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Industrial Relations Act 1984

s.63 application for determination of award interest

United Firefighters Union of Australia, Tasmania Branch
(T13670 of 2010)

TASMANIAN FIRE FIGHTING INDUSTRY EMPLOYEES AWARD

COMMISSIONER J P MCALPINE

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ORDER BY CONSENT -

**No 1 of 2010
(Consolidated)**

CLAUSE 5 - AWARD INTEREST - VARIED AND THE AWARD IS CONSOLIDATED

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Tasmanian Fire Fighting Industry Employees Award

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3. SCOPE

This award applies to all persons employed under the *State Service Act 2000*, occupying positions classified under this award, in the fire fighting industry operated by the Tasmania Fire Service.

4. DATE OF OPERATION

This award comes into operation from 18 June 2010.

5. AWARD INTEREST

The following employee organisations are deemed to have an interest in this award pursuant to Section 63(10) of the *Industrial Relations Act 1984*:

- United Firefighters Union of Tasmania.
- United Firefighters Union of Australia Tasmania Branch

The employer deemed to be an employer organisation having an interest in this award pursuant to Section 62(4) of the *Industrial Relations Act 1984*:

- The Minister administering the *State Service Act 2000*

6. SUPERSESION

This award supersedes the *Tasmanian Fire Fighting Industry Employees Award No 1 of 2009*.

7. DEFINITIONS

General definitions

Classification means assignment of a specific level or range of salary or status on a scale described in this award.

Casual Training Officer means an Officer employed under this award who provides training to volunteer or career Firefighters or commercial clients of the Tasmania Fire Service when working on days off or hours in excess of 320 in an eight week cycle.

Continuous service means an unbroken period of service and is not broken by the taking of annual leave, long service leave, sick leave, leave as the result of an accident, leave lawfully granted, absence for a reasonable cause, or being stood down through no fault of the employee.

Day means a calendar day.

Employee means a person employed under the *State Service Act 2000*

Employer means the Minister administering the *State Service Act 2000*

Incident means a fire fighting operation or civil emergency as are defined in the *Fire Service Act 1979*.

Non-rostered shift employee means an employee required to work the hours described in Part V, Clause 1 - Hours of Work.

Holiday with Pay means a day prescribed as a holiday with pay under Part VI, Clause 3 – Holidays with Pay.

Household in respect of an employee means any person or persons who usually reside with the employee.

Immediate family in respect of an employee includes:

- (a) spouse (including a former spouse) of the employee. Spouse means a person who is married and a person who is in a significant relationship within the meaning of the *Relationships Act 2003*.

A significant relationship is a relationship between two adult persons who:

- (i) have a relationship as a couple; and

- (ii) are not married to one another or related by family.
- (b) child or an adult child (including an adopted child, a step child or an exnuptial child), parent (including foster parent step parent or legal guardian), grandparent, grandchild, sibling or step sibling, of the employee or employee's spouse.

Rostered shift employee means an employee required to work the roster of hours described in Part V, Clause 1 - Hours of Work.

Show Day means a Tasmanian holiday gazetted to be observed on a certain day in a specified location as indicated in Part VI, Clause 3 – Holidays with Pay.

Union means the United Firefighters Union of Tasmania.

Classification definitions

Direction refers to instructions and guidance to subordinate staff by more senior employees. It includes direction from non-human sources such as manuals, codes, standards, etc.

Specific direction refers to situations where precise instructions are given with little or no choice provided.

General direction

- (a) Means where employees under general directions would normally be given tasks by a more senior employee with defined objectives, priorities and deadlines; guidance would be given on any unusual situations. General instructions are provided, usually covering only the broader technical aspects of the work.
- (b) The employee would carry out the duties as assigned and handle any problems and deviations in accordance with instructions, training and previous experience. Some latitude in completing the assignment is available.
- (c) The employee may be subject to progress checks but where these are made they are usually confined to ensure that, in broad terms, satisfactory progress is being made. Completed assignments are usually evaluated for technical soundness, appropriateness and conformity to requirements.

Limited direction

- (a) Means where employees working under limited direction are provided with a clear statement of overall objectives and resources available. In conjunction with their more senior employee they decide on projects and assignments to be carried out and set deadlines.
- (b) The employee is fully competent and very experienced in a technical sense and requires little guidance during the performance of assignments. The employee

would have authority to plan and carry out assignments, using some latitude in approach to achieve the desired objectives.

- (c) Completed work is reviewed only in terms of flexibility, compatibility with other work, or effectiveness in meeting defined objectives.

Supervision

Refers to supervision given to subordinate staff by more senior employees and consists of ensuring adherence to directions, solving problems, giving decisions on solutions proposed by subordinate employees and reviewing and checking work of staff.

Direct supervision

- (a) Means where employees working under direct supervision are usually given a few easily understood instructions. Where appropriate, deadlines and priorities for task completion would also be given.
- (b) While the employee may be expected to use some judgement in carrying out routine recurring assignments, it is expected that deviations, problems or unfamiliar situations not covered in general instructions would be referred to a more senior employee.
- (c) The work is normally subject to progress checks, and the results are usually checked.

General supervision

- (a) Means where employees working under general supervision would normally be provided with general instructions usually covering only the broader aspects of the work, or where there are unusual situations, which do not have clear precedents. This allows some latitude for employees to select the appropriate method and sequence in completing their tasks or assignments.
- (b) The employee has a good knowledge and makes more involved decisions within the confines of this knowledge.
- (c) Tasks and assignments may be subject to progress checks usually to ensure in broad terms, that satisfactory progress is being made. Completed work may be evaluated for suitability and conformity to policy and requirements.

Limited supervision

- (a) Means where employees working under supervision would be expected to have a broad knowledge of the work and wide experience. They perform work in accordance with broadly based standing instructions. In a technical sense, the employee is a fully competent employee and very experienced requiring little guidance.

- (b) The employee is expected to report on the work of the area when required. The area's progress and performance would normally only be inspected at irregular intervals. The standard of performance of the area is kept under review.

PART II - CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

1. TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT

(a) State Service Employees

All employees must be employed under the *State Service Act 2000*.

(b) Casual Training Officer

- (i) An employee may be engaged as a Casual Training Officer for the purpose of training volunteer Firefighters, career Firefighters or commercial clients of the Tasmania Fire Service.
- (ii) A Casual Training Officer's term of engagement is to be by the hour with a minimum payment of three hours for each engagement.
- (iii) A Casual Training Officer is an employee working on a rostered shift employee's day off or a non-rostered shift employee when working in excess of 320 hours in an eight week cycle.
- (iv) An employee engaged as a Casual Training Officer is to be paid at the hourly rate prescribed for at the classification of Station Officer. A loading of 30% must also be paid with 20% of this loading to compensate for sick leave, annual leave and public holidays, and 10% for preparation, marking and travel time.
- (v) A Casual Training Officer is not entitled to call back or overtime provisions.

2. TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT

(a) Notice of termination by employer

- (i) In order to terminate the employment of a full-time or regular part-time employee the employer shall give to the employee the period of notice specified in the table below:

Period of continuous service	Period of notice
1 year or less	1 week
Over 1 year and up to the completion of 3 years	2 weeks
Over 3 years and up to the completion of 5 years	3 weeks
Over 5 years of completed service	4 weeks

- (ii) In addition to this notice, employees over 45 years of age at the time of the giving of the notice with not less than two years continuous service, are entitled to an additional week's notice.

- (iii) Payment in lieu of the notice will be made if the appropriate notice period is not required to be worked. Employment may be terminated by the employee working part of the required period of notice and by the employer making payment for the remainder of the period of notice.
 - (iv) In calculating any payment in lieu of notice, the wages an employee would have received in respect of the ordinary time they would have worked during the period of notice had their employment not been terminated will be used.
 - (v) The period of notice in this clause, shall not apply in the case of dismissal for conduct that justifies instant dismissal including inefficiency within the first fourteen days, neglect of duty or misconduct and in the case of casual employees, apprentices or employees engaged for a specific period of time or for a specific task or tasks.
 - (vi) Continuous service is defined in Part I, Clause 7.
- (b) Notice of termination by an employee
- (i) The notice of termination required to be given by an employee is the same as that required of an employer, save and except that there is no requirement on the employee to give additional notice based on the age of the employee concerned.
 - (ii) If an employee fails to give notice the employer has the right to withhold monies due to the employee to a maximum amount equal to the ordinary time rate of pay for the period of notice.
- (c) Time off during notice period

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

3. CLASSIFICATION DESCRIPTIONS AND STANDARDS

- (a) Trainee Firefighter
- (i) Wage relativity to First Class Firefighter = 75%.
 - (ii) Undertake routine fire fighting duties under direct supervision requiring basic mental skills and physical fitness requirements established by the Tasmania Fire Service. Required to achieve the competencies established by the Tasmania Fire Service.

- (iii) After which, under direct supervision basic equipment may be operated for which the Firefighter has been trained. A feature of this level is that specific direction is given from supervisors or standing operational procedures.
- (b) Firefighter
- (i) Wage relativity to First Class Firefighter = after six months 80%; after twelve months 85%; after 24 months 90%.
 - (ii) After successful completion of probation period and achievement of competencies established by the employer, a variety of basic fire fighting tasks and operation of basic equipment are undertaken under direct supervision. General direction is available.
 - (iii) As training and experience is completed the Firefighter is expected to undertake all fire fighting tasks, drive and operate all vehicles and operate equipment under general supervision and direction. There is also a requirement to train and supervise Trainee Firefighters engaged in routine station and fire fighting activities commensurate with skills attained.
- (c) First Class Firefighter (Trades level)
- (i) Wage relativity = 100%.
 - (ii) Under general supervision performs all fire fighting tasks to an advanced level of skill including driving and operating heavy pumpers and aerial appliances. Under general direction competent to undertake fire safety inspections commensurate with skills attained, give fire safety presentations and demonstrations and undertake training of lower level Firefighters in relation to station duties, fire fighting and equipment use.
- (d) Senior Firefighter
- (i) Wage relativity to First Class Firefighter = 105%.
 - (ii) Under general supervision performs all fire fighting tasks to an advanced level of skill including driving and operating heavy pumpers and aerial appliances.
 - (iii) Under general direction competent to undertake fire safety inspections commensurate with skills attained, give fire safety presentations and demonstrations and undertake training of lower level Firefighters in relation to station duties, fire fighting and equipment use. Under general supervision supervises Firefighters in fire fighting operations.
- (e) Leading Firefighter
- (i) Wage relativity to First Class Firefighter = 109%.

- (ii) Under limited supervision expected to undertake all fire fighting tasks and operate all equipment to advanced skill level. Required to employ an independent approach and initiative in relation to training, testing, evacuation, prevention activities and overseeing work of Firefighters. Is qualified to act as a Station Officer and to apply for permanent appointment to a Station Officer level position. May be required to take charge of minor fires and fuel reduction burns while undertaking field duties.
- (f) Station Officer
- (i) Wage relativity to First Class Firefighter = 120%.
 - (ii) Under limited supervision, exercise initiative and judgement in supervising:
 - (1) a team of Firefighters at a fire scene or incident;
 - (2) a team of Firefighters, including managing a shift, in performing station duties, training, prevention and inspection activities at a station; and/or
 - (3) assisting with the supervision and direction of volunteer brigades.
 - (iii) Under limited direction develops, implements and evaluates policy and programs in relation to specialist fire fighting activities and training, fire investigations, field duties and/or fire safety.
- (g) Senior Station Officer
- (i) Wage relativity to First Class Firefighter = 125%.
 - (ii) In addition to the duties of a Station Officer a Senior Station Officer is, under limited direction, to manage resources for a shift, for a group of stations within a brigade or for volunteer brigades or a group of volunteer brigades. Under limited direction undertakes specialist functions developing, implementing and evaluating policy and/or programs in relation to specialist fire fighting activities including training, fire investigation, field duties and/or fire safety.
- (h) District Officer
- (i) Brigade Chief for a smaller brigade with less than two permanently staffed stations.
 - (ii) In larger brigades responsible for the management of fire service activities and resources and the representation of the Fire Service in geographical and/or functional areas as determined by the Tasmania Fire Service. Required to take command where major fires/incidents occur or provide guidance and advice to Officers in charge of fire.

- (iii) Has the responsibility for a defined district encompassing volunteer brigades for co-ordination of resources, training, and fire prevention strategies. In the event of major fires/incidents within the district may be required to take command or provide advice to Volunteer Brigade Chiefs.
 - (iv) Under limited direction undertakes specialist projects that have impact on a state-wide basis.
- (i) Trainee Communications Officer
- (i) Wage relativity to First Class Firefighter = 75%.
 - (ii) Undertake routine communications centre duties under direct supervision and direction.
- (j) Communications Officer
- (i) Wage relativity to First Class Firefighter = after six months 80%; after twelve months 85%; after 24 months 90%; after 36 months 100%.
 - (ii) As training and experience is completed the Communications Officers is expected to receive and dispatch resources and under general direction provide information as requested by Senior Firefighters, Leading Firefighters and/or Officers on the fire ground.
 - (iii) After successful completion of competencies established by the Tasmania Fire Service all routine tasks are undertaken with no direct supervision although general direction is available from standard operating procedures when required.
 - (iv) The Communications Officers are expected to train and assess more junior Communications Officers in the communications centre.
- (k) Leading Communications Officer
- (i) Wage relativity to First Class Firefighter = 109%.
 - (ii) Under limited supervision expected to undertake all control room tasks and operate all equipment to an advanced skill level. Required to employ an independent approach and initiative in relation to training and assessment and the performance of functional activities.
 - (iii) May be required to take charge of the communications centre during periods of high operational activity. Is qualified to act as Supervisor – Control Room and to apply for permanent appointment to this position.
- (l) Supervisor – Communications
- (i) Wage relativity to First Class Firefighter = 120%.

- (ii) Under limited supervision and direction, exercises initiative and judgement in supervising the effective operation of the state-wide control room and related activities. Develops, implements and evaluates policy and programs in relation to control room activities and training.

(m) Community Fire Safety Officer Classification Definitions

The classification definitions set out in this subclause apply only to duties undertaken in Community Fire Safety Division of Tasmania Fire Service that are similar to the duties undertaken by certain employees in Community Fire Safety whose duties are classified in accordance with the Firefighter/Fire Officer classification structure.

Community Fire Safety Officer 1

Focus	<p>The work consists of a technical practitioner focus on complex, multiple, diverse tasks to be performed to achieve specified outcomes. The work includes one or more components of research, analysis, investigation, evaluation and providing options and recommendations.</p> <p>Interprets and modifies guidelines, systems and processes to ensure conformity with specified outcomes and/or to provide alternative approaches to resolve operational problems.</p>
Context and Framework	<p>Initially, general instructions are provided, other than for more complex and unusual requirements which do not have clear guidelines or precedents. As expertise develops general direction is provided to achieve the required outcomes as operational guidelines, systems and processes are well understood</p> <p>Interpretation, modification or adjustment of accepted practices, methods or standards is routinely required to achieve specified outcomes.</p> <p>Uses initiative to resolve issues and satisfy client and stakeholder requirements.</p> <p>Policies, rules and regulations provide a framework for decision-making in undertaking and integrating the relevant activities of the work area.</p>
Expertise	<p>Knowledge and expertise consistent with qualifications recognised at Certificate III or IV or equivalent level.</p> <p>Technical practitioner subject matter knowledge and experience in the application of practices, methods and standards to meet the requirements of the operational area.</p>

	<p>Well developed knowledge and expertise in the application of policies, rules and regulations to guidelines, systems and processes.</p> <p>Well developed expertise in managing and applying information and specialised knowledge to the range of related activities of the work area.</p>
Interpersonal Skills	<p>Well developed interpersonal and communication skills.</p> <p>Assistance may be provided to a supervisor in reviewing and evaluating practices and standards and providing recommendations.</p> <p>Informs and guides to gain the acceptance of others regarding the practices, systems and processes required to achieve program and service delivery outcomes.</p> <p>Interprets and explains complex operational procedures and provides advice and detailed information to clients, stakeholders and members of the public.</p> <p>Work at this level may involve a supervisory role.</p>
Judgement	<p>Exercises judgement in applying policies, rules and regulations to practices, methods, systems and processes, and the planning and timing required to complete complex, diverse tasks.</p> <p>Creativity and initiative required to provide options, recommendations and solutions to satisfy non-standard requirements.</p>
Influence of Outcomes	<p>The work has a significant influence on the effective operation of the work unit including client, stakeholder and public perception regarding program or service delivery.</p> <p>A technical employee proposes and develops options to modify practices, methods and approach to meet specified needs while maintaining quality standards.</p> <p>Uses specialised expertise to advise, develop and recommend alternative approaches to achieve the work unit's objectives.</p>
Responsibility for Outcomes	<p>Responsible for maintaining practices, methods and standards and their modification as appropriate to provide satisfactory solutions for complex operational issues.</p> <p>Responsible for ensuring guidelines, systems and processes are applied appropriately to integrate related activities to meet</p>

	<p>specified guidelines.</p> <p>Responsible for maintaining quality control of outcomes.</p> <p>Responsible for providing options and recommendations to resolve complex operational issues and/or improve operational effectiveness.</p>
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Community Fire Safety Officer 2

Focus	<p>Work within a defined field requiring the evaluation/co-ordination and/or integration of complex tasks within a defined field.</p> <p>The work includes one or more components of planning, organising, directing, controlling or co-ordinating resources and related activities. The work includes one or more components of research, analysis, investigation, evaluation and providing options and recommendations.</p> <p>Interprets and modifies guidelines, systems and processes to ensure conformity with specified outcomes and/or to provide alternative approaches to resolve operational problems.</p>
Context and Framework	<p>General direction is provided to achieve the required outcomes as operational guidelines, systems and processes are well understood.</p> <p>Policies, rules and regulations provide a framework for decision-making in undertaking and integrating the relevant activities of the work area.</p> <p>Flexibility, innovation and initiative expected in providing alternative solutions to complex operational issues within the field of work.</p>
Expertise	<p>Knowledge and expertise consistent with qualifications recognised at Certificate IV or equivalent level.</p> <p>Well developed knowledge and expertise in the application of policies, rules and regulations to guidelines, systems and processes.</p> <p>Well developed expertise in managing and applying information and specialised knowledge to the range of related activities of the work area.</p> <p>Develops expertise in controlling and managing allocated resources.</p>

<p>Interpersonal Skills</p>	<p>Work at this level may involve a supervisory role.</p> <p>Highly regarded communication and interpersonal skills. This involves instructing, guiding and mentoring less experienced staff and making decisions on operational performance and activities.</p> <p>Informs, trains and guides to gain the acceptance of others regarding the practices, systems and processes required to achieve program and service delivery outcomes.</p> <p>Interprets and explains complex operational procedures and provides advice and detailed information to clients, stakeholders and members of the public.</p>
<p>Judgement</p>	<p>Exercises judgement in applying policies, rules and regulations to practices, methods, systems and processes.</p> <p>Applies specialised expertise to resolve complex operational issues with existing systems, procedures, infrastructure and equipment.</p> <p>Compiles, analyses and evaluates complex and unrelated information to maintain and modify operational performance and service delivery.</p>
<p>Influence of Outcomes</p>	<p>The work has a significant influence on service delivery performance and outcomes for the work unit.</p> <p>Uses specialised expertise to advise, develop and recommend alternative approaches to achieve the work unit's objectives.</p> <p>Instruction, education, and guidance provided have a significant influence on the development of individual and community capacity.</p>
<p>Responsibility for Outcomes</p>	<p>Responsible for ensuring guidelines, systems and processes are applied appropriately to integrate related activities to meet specified objectives.</p> <p>Responsible for providing options and recommendations to resolve complex operational issues and/or improve operational effectiveness.</p> <p>Where supervision is involved, responsible for ensuring advice, recommendations and decisions support specified service delivery and program outcomes.</p>

Community Fire Safety Officer 3

<p>Focus</p>	<p>Work within a defined field requiring the evaluation/co-ordination and/or integration of diverse and varied operational procedures and practices.</p> <p>The work requires detailed planning, organising, directing, controlling and co-ordinating of resources and related activities.</p> <p>The work requires in-depth research, analysis, investigation and evaluation to develop and implement complex practices, systems and processes to meet difficult operational and service delivery requirements.</p> <p>Specialised work in a particular discipline provides authoritative advice and expertise to support a range of complex activities.</p>
<p>Context and Framework</p>	<p>Applies specialised technical knowledge of a particular discipline to provide effective practical solutions in a complex operational environment.</p> <p>Work is undertaken within established guidelines, systems and processes with limited guidance required in applying specialised expertise to complex and challenging activities.</p> <p>Considerable independence in interpreting and evaluating the requirements and effectiveness of operational program and service delivery according to the decision-making framework and in providing solutions to meet service delivery requirements.</p> <p>Establishes new operational guidelines and/or precedents within the area of expertise consistent with operational policy.</p>
<p>Expertise</p>	<p>Knowledge and expertise consistent with qualifications recognised at Diploma, or Advanced Diploma or equivalent level.</p> <p>Highly proficient in the area of expertise with extensive skill in a specific discipline or in a particular field.</p> <p>In-depth knowledge and experience of the decision-making and operational framework, specific guidelines, systems and processes and their effects on stakeholders, clients, other employees and members of the public.</p> <p>Supervisory and specialised roles provide leadership, instruction and guidance in the specific discipline or area of expertise in implementing and modifying existing methods, systems, processes, infrastructure and equipment to resolve operational problems.</p>

<p>Interpersonal Skills</p>	<p>Informs and guides to gain the acceptance of others regarding the maintenance and modification of intricate and unrelated methods, systems and processes for effective service and program delivery outcomes.</p> <p>Provides clear and authoritative advice and recommendations for complex activities that are understood and accepted by others as resolving program and service delivery challenges.</p> <p>May represent the organisation with the authority to negotiate outcomes that meet the specified requirements and objectives of the program or service delivery unit.</p> <p>A supervisor mentors and evaluates the performance of less qualified or experienced staff.</p>
<p>Judgement</p>	<p>Exercises initiative, flexibility and creativity in applying specialised expertise to meet complex operational challenges.</p> <p>Makes informed decisions, recommendations and/or implements alternative methods of approach to provide operational solutions for program and service delivery requirements.</p> <p>Identifies, assesses and responds to changes to guidelines, systems, methods and processes in applying appropriate solutions.</p>
<p>Influence of Outcomes</p>	<p>The work provides significant specialised support in meeting the work area's objectives.</p> <p>Influences the skill development and performance of less experienced employees.</p> <p>Influences the effective use of infrastructure, systems and processes and their modification in response to changes to operational procedures and the decision-making framework.</p>
<p>Responsibility for Outcomes</p>	<p>Responsible for ensuring specialised expertise is effectively applied to provide program and service delivery outcomes consistent with the operational framework.</p> <p>Responsible for providing leadership, instruction and guidance to less qualified or experienced employees in the specific discipline or area of expertise.</p>

4. CAREER PATHS

(a) Method of advancement

- (i) Eligibility for advancement, but not promotion, is to be on the basis of formal assessment of skills acquired and utilised that are required by the Tasmania Fire Service for the rank or classification. These skills are to be certified to in writing as part of the assessment process.
- (ii) Where assessment is delayed through no fault of the employee, the eligible date is not to be changed and the increase, if any, will be paid retrospectively to that date.

(b) Recruit entry

- (i) A Trainee Firefighter [classification 3(a)] is an adult employee who has been engaged in the Tasmania Fire Service in accordance with the *State Service Act 2000*.
- (ii) After achievement of the competencies established by the Tasmania Fire Service or training up to a maximum of six months an employee is to be appointed as a Firefighter and is to advance to the next salary level [classification 3(b)].
- (iii) Advancement to Firefighter after twelve months [classification 3(b)] is to be made after successful completion of twelve months employment and successful achievement of the competencies established by the Tasmania Fire Service.
- (iv) Advancement to Firefighter after 24 months [classification 3(b)] is to be made on the subsequent anniversary date of advancement to classification 3(b) and achievement of competencies established by the Tasmania Fire Service.
- (v) Advancement to First Class Firefighter [classification 3(c)] is to be made after three years from the anniversary date of appointment to a position of Trainee Firefighter in the Tasmania Fire Service and achievement of competencies established by the Tasmania Fire Service.

(c) Senior Firefighter

Advancement to Senior Firefighter [classification 3(d)] is to be made from First Class Firefighter after the successful achievement of competencies established by the Tasmania Fire Service.

(d) Leading Firefighter

Advancement to Leading Firefighter [classification 3(e)] is to be made from First Class Firefighter or Senior Firefighter after the successful achievement of competencies established by the Tasmania Fire Service.

(e) Station Officer

- (i) Promotion to Station Officer [classification 3(f)] is to be made from a Leading Firefighter, who possesses Tasmania Fire Service qualifications for promotion to Station Officer, to a vacant position on merit.
- (ii) The Officer will serve a probationary period at this level for six months from the date of appointment. If approved by the Chief Officer, the Officer may be appointed as a permanent station officer. If the Officer is not appointed permanently after six months, the probationary Station Officer may be granted an additional three months probationary period after which, if approved by the Chief Officer, the Officer may be appointed as a permanent Station Officer. If the Officer is still not appointed at that time, the Officer is to resume the rank formerly occupied.

(f) Senior Station Officer

Promotion to Senior Station Officer [classification 3(g)] is to be made on merit from a Station Officer who possesses Tasmania Fire Service qualifications for promotion to Senior Station Officer. The Officer will serve a probationary period at this level for six months from the date of appointment. If approved by the Chief Officer, the Officer may be appointed as a permanent Senior Station Officer. If the Officer is not appointed permanently after six months, the probationary Senior Station Officer may be granted an additional three months probationary period after which, if approved by the Chief Officer, the Officer may be appointed as a permanent Senior Station Officer. If the Officer is still not appointed at that time, the Officer is to resume the rank formerly occupied.

(g) District Officer

Promotion to District Officer [classification 3(h)] is to be made on merit from a Senior Station Officer, qualified for promotion to a District Officer. The Officer will serve a probationary period at this level for six months from the date of appointment. If approved by the Chief Officer, the Officer may be appointed as a permanent District Officer. If the Officer is not appointed permanently after six months, the probationary District Officer may be granted an additional three months probationary period after which, if approved by the Chief Officer, the Officer may be appointed as a permanent District Officer. If the Officer is still not appointed at that time, the Officer is to resume the rank formerly occupied.

(h) Non recruit entry

- (i) The employer may initially appoint a person who is suitably qualified and who has achieved competencies in fire duties up to and including the level of Firefighter after twelve months [classification 3(b)] subject to the employer being satisfied that the person's qualifications and competencies are suitable and current for the position and salary proposed.

(ii) In such cases, the person's subsequent career path progression and promotion to higher levels will be on the same basis as the career path progression and promotion of other employees of the Tasmania Fire Service.

(i) Lateral entry by experienced firefighters

The employer may initially appoint a person who is currently competent and who has appropriate periods of practical firefighting employment experience in a recognised career firefighting agency. The appointment and advancement of these persons, up to and including the level of Leading Firefighter [classification 3(e)], is to occur depending on the level of competency and experience in each individual case. In all cases the Tasmania Fire Service must consult its employees regarding its intention to appoint Firefighters in accordance with this clause.

(j) Trainee Communications Officer

(i) A Trainee Communications Officer [classification 3(i)] is an adult employee who has been engaged in the Tasmania Fire Service.

(ii) After achievement of the competencies established by the Tasmania Fire Service or training up to a maximum of six months an employee is to be appointed as a Communications Officer and is to advance to the next salary level [classification 3(j)].

(k) Communications Officer

(i) Advancement to Communications Officer after twelve months [classification 3(j)] is to be made after successful completion of twelve months employment and successful achievement of the competencies established by the Tasmania Fire Service.

(ii) Advancement to Communications Officer after 24 months [classification 3(j)] is to be made on the subsequent anniversary date of advancement to Communications Officer and achievement of competencies established by the Tasmania Fire Service.

(iii) Advancement to Communications Officer after 36 months [classification 3(j)] is to be made after three years from the anniversary date of appointment to a position of Trainee Communications Officer in the Tasmania Fire Service and achievement of competencies established by the Tasmania Fire Service.

(iv) Promotion to the position of Leading Communications Officer [classification 3(k)] is to be made from Communications Officer, after successful achievement of competencies established by the Tasmania Fire Service, to a vacant position on merit.

(v) Promotion to the position of Supervisor – Communications [classification 3(l)] is to be made from Leading Communications Officer, after successful

achievement of competencies established by the Tasmania Fire Service, to a vacant position on merit.

(l) Community Fire Safety Officer Advancement Assessment and Salary Progression

(i) Classification and Progression

(a) For the purposes of this clause and Part III, Clause 1(a):

'Advancement assessment point' means a salary increase available without promotion subject to satisfactory assessment for advancement.

'CSO1' means Community Fire Safety Officer Band 1, and so forth, and **'R1'** means Range 1, and so forth.

'CSO1-R1-1' means level 1 in Range 1 of Community Fire Safety Officer Band 1, and so forth.

'Increment' means an annual salary increase prescribed by a previous award.

'Progression' means a salary increase within a band subject to assessment.

(b) Subject to this award, progression from one band to another in the classification structure is via promotion. Progression from one range to another is via Advancement Assessment. Progression within a range is via progression criteria. An employee may advance through one or more salary levels within the same band on the same date, as determined by the employer.

(c) The new level of salary is payable immediately an advancement or progression has effect.

(d) Appointment or promotion may be to any level within a band, as determined by the employer.

(ii) Advancement Assessment and Progression Guidelines

The following components will apply to the introduction of the changes to the advancement assessment, and progression points:

(i) Until guidelines have been issued and implemented by the employer, normal salary progression (increments) applies.

(ii) Guidelines on salary progression points to be published with the target date of 1 October 2009.

(iii) Guidelines on advancement assessment points to be published with the target date of 1 October 2009.

- (m) Other position titles

The above career path structure incorporates advancement for employees whose position descriptions are Fire Safety Officers/Consultants, Training Officers, Field Officers or Fire Investigation Officers at their assigned ranks in addition to classifications specifically mentioned.

5. FLEXIBILITY IN EMPLOYMENT

An employee is to carry out any duties that are within the limits of the employee's skills, competence, training and classification level. If appropriate, the employee is to be paid higher duties or relieving allowance.

6. SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF WORK RELATING TO COMMUNITY FIRE SAFETY OFFICERS

- (a) The conditions of employment for Community Fire Safety Officers are those contained in the *Tasmanian State Service Award* except where provided for specifically in this clause and Part I, Clause 7, Part II, Clause 3 and Part III, Clause 1 of this Award.

- (b) Hours of Work

- (i) Employees are to work 304 hours in an 8 week cycle. The 304 hour cycle is made up of eight 38 hour working weeks. The number of hours worked on any day or in any week may vary to enable the Tasmania Fire Service and its employees to meet the particular needs of Community Fire Safety clients.
- (ii) The normal spread of hours for payment of ordinary hours is between 7.00am and 7.00pm Monday to Friday with a minimum unpaid lunch break of 30 minutes. Managers may determine standard start/finish times within the spread of hours consistent with business needs.
- (iii) The employer and the employee, may, by mutual agreement, vary the normal spread of hours. In such cases, time worked outside the normal spread of hours from Monday to Friday are not to be paid at overtime rates but are to be included in the 304 hours for the relevant 8 week cycle.
- (iv) A minimum break of 8 hours is to be taken between days. If this is not possible, overtime is to be paid according to subclause 6(c)(ii).

- (b) Maximum hours

The maximum time worked on any day, inclusive of travel, will be 12 hours, except in an emergency. An employee is not to work more than three 12 hour days in any one week.

(c) Overtime

- (i) An employee is to be paid overtime for all time worked that the employee is directed to work by their manager outside the normal spread of hours. An employee is also to be paid overtime for any time worked in excess of 10 hours within the spread of hours or in excess of 53 hours in any week.
- (ii) On weekdays, overtime is to be paid at the rate of 1.5 times the normal rate for the first three hours, and double the rate thereafter. On Saturday and Sundays, overtime is to be paid at double the normal rate.

(d) Time off in lieu (TOIL)

An employee may elect, with the approval of the employer, to take time off in lieu of overtime. TOIL will be accrued and taken at single time rates. An employee may not accrue more than 22.8 hours TOIL.

(e) Managing Time off

- (i) Employees may seek the approval of their supervisor to take time off at any stage in an 8 week cycle, subject to the following:
 - the employer is satisfied that the employee will complete 304 hours in the relevant 8 weeks cycle and,
 - the employer is satisfied that the absence on a particular day will not significantly compromise the work of the Unit.
- (ii) The employer is to ensure that employees are given the opportunity to take time off during an 8 week cycle at mutually agreeable times so that no more than 304 ordinary hours are worked in that 8 week cycle; except that, employees may elect to accumulate and carry forward for their own purposes up to 30.4 hours in excess of the required 304 hours in an 8 week cycle. This time is not to be counted as overtime. No more than 30.4 hours is to be carried forward from one 8 week cycle to the next.
- (iii) Employees are to liaise with their supervisor to ensure that:
 - Their average working week is 38 hours;
 - No more than 12 hours are worked in any one day;
 - Sufficient time is rostered on and off duty to ensure the needs of Community Fire Safety clients are met without excess hours being worked;
 - Accumulated recreation leave doesn't exceed 40 days.

(iv) In order to manage reasonable working hours and client needs, a manager or supervisor may direct an employee to take time off.

(f) Travel

When an employee is likely to work in excess of 12 hours in one day due to the necessity for travel, supervisors are to make arrangements for overnight accommodation to ensure the maximum number of hours to be worked is not exceeded.

(g) Lunch Breaks

An employee is to take a lunch break of at least 30 minutes between the hours of 12.00 noon and 2.00pm. All time taken for lunch breaks is to be unpaid.

(h) Morning and Afternoon Tea Breaks

Employees are not entitled to paid tea breaks.

(i) Minimum Break

(i) Employees will take a minimum break of 8 hours between the conclusion of work on any day and commencement of work on the following day.

(ii) When an employee resumes working without having had at least eight consecutive hours of duty between the termination of ordinary work on one day and the commencement of ordinary work on the next day the employee will be released after completion of the overtime until eight consecutive hours off duty have been taken without loss of pay for ordinary working time occurring during this prescribed absence.

(iii) If on the instructions of the employer an employee resumes or continues working without having had eight consecutive hours off duty, the employee will be paid at double the employee's normal salary rate until released from duty for a continuous period of at least eight hours. The employee will be entitled to be absent until a period of eight consecutive hours off duty is had without loss of pay for ordinary working time occurring during the absence.

(iv) This subclause will not apply to an employee on standby who is recalled to duty unless the employee is required to work for an actual period of three hours or more on a recall or on each subsequent recall.

(j) Holidays with Pay

(i) All employees, other than rostered shift employees, are entitled to the following public holidays:

- Christmas Day;
- Boxing Day;

- New Year's Day;
- Australia Day;
- Hobart Regatta Day (south of Oatlands);
- Eight Hour Day;
- Good Friday;
- Easter Monday;
- Easter Tuesday;
- ANZAC Day;
- Queen's Birthday;
- Show Day (as defined);
- Recreation Day (where Hobart Regatta Day is not observed).

(ii) Employees rostered to work on these days will be paid overtime at two and a half times the normal rate less the normal daily rate for hours worked.

PART III - WAGE AND SALARY PROVISIONS

1. WAGE RATES

(a) Wage rates

The following minimum wage rates are to be paid for the classification levels set out in Part II, Clause 3 - Classification Descriptions and Standards:

Classification	Percentage Relativity	Salary Rate per annum \$
Trainee Firefighter	75	41,881
Firefighter after 6 months	80	44,673
Firefighter after 12 months	85	47,465
Firefighter after 24 months	90	50,257
1st Class Firefighter	100	55,841
Senior Firefighter	105	58,633
Leading Firefighter	109	60,867
Station Officer	120	67,009
Station Officer Grade 1 (Interim Classification only)	123	68,684
Senior Station Officer	125	69,801
District Officer		80,830
Trainee Communications Officer	75	41,881
CO After 6 months	80	44,673
CO After 12 months	85	47,465
CO After 24 months	90	50,257
CO After 36 months	100	55,841
Leading Communications Officer	109	60,867
Supervisor - Communications	120	67,009
Trainee Fire Equipment Officer		36,852
Fire Equipment Officer Level 1		38,416
Fire Equipment Officer Level 2		41,022
Senior Fire Equipment Officer		47,666

Classification	Classification Descriptor	Salary Rate per annum \$
Community Fire Safety Officer 1	CSO1-R1-1	50,283
	CSO1-R1-2	51,307
	CSO1-R1-3	52,333
	CSO1-R1-4	53,346
	CSO1-R1-5	54,732
	Advancement Assessment Point	
	CSO1-R2-1	56,441
	CSO1-R2-2	57,467
	CSO1-R2-3	58,960
	Promotion	
Community Fire Safety Officer 2	CSO2-R1-1	56,441
	CSO2-R1-2	57,467
	CSO2-R1-3	58,960
	Advancement Assessment Point	
	CSO2-R2-1	60,541
	CSO2-R2-2	61,564
	CSO2-R2-3	63,164
	CSO2-R2-4	65,277
	Promotion	
Community Fire Safety Officer 3	CSO3-R1-1	67,668
	CSO3-R1-2	69,022
	CSO3-R1-3	70,767

2. PAYMENT AND CALCULATION OF SALARY

(a) Payment of salaries

Annual salaries will be calculated and paid on a fortnightly basis on alternate Wednesdays into a bank, credit union or society account nominated by the employee. In the event that the Wednesday is a defined public holiday, payment is to be made on the previous day but no later than the day after the normal pay day.

(b) Payment details

An employee is to be provided with details of gross and net pay due, together with details of hours, allowances, overtime, penalties, superannuation and any deductions made by the employer.

(c) Payment on termination

If the services of an employee are terminated, any salary and entitlements owing will be paid, where practicable, on the day of termination or on the next weekday.

(d) Short payment

If an employee is short paid, the outstanding amount owing is to be paid within 48 hours or as agreed by the employee.

3. SUPERANNUATION

(a) Superannuation Entitlements for Certain Employees

The following conditions are to apply to employees who are members of the State Fire Commission Superannuation Scheme (SFCSS) and who exit the SFCSS prior to 14 November 2009.

- (i) In addition to superannuation payments required to be made in accordance with the provisions of the *Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992* the employer is to contribute a further amount of 5% to a complying superannuation fund of the employee's choosing.
- (ii) Employees who elect to exit the SFCSS prior to 14 November 2009 will not be required to make any further compulsory employee contributions as at the date the election is made. The employee contribution is subject to normal taxation requirements.

(b) Superannuation Guarantee

Employees who are members of the SFCSS and who elect to exit the SCFFSS after 14 November 2009, and who continue to be employed under the provisions of the *State Service Act 2000* are to receive employer superannuation contributions as prescribed by the *Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992*.

Employees who were members of the SFCSS prior to 1 July 2005 and who continue to remain members of the SFCSS are entitled to receive an employer contribution of 3% into the Retirement Benefit Fund Tasmanian Accumulation Scheme.

PART IV - ALLOWANCES

1. HIGHER DUTIES ALLOWANCE

(a) Entitlement

Where an employee is directed by the employer to temporarily perform the duties of an employee with a higher classification, that employee will be paid an allowance equal to the difference between the employee's own classification and the minimum rate of pay for the higher classified position. Non-rostered shift employees must be required to undertake the higher classified duties for fourteen consecutive days or more to be eligible for this allowance.

(b) Short term relief for rostered shift employees

Where a station officer or senior station officer is absent for a period of four rostered shifts or less, a leading firefighter or station officer from that shift may relieve in a temporary capacity as determined by a more senior officer. In the event that a leading firefighter or station officer from that shift is not available, a qualified officer, preferably a station officer, from another shift may be recalled if the circumstances warrant it.

(c) Promotion

On promotion to a position whose duties an employee was performing in a temporary capacity immediately prior to appointment, the commencement of the employee's probation period is to be calculated from the start of the acting period. Rostered shift employees will have any period of higher duties in excess of four rostered shifts counted when appointed permanently as a Station Officer or Senior Station Officer, as appropriate.

(d) Payment during leave

Where a non-rostered shift employee receiving an allowance under subclause 1(a) proceeds on approved leave, personal leave or leave in lieu of overtime, the employee will continue to receive that allowance if the duties continue after the period of leave.

2. SPECIAL ALLOWANCES

(a) Meal allowance

(i) Where an employee is required to commence duty at the employee's normal place of duty not less than one and a half hours before, or remain on duty for more than one and a half hours after, normal duty hours, and as a result the employee has to obtain a meal away from home, the employee will be entitled to a meal allowance at the following rates:

Meal	Rate of allowance
Breakfast	\$9.30
Lunch (or midday meal)	\$10.25
Dinner (or evening meal)	\$18.10

- (ii) However, where an employee is required to work overtime on a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday, and has been given prior notice of the requirement to work, the employee is not entitled to a meal allowance. Where such prior notice has not been given, the employee is entitled to a meal allowance.

(b) Training course, conference allowance

An employee who is required or is authorised to attend either a training course or conference or other similar function where full accommodation is provided at no cost to the employee, the employee is entitled to be paid an allowance for incidental expenses for each day of attendance at the rate of:

	Rate per day
Within Tasmania	\$15.70
Outside Tasmania	\$22.10

(c) Travel allowances

(i) Kilometrage

Where an employee receives official approval from the Tasmania Fire Service to use a private motor vehicle for official purposes on an occasional basis, an allowance is to be paid at the rate of:

Engine capacity	Rate (cents per kilometre)	
	First 10,000 km	Any additional kms
Less than 2 litres	38.87 (86%)	20.79 (46%)
2 Litres and above	45.20 (100%)	23.96 (53%)

(ii) Travelling

Employees travelling on duty who are required to remain away from their normal place of residence overnight are to, where full accommodation is not provided, be paid an allowance calculated in accordance with the following components:

Event	Applicable hours	Within Tasmania	Outside Tasmania	Sydney Only
Breakfast	0700 - 0830 hours	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
Lunch	1230 - 1400 hours	\$13.35	\$13.35	\$13.35
Dinner	1800 - 1930 hours	\$28.40	\$28.40	\$28.40
Accommodation	overnight	\$91.70	\$128.10	\$149.60

PART V – HOURS OF WORK AND OVERTIME

1. HOURS OF WORK

(a) Rostered shift employees

Employees working rostered shift work are to work the following hours in rotation over an eight-week roster:

2 day shifts	0800 hours to 1800 hours
2 night shifts	1800 hours to 0800 hours
4 days off	

(b) General conditions applying to rostered shift employees

(i) A Brigade Chief may require any individual employee on completion of an employee's rostered off period to work a period of non-rostered shiftwork.

(1) In the case of personnel required to work not more than eight consecutive days over two consecutive weeks, notice of this change is to be given to the employee no later than the completion of the previous rostered period of duty, and in any other case, 28 days.

(2) In the case of Officers, the period of non-rostered shift work is not to exceed a period of two years, unless otherwise agreed between the employer and the employee. In the case of other employees, the period of non-rostered shift work will not exceed a period of six months, unless otherwise agreed between the employer and the employee.

(ii) The roster when once compiled is not to be departed from except:

(1) To meet an emergency due to sickness or other unexpected or unavoidable cause beyond the employer's control; or

(2) By personal agreement between the employer and the employee; or

(3) By agreement between the employer and the accredited representative of the United Firefighters Union of Australia, Tasmanian Branch, to suit the circumstances of the establishment.

(iii) In the absence of agreement between the employer and a rostered shift work employee, the employer is to provide the employee with seven days notice of alteration of shift.

Failure to give the required notice to the employee of a change in roster, entitles the employee to double the normal rate of pay for the changed hours of work until the required notification period has expired.

- (iv) In the case of an incident or potential incident, off duty employees may be recalled for immediate duty.
 - (v) Ninety minutes meal and break time is to be allowed each shift which is to be counted as time worked.
 - (vi) The employer may by agreement or upon giving not less than one week's notice, require an employee to attend training courses.
 - (vii) The employer is to pay travelling expenses allowances between the employee's workplace and the training course location and return in the event of an employee being required to provide his/her own transport.
 - (viii) The employer is to reimburse the cost of full board and lodging while attending training courses, equivalent to that applying to other employees in the Tasmania Fire Service. This clause is not to apply where full board and lodging is provided by the employer at no cost to the employee.
 - (ix) The employer may, at its discretion, fix within a spread of hours between 8.00 a.m. and 10.00 p.m. the daily number of training hours and the time at which daily training sessions are to be held.
 - (x) Any training time in excess of a total of ten hours in any one day or 42 hours in any one weekly tour of training duty (which is to not exceed five days) is to be paid for at double time.
- (c) Non-rostered shift employees
- (i) Employees working non-rostered shiftwork are to work an eight week, 320 hour cycle. Employees may be required to work four weekend days and fourteen nights in each eight-week cycle.
 - (ii) Employees are to manage their own time during each eight-week cycle. Approval must be gained prior to working any overtime.
 - (iii) Overtime is to be paid for all time spent fire fighting if it is not practical to take time off during the respective eight-week cycle. However, the employer may authorise the payment of overtime for firefighting duties within the pay period in which the firefighting occurs. In these cases employees will be advised accordingly prior to the firefighting commencing.
 - (iv) The employer and a non-rostered shift employee may agree that the employee will undertake rostered shift work. In the absence of agreement, the employer is to give one day's notice of a requirement to undertake rostered shift work. Failure to give the required notice, entitles the employee to double the normal rate of pay for the changed hours of work until the required notification period has expired.

(d) Fire Equipment Officers

- (i) Fire Equipment Officers are to work a 38 hours per week Monday to Friday inclusive, within a spread of hours between 7.30 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. Hours are to be worked so that employees are entitled to take a rostered day off in each fortnight worked, on a day agreed to by the employer and employee.
- (ii) Employees are entitled to a fifteen minute rest period in the morning and in the afternoon.

2. OVERTIME

(a) Requirement to work overtime

The employer may require an employee to work reasonable overtime. Overtime is only to be worked with the prior approval of the employer.

(b) Time of working overtime

Overtime is all time worked:

- for rostered shift employees on a rostered day off; or
- for non-rostered shift employees involved in fire fighting duties where there is an excess of 320 hours in an eight week cycle and it is not practical to take time off; or
- in situations covered by Clause 3 - Call Back.

(c) Exclusions

Overtime does not include:

- unpaid meal breaks; and
- travelling from an employee's residence to and from a place of work for overtime purposes, except in cases covered by Clause 3 - Call Back.

(d) Rate of payment for overtime

The rate of payment for overtime for all employees is at all times to be double the normal rate of pay.

(e) Time off in lieu of overtime

The employer and an employee may agree to the employee taking time off in lieu of overtime payment on an hour for hour basis. Time off in lieu is to be taken in multiples of eight hours or complete shifts as mutually agreed.

(f) Calculation of overtime

- (i) Overtime is to be calculated to the nearest one-quarter of an hour after the completion of the overtime worked.
- (ii) No overtime is payable if an employee returns from an incident within five minutes of normal finishing time, however time in excess of five minutes is to attract an overtime payment for all time up to and including fifteen minutes. Where overtime continues in excess of fifteen minutes, a minimum payment of one hour is to be made at the appropriate rate.

(g) Wash up time

If the Officer in charge approves, employees are to be allowed fifteen minutes to clean up after fire calls. If overtime is involved payment is to be made at the appropriate overtime rate.

3. CALL BACK

(a) Payment for call back

A rostered shift employee who is recalled to work in an emergency, or to fill other staffing requirements (whether notified before or after leaving work) is to be paid overtime for all time worked with a minimum of three hours at double the employee's normal rate of pay. Where practicable and by agreement between the employer and employee, time off in lieu of payment for call back may be taken.

(b) Subsequent recalls

- (i) In the event that an employee has a subsequent recall during the three hours paid period no additional payment will be made until the time actually worked exceeds three hours. Should additional call outs be made outside the original call out, all actual time worked or to the nearest one quarter hour after completion of the work is to be paid at double the employee's normal rate of pay.
- (ii) Time reasonably spent in travelling to work in connection with a call back for an emergency incident is to be regarded as time worked.

4. REST PERIOD AFTER OVERTIME

- (a) When overtime work is necessary, it will wherever reasonably practicable be arranged so that the employee has at least eight consecutive hours off duty between the work of successive working days.

- (b) An employee who works so much overtime between finishing ordinary work one day and starting ordinary work the next day without having at least eight consecutive hours off duty between those times will, after finishing the overtime, be released for eight consecutive hours without loss of pay for ordinary working time.
- (c) If, on the instruction of the employer, an employee resumes or continues work without having had eight consecutive hours off duty, the employee is to be paid at double the employee's normal rate of pay until released from duty. The employee is then entitled to be absent for eight consecutive hours without loss of pay for the ordinary working time during the absence.

PART VI - LEAVE AND HOLIDAYS WITH PAY

1. RECREATION LEAVE

(a) Non-rostered shift employees

- (i) A period of 25 working days recreation leave is to be allowed annually. Recreation leave accrues on the anniversary of the employee's appointment date. The employer may allow an employee to take leave before it is due. This leave will be on a pro rata basis.
- (ii) The recreation leave for non-rostered shift employees is to be exclusive of any public holidays. Where a public holiday is generally observed during an employee's period of recreation leave, the employee's recreation leave is to be increased by the amount of ordinary time the employee would have worked if the day had not been a public holiday.
- (iii) Where an employee with twelve months continuous service is engaged for part of the twelve monthly period as a rostered shift employee, the employee is entitled to have the period of recreation leave increased by one day for each two months the employee is continuously engaged as a rostered shift employee.

(b) Rostered shift employees

- (i) A period of 28 consecutive days recreation leave is to be allowed annually. Recreation leave accrues on the anniversary of the employee's appointment date.
- (ii) In addition to the leave prescribed, rostered shift employees are to be allowed seven consecutive days leave annually, including non-working days.
- (iii) The employer may allow an employee to take leave before it is due. This leave will be on a pro rata basis.
- (iv) A rostered shift employee is also to have added to a period of recreation leave, one day for each public holiday, whether or not the holiday will be observed on an employee's rostered day off. However, this clause is not to apply to a public holiday that is observed on a Saturday or Sunday.

(c) Fire Equipment Officers

- (i) A period of twenty working days recreation leave is to be allowed annually. Recreation leave accrues on the anniversary of the employee's appointment date. The employer may allow an employee to take leave before it is due. This leave will be on a pro rata basis.
- (ii) The recreation leave for Fire Equipment Officers is to be exclusive of any public holidays. Where a public holiday is generally observed during an

employee's period of recreation leave, the employee's recreation leave is to be increased by the amount of ordinary time the employee would have worked if the day had not been a public holiday.

(d) Payment in lieu of recreation leave

Payment is not normally to be made in lieu of recreation leave. In emergency situations only, the employer and employee may agree to the payment in lieu of a short period of recreation leave.

(e) Payment for period of leave

An employee, prior to the commencement of recreation leave is to be paid, on application, the salary which would normally be paid had the employee not been on leave during the relevant period.

(f) Proportionate leave on termination of service

Unless dismissed for misconduct, an employee with more than one month's service with the employer may be granted recreation leave immediately before termination or be paid for accrued leave and pro rata leave.

(g) Rotating recreation leave

(i) For rostered shift employees a rotating leave roster will be maintained which provides for recreation leave to be taken at periods of less than twelve months.

(ii) To enable an employee with more than three months service and not more than fifteen months service to be included in the rotating recreation leave roster, the employee will be granted the pro rata leave which has accrued up to the time when the employee is rostered to take recreation leave.

(iii) Pro rata leave may also be given to personnel when promoted to another rank.

(h) Personal illness or injury during period of recreation leave

Any period of personal illness or injury occurring during recreation leave is to be treated in accordance with the provisions of Clause 4 – Personal Leave. That period of personal leave is to be added to the employee's next period of recreation leave. Any application under this subclause must be supported by a medical certificate. This provision is not to apply to personal leave taken to care for an immediate family or household member.

2. BEREAVEMENT LEAVE

The provisions of this clause apply to permanent and fixed-term employees.

(a) Paid leave entitlement

In the event of the death of a member of the employee's immediate family or household an employee may be granted bereavement leave (including the day of the funeral) without loss of pay or entitlement to continuous service for a period not exceeding three working days.

(b) Evidence requirements

- (i) The employer may request evidence of death in the form of a death notice, or other written evidence furnished by the employee to the satisfaction of the employer.
- (ii) This clause has no application where it coincides with any other entitlement to another period of paid leave.

(c) Unpaid bereavement leave

An employee may take unpaid bereavement leave by agreement with the employer.

3. HOLIDAYS WITH PAY

(a) Entitlement

- (i) All employees, other than rostered shift employees, are entitled to the following public holidays:
 - Christmas Day;
 - Boxing Day;
 - New Year's Day;
 - Australia Day;
 - Hobart Regatta Day (south of Oatlands);
 - Eight Hour Day;
 - Good Friday;
 - Easter Monday;
 - ANZAC Day;
 - Queen's Birthday;
 - Show Day (as defined);
 - Recreation Day (where Hobart Regatta Day is not observed).
- (ii) The entitlement to public holidays is to be without loss of pay and is to count as continuous service.

- (b) Absence on a public holiday

Where an employee is absent from employment on the working day before and/or after a public holiday without reasonable cause, without the consent of the employer, or on leave without pay, the employee is not entitled to payment for the public holiday.

4. PERSONAL LEAVE

The provisions of this clause apply to permanent and fixed-term employees.

- (a) Amount of paid personal leave

- (i) Paid personal leave is available to an employee, when they are absent:

- (1) due to personal illness or injury; or

- (2) for the purposes of caring for an immediate family or household member who is sick and requires the employee's care and support or who requires care due to an unexpected emergency.

- (ii) An employee's personal leave entitlement is to be two weeks (76 hours for Fire Equipment Officers or 80 hours for non-rostered shift employees or 84 hours for rostered shift employees) full pay on appointment and an additional two weeks full pay credited on each subsequent anniversary of appointment.

- (iii) An employee on personal leave will have personal leave credits debited in proportion to the hours not worked.

- (b) Accumulation of personal leave

Any unused personal leave credit will be added to each annual personal leave entitlement.

- (c) The effect of workers compensation

The employee will not be entitled to personal leave for any period in respect of which the employee is entitled to worker's compensation.

- (d) Personal leave for personal injury or sickness

An employee is entitled to use the full amount of their personal leave entitlement including accrued leave for the purposes of personal illness or injury, subject to the conditions set out in this clause.

(e) Personal leave to care for an immediate family or household member

- (i) An employee is entitled to use up to 10 days personal leave, including accrued leave, each year to care for members of their immediate family or household who are sick and require care and support or who require care due to an unexpected emergency, subject to the conditions set out in this clause.
- (ii) Leave may be taken for part of a single day.
- (iii) By agreement between an employer and an individual employee, the employee may access an additional amount of their accrued personal leave for the purposes set out in subclause (e)(i), beyond the limit set out in subclause (e)(i). In such circumstances, the employer and the employee will agree upon the additional amount that may be accessed.

(f) Sole person accessing leave

In normal circumstances an employee must not take leave for caring purposes where another person has taken leave to care for the same person.

(g) Employee must give notice

- (i) An employee absent on personal leave for personal injury or sickness must inform the employer of the employee's inability to attend for duty, the nature of the injury or illness and the estimated duration of the absence. Wherever practicable advice of sickness should be provided before normal hours commence.
- (ii) An employee taking personal leave to care for members of their immediate family or household who are sick and require care and support, or who require care due to an unexpected emergency must where practicable, give the employer:
 - notice prior to the absence of the intention to take leave;
 - the name of the person requiring care and their relationship to the employee;
 - the reasons for taking such leave; and
 - the estimated length of absence.
- (iii) If it is not practicable for the employee to give prior notice of the absence, the employee must notify the employer by telephone of the employee's absence at the first opportunity on the day of absence.

(h) Evidence supporting claim

- (i) Subject to subclause 4(i) when taking leave for personal illness or injury the employee must provide a medical certificate from a registered medical practitioner of the employee's inability to attend work because of personal injury or illness.
- (ii) When taking leave to care for members of their immediate family or household who are sick and require care and support, the employee must, if required by the employer, establish by production of medical certificate from a registered medical practitioner or a statutory declaration, the illness of the person concerned and that such illness requires care by the employee.
- (iii) When taking leave to care for members of their immediate family or household who require care due to an unexpected emergency, the employee must, if required by the employer, establish by production of documentation acceptable to the employer or a statutory declaration, the nature of the emergency and that such emergency resulted in the person concerned requiring care by the employee.

(i) Days without medical certificate for personal injury or illness

In each personal leave year an employee is to be allowed three separate working days or nights personal leave for personal illness or injury from available credits without a medical certificate. The employee will provide to the employer a declaration of the reasons for the time off.

(j) Unpaid personal leave

Where an employee has exhausted all paid personal leave entitlements, they are entitled to take unpaid personal leave to care for members of their immediate family or household who are sick and require care and support or who require care due to an expected emergency. The employer and the employee will agree on the period. In the absence of agreement, the employee is entitled to take up to two working days per occasion, provided the requirements of subclauses 4(g) and 4(h) are met.

5. PARENTAL LEAVE

Subject to the terms of this clause employees are entitled to maternity, paternity and adoption leave and to work part-time in connection with the birth or adoption of a child.

(a) Definitions

For the purposes of this clause:

- (i) **Child** means a child of the employee under the age of one year except for adoption of a child where 'child' means a person under the age of five years

who is placed with the employee for the purposes of adoption other than a child or step child of the employee or of the spouse or a child who has previously lived continuously with the employee for a period of six months.

- (ii) **Continuous service** for the purposes of this clause, 'is work for an employer on a regular and systematic basis including any period of authorised leave or absence.
- (iii) **Employee** includes full time, part time, permanent, and fixed term employees.
- (iv) **Expected date of birth** means the day certified by a medical practitioner to be the day on which the medical practitioner expects the employee or the employee's spouse, as the case may be, to give birth to a child.
- (v) **Parental leave** means adoption leave, maternity leave, special maternity leave and paternity leave, as appropriate.
- (vi) **Spouse** means a person who is married and a person who is in a significant relationship within the meaning of the *Relationships Act 2003*.

A significant relationship is a relationship between two adult persons who:

- (1) have a relationship as a couple; and
 - (2) are not married to one another or related by family.
- (vii) **Primary care giver** means a person who assumes the principal role of providing care and attention to a child. The employer may require confirmation of primary care giver status.
 - (viii) **State Service** means an organisation listed in Schedule 1 of the *State Service Act 2000*.
 - (ix) **Normal rate of pay** means an employee's rate of salary exclusive of all work related allowances including shift allowances, allowances paid as a reimbursement of expenses and overtime payments.

(b) Entitlement

- (i) After 12 months continuous service parents are entitled to a combined period of up to 52 weeks unpaid parental leave on a shared basis in relation to the birth or adoption of a child. For females, maternity leave may be taken and for males paternity leave may be taken. Adoption leave may be taken in the case of adoption.
- (ii) Parental leave is available to only one parent at a time in a single unbroken period, except both parents are entitled to access simultaneous parental leave in the following circumstances:

- for maternity and paternity leave an unbroken period of up to one week at the time of the birth of the child;
- for adoption leave an unbroken period of up to three weeks at the time of placement of the child.

(c) Right to request

(i) An employee entitled to parental leave pursuant to the provisions of this clause may request the employer to allow the employee:

- to extend the period of simultaneous unpaid parental leave provided for in this clause up to a maximum of eight weeks; and/or
- to extend the period of unpaid parental leave provided for in this clause by a further continuous period of leave not exceeding 12 months;

to assist the employee in reconciling work and parental responsibilities.

(ii) The employer will consider a request, according to this clause and having regard to the employee's circumstances and, provided the request is genuinely based on the employee's parental responsibilities, may only refuse the request on reasonable grounds related to the effect on the workplace or the employer's business. Such grounds might include cost, lack of adequate replacement staff, loss of efficiency and the impact on customer service.

(d) An employee is eligible, without resuming duty, for subsequent periods of parental leave in accordance with the provisions of this clause.

(e) An employee employed for a fixed term contract will have the same entitlement to parental leave, however the period of leave granted will not extend beyond the term of that contract.

(f) Maternity Leave

(i) After twelve months continuous service an employee is entitled to 12 weeks paid maternity leave, which forms part of the 52 week entitlement provided in subclause 5(b)(i).

(ii) The rate of pay for the period of paid absence is the normal rate of pay, as defined, for that employee.

(iii) An employee must provide notice to the employer in advance of the expected date of commencement of parental leave. The notice requirements are:

- (1) at least ten weeks notice of the expected date of birth included in a certificate from a registered medical practitioner stating that the employee is pregnant;

- (2) at least four weeks notice of the date on which the employee proposes to commence maternity leave and the period of leave to be taken.
 - (iv) When the employee gives notice under subclause 5(f)(iii) the employee must also provide a statutory declaration stating particulars of any period of paternity leave sought or taken by her spouse and that for the period of maternity leave she will not engage in any conduct inconsistent with her contract of employment.
 - (v) An employee will not be in breach of this clause if failure to give the stipulated notice is occasioned by confinement occurring earlier than the presumed date.
 - (vi) Subject to subclause 5(b)(i) and unless agreed otherwise between the employer and employee, an employee may commence parental leave at any time within six weeks immediately prior to the expected date of birth.
 - (vii) Where an employee continues to work within the six week period immediately prior to the expected date of birth, or where the employee elects to return to work within six weeks after the birth of the child, an employer may require the employee to provide a medical certificate stating that she is fit to work on her normal duties.
 - (viii) Where a female employee is required to leave work earlier than 6 weeks before the expected date of birth, as certified by a registered medical practitioner, the 52 week entitlement, including 12 weeks paid maternity leave, commences from the date of certification.
- (g) Special Maternity Leave
- (i) Where an employee who has not yet commenced maternity leave suffers an illness related to her pregnancy or is required to undergo a pregnancy related medical procedure the employee may be granted any paid personal leave to which she is entitled and such further unpaid special maternity leave as a registered medical practitioner certifies as necessary before her return to work.
 - (ii) The aggregate of paid personal leave, special maternity leave and parental leave, including parental leave taken by a spouse, may not exceed 52 weeks.
 - (iii) Where the pregnancy of an employee terminates by the birth of a child or otherwise, not earlier than 20 weeks before the expected date of birth the employee is entitled to 52 weeks parental leave, including 12 weeks paid maternity leave, certified as necessary by a registered medical practitioner.
 - (iv) Where an employee is suffering from an illness not related to the direct consequences of the pregnancy, an employee may take any paid personal leave to which she is entitled in lieu of, or in addition to, special maternity leave.

(h) Paternity Leave

- (i) An employee will provide to the employer at least ten weeks prior to each proposed period of paternity leave, with:
 - (1) a certificate from a registered medical practitioner which names his spouse, states that she is pregnant and the expected date of confinement, or states the date on which the birth took place; and
 - (2) written notification of the dates on which he proposes to start and finish the period of paternity leave; and
 - (3) a statutory declaration stating:
 - (A) he will take that period of paternity leave to become the primary care-giver of a child;
 - (B) particulars of any period of maternity leave sought or taken by his spouse; and
 - (C) that for the period of paternity leave he will not engage in any conduct inconsistent with his contract of employment.
- (ii) The employee will not be in breach of subclause 5(h)(i) if the failure to give the required period of notice is because of the birth occurring earlier than expected, the death of the mother of the child, or other compelling circumstances.

(i) Adoption Leave

- (i) After twelve months continuous service an employee identified as the primary care giver will be entitled to 12 weeks paid adoption leave, which will form part of the 52 week entitlement.
- (ii) The employee will notify the employer at least ten weeks in advance of the date of commencement of adoption leave and the period of leave to be taken. An employee may commence adoption leave prior to providing such notice, where through circumstances beyond the control of the employee, the adoption of a child takes place earlier than expected.
- (iii) Before commencing adoption leave, an employee will provide the employer with a statutory declaration stating:
 - (1) the employee is seeking adoption leave to become the primary care-giver of the child;
 - (2) particulars of any period of adoption leave sought or taken by the employee's spouse; and

- (3) that for the period of adoption leave the employee will not engage in any conduct inconsistent with their contract of employment.
- (iv) An employer may require an employee to provide confirmation of the placement from the appropriate government authority.
- (v) Where the placement of a child for adoption with an employee does not proceed or continue, the employee will notify the employer immediately and the employer will nominate a time not exceeding four weeks from receipt of notification for the employee's return to work.
- (vi) An employee will not be in breach of this clause as a consequence of failure to give the stipulated periods of notice if such failure results from a requirement of an adoption agency to accept earlier or later placement of a child, the death of a spouse, or other compelling circumstances.
- (vii) An employee seeking to adopt a child is entitled to unpaid leave for the purpose of attending any compulsory interviews or examinations as are necessary as part of the adoption procedure. The employee and the employer should agree on the length of the unpaid leave. Where agreement cannot be reached, the employee is entitled to take up to two days unpaid leave. Where paid leave, other than personal leave, is available the employee may take such leave instead.
- (viii) Adoption leave with pay may be granted in cases where a child is over 5 years of age and special circumstances exist.
- (j) Variation of Period of Parental Leave

An employee may apply to their employer to shorten or extend the period of parental leave, with the agreement of the employer, provided the maximum of 52 weeks is not exceeded. Any such change to be notified at least four weeks prior to the commencement of the changed arrangements.

- (k) Parental Leave and other Entitlements
 - (i) An employee may in lieu of or in conjunction with parental leave, access any annual leave or long service leave entitlements, which they have accrued, subject to the total amount of leave not exceeding 52 weeks.
 - (ii) Unpaid leave
 - (1) A period of unpaid leave is available according to this clause and may form part of an employee's parental leave entitlement.
 - (2) Any period of unpaid parental leave in excess of 20 working days will be regarded as leave without pay and will not count as service for any purpose but does not break an employee's continuity of service.

- (3) A period of unpaid leave in excess of 20 working days temporarily suspends an employee's accrual of annual leave, personal leave and long service leave but does not affect an employee's entitlement to parental leave.
- (l) Transfer to a Safe Job
 - (i) Where an employee is pregnant and, in the opinion of a registered medical practitioner, illness or risks arising out of the pregnancy or hazards connected with the work assigned to the employee make it inadvisable for the employee to continue at her present work, the employee will, if the employer deems it practicable, be transferred to a safe job at the rate and on the conditions attaching to that job until the commencement of maternity leave.
 - (ii) If the transfer to a safe job is not practicable, the employee may elect, or the employer may require the employee to commence parental leave for such period as is certified necessary by a registered medical practitioner.
 - (m) Returning to Work after a Period of Parental Leave
 - (i) An employee will notify of their intention to return to work after a period of parental leave at least four weeks prior to the expiration of the leave.
 - (ii) An employee will notify of their intention to return to work on a part-time basis after a period of parental leave at least 8 weeks prior to the expiration of leave to enable the employer to satisfy the requirements of these provisions.
 - (iii) When an employee returns to work after a period of parental leave an employee will be entitled to undertake the duties allocated to the position which they held immediately before proceeding on parental leave and which the employee would have continued to undertake but for taking parental leave:
 - (1) if the female employee was moved to safe duties because of the pregnancy – immediately before the move; or
 - (2) if the female employee began working part-time because of the pregnancy – immediately before the part-time work began; or
 - (3) otherwise – immediately before the employee commenced maternity leave.
 - (iv) If those duties no longer exist, the employer must assign similar duties at the same classification, as appropriate, to the employee.

(n) Right to Request

- (i) An employee entitled to parental leave pursuant to the provisions of subclause 5(b)(i) may request the employer to allow the employee to return from a period of parental leave on a part-time basis until the child reaches school age to assist the employee in reconciling work and parental responsibilities.
- (ii) The employer will consider the request having regard to the employee's circumstances and, provided the request is genuinely based on the employee's parental responsibilities, may only refuse the request on reasonable grounds related to the effect on the workplace or the employer's business. Such grounds might include cost, lack of suitable replacement staff, loss of efficiency and effectiveness, the specialised nature of the work and the impact on customer service.
- (iii) An employee may return to work on a modified basis which may involve the employee working on different days or at different times, or both; or on fewer days or for fewer hours or both, than the employee worked immediately before commencing parental leave.
- (iv) For the purposes of this subclause due to operational and management requirements an employee employed in a senior management position may be reassigned duties in consultation with the employee, which the employee is suitable, qualified and competent to perform, at the same classification, as appropriate, to the employee.

(o) Replacement Employees

- (i) A replacement employee is an employee specifically engaged or promoted or transferred for a fixed-term as a result of another employee proceeding on parental leave.
- (ii) Prior to engagement, a replacement employee will be informed of the fixed-term nature of the employment and of the rights of the employee who is being replaced, including that the engagement may be subject to variation according to subclause 5(j) and the right to request provisions of sub-clause 5(c).
- (iii) Nothing in this subclause will be construed as requiring an employer to engage a replacement employee.

(p) Communication during Parental Leave

- (i) Where an employee is on parental leave and a definite decision has been made to introduce significant change at the workplace, the employer will take reasonable steps to:

- (1) make information available in relation to any significant effect the change will have on the status or responsibility level of the duties allocated to the position the employee held before commencing parental leave; and
 - (2) provide an opportunity for the employee to discuss any significant effect the change will have on the status or responsibility level of the duties allocated to the position the employee held before commencing parental leave.
- (ii) The employee will take reasonable steps to inform the employer about any significant matter that will affect the employee's decision regarding the duration of parental leave to be taken, whether the employee intends to return to work and whether the employee intends to request to return to work on a part-time basis.
 - (iii) The employee will also notify the employer of changes of address or other contact details, which might affect the employer's capacity to comply with subclause (p)(i) above.

PART VII - PROCEDURE FOR SETTLING GRIEVANCES AND AVOIDING DISPUTES

1. PROCEDURE FOR SETTLING GRIEVANCES AND AVOIDING DISPUTES

Should a grievance or industrial dispute arise, every effort is to be made to promptly resolve it according to the following procedure. Normal work is to continue while this procedure is being followed.

(a) Step 1

The employee(s) and the immediate supervisor are to discuss the matter. Either the employee(s) or the supervisor may have a witness involved in the discussion if desired. In the case of the employee(s), the desired witness may be a workplace union representative.

(b) Step 2

If the matter is not resolved, the employee(s) and supervisor are to refer the matter to the appropriate District Officer or unit manager. A workplace representative, the Union Secretary or other agent chosen by the employee(s) may also be involved if requested. The Union Secretary or agent must become involved if requested by the District Officer.

(c) Step 3

Should the matter remain unresolved, it is to be referred in writing by the District Officer or unit manager to the appropriate Brigade Chief or Head of Division who is to have further discussions involving the Union Secretary or agent chosen by the employee.

Either party may refer a matter of statewide significance to the State Consultative Committee at the conclusion of this stage.

(d) Step 4

Should the matter remain unresolved, it is to be referred in writing to the Deputy Chief Officer who is to have further discussions involving the Union Secretary or agent chosen by the employee.

(e) Step 5

Should the matter still remain unresolved, either party may refer the matter to the Tasmanian Industrial Commission for conciliation and/or arbitration.

PART VIII – TRANSLATION

1. TRANSLATION

Permanent employees occupying the positions, the titles of which appear below, as at the beginning of the first full pay period that commenced on or after 5 March 2009, whose positions require them to carry out work which can be defined in accordance with the classifications defined in Part II, Clause 3(m) of this award, are to have their positions translated to the appropriate classification and are to be translated to the appropriate salary point as set out in the table below.

Position Title	Old Classification	Previous Salary \$	New Classification	New Translated Salary \$
Fire Safety Auditor	Community Fire Safety Officer Level 1	48,359	Community Fire Safety Officer 1	57,467
Instructor	Community Fire Safety Officer Level 2	52,094	Community Fire Safety Officer 2	63,164
Consultant Building Safety	Community Fire Safety Officer Level 3	55,810	Community Fire Safety Officer 3	69,022

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