Complex testing of equipment is required to regularly operate such equipment.
- (g) Level 2B employees understand and apply product and process specification applicable to work at this level and are required to work flexibly and interchangeably between tasks.
- (h) Level 2B employees will be required to supervise Level 1 and Level 2A employees.
- (i) Level 2B employees are to ensure compliance with safe work practices.

### 1.4 Linen Assistant Level 3

- (a) A Level 3 employee will be appointed to their position and may have a relevant trade qualification or, in the opinion of the employer, an equivalent qualification.
- (b) Employees at this level are multi-skilled in the operation of a variety of types of machinery and will be trained in and have an understanding of an entire production process. Employees at this level may also be required to complete specific training courses.
- (c) Employees at this level may be required to perform specialised duties associated with a tradesperson;
- (d) In addition, a Level 3 employee is required to:
  - (i) meet the requirements of a Linen assistant Level 3;
  - (ii) operate a variety of types of machinery at own discretion;
  - (iii) co-ordinate a section/s of the production process;
  - (iv) conduct training (including induction of employees) and generally supervise and co-ordinate machine operators and other employees in Levels 1, 2A and 2B.

### 2.1 Wage Rates - Linen Workers

Level	Wage rates Per Week \$
L1 Trainee	630.80
L2 A	660.80
L2B Leading hand	670.80
L3 Trade	720.80

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Junior Rates:

Under 18 years of age	65%
18 and under 19 years of age	75%

### 3.1 Transitional Arrangements

(a) Existing UHC staff

All existing UHC laundry staff are covered by the UHC Support Services - AWU - Certified Agreement 2004. They will retain their existing wage rate and will receive further wage increases in accordance with the Certified Agreement. This will ensure that no existing UHC employee will be disadvantaged as a result of the implementation of the new wage rates.

(b) Existing Wesley Mission staff

All existing Wesley Mission laundry staff will receive the transitional wage increases over the next 18 months.

(c) New employees

Any new employees employed during the transitional arrangement will be paid the same wage rates as the Wesley Mission employees.

## SCHEDULE 2 - WAGES

Classification Level	Weekly rate \$
Level 1.1	628.90
Level 1.2	648.70
Level 1.3	656.70
Level 1.4	667.70
Level 2.1	695.40
Level 2.2	711.10
Level 2.3	725.70
Level 2.4	736.80
Level 3.1	750.10
Level 3.2	763.40
Level 3.3	776.70

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Junior Rates:	% of Level 1.1
Under 18 years of age	65
18 and under 19 years of age	75

## 1. Notes

1.1 Where an employer has introduced appropriate skills-based assessment structures, progression within levels may be dependent upon the employee successfully acquiring skills as set out in the skills-based assessment structures.

Where no skills-based assessment structure exists progression for all employees (whether full-time, part-time or casual) within each level will occur when such employee has been employed at a particular rate of pay within a level for the equivalent of 12 months' ordinary time service (1976 ordinary time hours). For the purposes of clause 1.1 ordinary time service with the same or another employer within the same level in the same industry shall be counted for progression.

- 1.2 Where an employee declines an offer by their employer to participate in skills based assessment structures provided in accordance with clause 1.2, the employer may withhold progression of that employee within that employee's level of employment. Any disputes arising from clause 1.2 shall be dealt with in accordance with the Grievance and Dispute Settlement Procedure in this Award.
- 1.3 Employers who introduce such skills-based structures shall provide such structural training to the employee at no cost to the employee.
- 1.4 Progression from Level 1 (Step 4) to Level 2 (Step 1) shall be by the acquisition of appropriate skills and/or competencies, and by appointment on merit to vacancies.

#### **APPENDIX 1 - Use of Contractors**

- (1) It is agreed that existing contractors shall maintain their existing arrangements that are currently in place in respect to wages and conditions. On 1 July 2004 all employees of contractors shall be paid in accordance with the wage rates contained in Schedule 2.
- (2) Any new contracts that are granted between the making of the enterprise award and 1 July 2004 will require the contractor and sub-contractor to pay their employees the same wage rates as applying to the same callings in Schedule 2.
- (3) There is a commitment by UHCG not to contract out work that is currently undertaken by UHCG employees.

If the above circumstances change, UHCG will consult with the Union prior to any final decision is made to use contractors.

Dated 20 May 2003.

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