

1975 No. 259

WAGES COUNCILS**Paper Box Wages Regulation Order (Northern Ireland) 1975***Made* 12th September 1975*Coming into operation* 30th September 1975

The Department of Manpower Services in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 10 of the Wages Councils Act (Northern Ireland) 1945(a), and now vested in it(b), hereby makes the following Order to give effect to wages regulation proposals received from the Paper Box Wages Council (Northern Ireland):

Citation

1. This Order may be cited as the Paper Box Wages Regulation Order (Northern Ireland) 1975.

Commencement

2. The wages regulation proposals set out in the Schedule shall come into operation on the specified date and on the day immediately preceding that date the Paper Box Wages Regulation Order (Northern Ireland) 1972(c) and the Paper Box Wages Regulation (Amendment) (No. 3) Order (Northern Ireland) 1974(d) shall cease to have effect.

Interpretation

3. In this Order the expression "the specified date" means the 30th day of September 1975, provided that where, as respects any worker who is paid wages at intervals not exceeding seven days, that date does not correspond with the beginning of the period for which the wages are paid, the expression "the specified date" means, as respects that worker, the beginning of the next such period following that date.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Manpower Services on
12th day of September 1975.

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D. J. Perham

Senior Assistant Secretary

(a) 1945 c. 21 (N.I.)

(b) 1946 c. 11 (N.I.); S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1964 No. 205 (p. 937) and S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 504 (II, p. 2992)

(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1972 No. 8

(d) S.R. 1974 No. 291

SCHEDULE

Statutory Minimum Remuneration

The following minimum remuneration shall be substituted for the statutory minimum remuneration fixed by the Paper Box Wages Regulation Order (Northern Ireland) 1972(c) (Order N.I.B. (91)) as amended by the Paper Box Wages Regulation (Amendment) (No. 3) Order (Northern Ireland) 1974(d) (Order N.I.B. (99)):

GENERAL MINIMUM TIME RATES

Paragraph 1.

The following general minimum time rates shall apply to all workers (other than those specified in paragraph 3(i)):

Per week of 40 hours

	£
Grade 5 Workers (as defined in paragraph 2) ..	37.56
" 4 ..	34.35
" 3 ..	28.18
" 2 ..	25.10
" 1 ..	22.15

Paragraph 2.

(a) A Grade 5 worker is a person who is engaged in any of the following processes or occupations, viz.:

Guillotine Cutter (paper/acetate)
M/C Setter—S Feeds
Maintenance Fitter

(b) A Grade 4 worker is a person who is engaged in any of the following processes or occupations, viz.:

Guillotine Cutter (Board)	Setter of Crosland Type Platen	Setter of Scoring M/C—(Complex)
Senior Storeman	Setter of Hand Fed Box M/C	

(c) A Grade 3 worker is a person who is engaged in any of the following processes or occupations, viz.:

Cutting and Scoring M/C (Simple) Setter	Hand Boxmaker (Skilled)	Storeman
Examination	Hand Knife Cutter (Paper/Acetate)	Vac-Forming M/C—Operator
	Quad-Stay M/C—	

Fork-lift Truck Driver	Setter
	S. Feed M/C—Operator

Gold Blocking (Hand Fed)—Setter

Gold Blocking (Automatic)—Setter	Setter of Acetate Lid Machine
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(d) A Grade 2 worker is a person who is engaged in any of the following processes or occupations, viz.:

Acetate Lid M/C—Operator	Hand Boxmaker (Shaped Acetate)	Scoring M/C—Feeder
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Corner-Stayer (Single)	Hand Fed Box M/C (Operator)	Security Officer
Fork-lift Truck Driver (Pedestrian)	Labourer	Service Operator—
Gold Blocking M/C (Hand)— Feeder	Mitre Corner-Cutter (Paper Acetate)	(Supplies to M/C's)
Gold Blocking M/C (Auto) Minder	Packer—S. Feed M/C's	Waste Baler
Hand Box-maker (Plain)	Platen Feeder—(Hand)	

(e) A Grade 1 worker is a person who is engaged in any of the following processes or occupations, viz.:

Acetate Bearer/ Bender/Sticker	General Services	Slotting
Acetate Lid M/C—Assistant	Office Cleaner	Stripping
Acetate Windower (Hand) or Insetter	Packer—Hand Box Department	Takers-off
Board Bender Carton-Gluer— Bench Type	Packer—Hand Fed M/C Plain Acetate Worker	Thumb-holeing Wire Stitching (Single)
Clicker-Press— Operator	Quad-Stayer	
Corner-Cutter— Board	Rise and fall Punching Press—Operator	

Paragraph 3.

TRAINEES

The following general minimum time rates shall apply to all Trainees:

(i) Initial Training

	Col. 1	Col. 2	Col. 3
Trainees entering or who have entered the trade at—	Under 17 years	17 and under 18 years	18 years and over
		Per week of 40 hours	
	£	£	£
commencing rate	13-00	14-50	16-50
after 6 months	14-00	15-50	17-50
after further 6 months	15-00	17-00	18-50
“ “ 6 “	16-00	—	19-50
“ “ 6 “	19-50	19-50	—

(ii) Further Training

Trainees who have completed initial training and have been accepted for further training in a particular grade, shall receive the general minimum time rate for the grade (as set out in Paragraph 1) after completing the following periods of further training:—

	Col. 1	Col. 2	Col. 3
Grade 1 Rate	6 months	6 months	6 months
" 2 "	6 "	6 "	6 "
" 3 "	6 "	6 "	6 "
" 4 "	6 "	12 "	12 "
" 5 "	12 "	12 "	12 "

PIECE WORK BASIS TIME RATES

Paragraph 4.

Per hour

A Grade 5 worker (as defined in paragraph 2)	99p
" " 4 " " " " " " " " "	91p
" " 3 " " " " " " " "	74p
" " 2 " " " " " " " "	66p
" " 1 " " " " " " " "	58p

CALCULATION OF HOURLY RATES

Paragraph 5.

For the purpose of calculating the minimum rate payable in respect of each hour of employment the respective rates set out in paragraphs 1 and 3 must be divided by 40.

OVERTIME

Paragraph 6.

Overtime rates are payable as follows:—

A.—WORKERS EMPLOYED ON TIME WORK:

- (1) On any day other than Saturday, Sunday or a customary holiday—
For the first two hours worked in excess of 8 hours TIME-AND-A-QUARTER
Thereafter TIME-AND-A-HALF
- (2) On Saturday, not being a customary holiday—
For the first four hours worked TIME-AND-A-QUARTER
Thereafter TIME-AND-A-HALF
- (3) On Sunday or a customary holiday—
For all time worked DOUBLE TIME
- (4) In any week—
For all time worked in excess of 40 hours TIME-AND-A-QUARTER

except in so far as higher overtime rates may be payable under the provisions of sub-paragraph A (1), (2) or (3).

B.—WORKERS EMPLOYED ON PIECE WORK:

Workers employed on piece work are entitled to receive, in respect of each hour of overtime worked, in addition to piece rates each of which would yield, in the circumstances of the case, to an ordinary worker at least the same amount of money as the appropriate piece work basis time rate applicable

an amount equivalent to ONE-QUARTER, ONE-HALF, or the WHOLE of the appropriate piece work basis time rate

according as the overtime rate payable under the provisions of subparagraph A, if the worker has been employed on time work, would have been equivalent to time-and-a-quarter, time-and-a-half, or double time, respectively.

Paragraph 7.

Overtime rates are payable in respect of all overtime worked on any day, notwithstanding that the total number of hours worked in the week does not exceed 40.

Paragraph 8.

The expression "customary holiday" means—

- (a) Christmas Day, Boxing Day, the day following Boxing Day and *New Year's Day*

Provided that—

- (i) where Christmas Day, Boxing Day or *New Year's Day* falls on a Saturday and the worker does not normally work for the employer on a Saturday, the employer shall allow to the worker, instead of the customary holiday, a holiday in lieu on a day on which the worker normally works for the employer within the period of eight weeks immediately following the customary holiday;
- (ii) where Christmas Day falls on a Sunday the customary holidays shall be Boxing Day and the next two following days;
- (iii) where the day following Boxing Day or *New Year's Day* falls on a Sunday that Sunday shall not be treated as one of the customary holidays and a customary holiday shall be allowed to the worker on the Monday next following;

Easter Monday, Easter Tuesday and the Wednesday following the last-mentioned day, or

- (b) a day substituted by the employer for any one of the said days, being either a day recognised by local custom as a day of holiday in substitution for the said day or a day agreed between the employer and the worker or his representative.

Paragraph 9.

For the purpose of paragraph 6 the expressions time-and-a-quarter, time-and-a-half and double time mean, respectively, one-and-a-quarter times, one and-a-half times, and twice the amount of the minimum rate otherwise applicable.

GENERAL**DEFINITIONS****Paragraph 10.**

A MACHINE MINDER is a worker who is engaged in setting, adjusting and keeping running paper box machines, and in superintending the carrying through of all operations that can be performed in whole or in part by such machines.

Paragraph 11.

A **HEAD STOCK KEEPER** is a worker who is in full charge of unmanufactured stock, of the receipt and distribution of unmanufactured stock, and of the keeping of records, and who either himself orders or passes through to the proper authority requisitions for further stock.

Paragraph 12.

A **TRAINEE** is a worker who—

- (a) has not completed the appropriate period of employment set out in paragraph 3;
- (b)(i) is employed during the whole or a substantial part of his or her time in learning any branch or process of the trade by an employer who provides the trainee with reasonable facilities for such learning; and
- (ii) has received a certificate or has been registered in accordance with rules from time to time laid down by the Wages Council, or has made an application for such a certificate or registration which has been duly acknowledge and is still under consideration, provided that the certification or registration of a trainee will become invalid if at any time during learnership the provisions set out in this Schedule relating thereto are not complied with, provided also that an employer may employ a trainee on his or her first employment without a certificate or registration for a probation period not exceeding eight weeks, but in the event of such trainee being continued thereafter in the employment, the probation period will be included in the period of learnership, and provided further that, notwithstanding compliance with these conditions, a person shall not be deemed to be a trainee if he or she works in a room used for dwelling purposes, and is not in the employment of his or her parent or guardian.

Paragraph 13.

An **OUT-WORKER** is a worker who works in his or her own home or in any other place not under the control or management of the employer.

PIECE WORK

Paragraph 14.

In the case of workers including out-workers (as defined in paragraph 13) employed on piece work each piece rate paid must be such as will yield, in the circumstances of the case, to an ordinary worker, at least the same amount of money as the appropriate piece work basis time rate (as defined in paragraph 4). In determining whether any piece rate satisfies the foregoing condition regard shall be had only to the earnings of ordinary workers, that is, workers of ordinary skill and experience in the class of work in question and not to the earnings of workers of less than ordinary skill and experience, for example, juvenile and infirm workers.

EMPLOYMENT OF JUVENILE WORKERS ON PIECE WORK

Paragraph 15.

An employer will, in any case where a trainee or juvenile worker is employed on piece work during the first six months of his employment in the trade, be deemed to pay wages at less than the minimum rate unless he shows that such worker has received in respect of his employment on piece work in each week during that period, at least the same amount of money as such worker would have been entitled to receive if employed on time work. An employer will, in any case where any such worker is so employed at any time subsequent to the first six months of his employment in the trade, be deemed to pay wages at less than the minimum rate unless he shows that such worker has, in respect of his employment on piece work been paid at piece rates which would yield, in the circumstances of the case, to an ordinary worker (not being a juvenile worker) at least the same amount of money as the appropriate piece work basis time rate.

WAITING TIME

Paragraph 16.

- (1) A worker is entitled to payment of statutory minimum remuneration during all the time during which he is present on the premises of his employer unless he is so present either without his employer's consent, express or implied, or for some purpose unconnected with his work and other than that of waiting for work to be given to him to perform.
- (2) A piece worker is, during any time during which he is present as aforesaid and is not doing piece work, entitled to payment of the general minimum time rate applicable to the workers of the class to which he belongs.

Provisions (1) and (2) do not apply when—

- (a) a worker is present on his employer's premises by reason only of the fact that he is resident thereon, or
- (b) a worker is present on his employer's premises during normal meal times in a room or place in which no work is being done and is not waiting for work to be given to him to perform.

APPLICABILITY OF STATUTORY MINIMUM REMUNERATION

Paragraph 17.

The statutory minimum remuneration aforesaid applies, subject to the provisions of the Wages Councils Act (Northern Ireland) 1945, to workers in relation to whom the Paper Box Wages Council (Northern Ireland) operates, that is to say, workers employed in Northern Ireland in the trade specified in the Schedule to the Trade Boards (Paper Box Trade, Northern Ireland) (Constitution, Proceedings and Meetings) Regulations 1925, dated 2nd March 1925, namely:—

That branch of the Box Trade which is engaged in the making of boxes or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper, cardboard, chip or similar material.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order, which comes into operation on 30th September 1975, sets out the statutory minimum remuneration in substitution for that fixed by the Paper Box Wages Regulation Order (Northern Ireland) 1972 (Order N.I.B. (91)) as amended by the Paper Box Wages Regulation (Amendment) (No. 3) Order (Northern Ireland) 1974 (Order N.I.B. (99)).

Orders N.I.B. (91) and N.I.B. (99) are revoked.

New provisions in the Schedule are printed in italics.