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**TASMANIAN INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION**

Industrial Relations Act 1984  
s23 application for an award or variation of an award

**Tasmanian Trades and Labor Council**  
(T5985 of 1995)

**Australian Municipal, Administrative, Clerical and Services Union**  
(T6107 of 1996)

**TEXTILE AWARD**

FULL BENCH:

PRESIDENT F D WESTWOOD  
DEPUTY PRESIDENT A ROBINSON  
COMMISSIONER P A IMLACH

8 May 1996

Award variation - nominated private and public sector awards - "Supported Wage System" - application approved - orders to issue - operative from 23 February 96

Award variation - vary meal allowance by deleting existing amount and inserting \$9.25 - application approved - orders to issue operative from the ffpp on or after 22 March 1996

**ORDER BY CONSENT:-**

**No.1 of 1996**

AMEND THE **TEXTILE AWARD** IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:

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**1. Insert into Clause 8 - Wage Rates, a new Division D - Supported Wage System, as follows:**

**"DIVISION D - SUPPORTED WAGE SYSTEM**

(a) Eligibility criteria

Subject to this division an employer may engage employees at a supported wage rate (as set out in subclause (c) of this division) who meet the impairment criteria for receipt of a Disability Support Pension and who, because of their disability, are unable to perform the range of duties to the competence level normally required for the class of work for which they are engaged.

**PROVIDED** that this division does not apply to any existing employee who has a claim against the employer which is subject to the provisions of workers' compensation legislation or any provision of this award relating to the rehabilitation of employees who are injured in the course of their current employment.

**PROVIDED FURTHER** that this division does not apply to employers in respect of their facility, programme, undertaking, service or the like which receives funding under the Disability Services Act 1986 and fulfils the dual role of service provider and sheltered employer to people with disabilities who are in receipt of or are eligible for a disability support pension, except with respect to an organisation which has received recognition under s.10 or under s.12A of the above Act, or if a part only has received recognition, that part.

(b) For the purposes of this division:

- (i) **"Supported Wage System"** means the Commonwealth Government System to promote employment for people who cannot work at full award wages because of a disability.
- (ii) **"Accredited Assessor"** means a person accredited by the management unit established by the Commonwealth under the Supported Wage System to perform assessments of an individual's productive capacity within the Supported Wage System.
- (iii) **"Disability Support Pension"** means the pension available under the Commonwealth pension scheme to provide income security for persons with a disability as provided under the Social Security Act 1991, as amended from time to time, or any successor to that scheme.
- (iv) **"Assessment instrument"** means the form provided for under the Supported Wage System that records the assessment of the productive capacity of the person to be employed under the Supported Wage System.

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(c) Supported wage rates

Employees to whom this division applies shall be paid the applicable percentage of the minimum rate of pay prescribed by this award for the class of work which the person is performing according to the following schedule:

Assessed capacity (subclause (d))	% of prescribed award rate
10%	10%
20%	20%
30%	30%
40%	40%
50%	50%
60%	60%
70%	70%
80%	80%
90%	90%

(Provided that the minimum amount payable shall be not less than \$45 per week.)

(d) Assessment of capacity

For the purpose of establishing the percentage of the award rate to be paid to a supported wage employee under this award, the productive capacity of the employee will be assessed in accordance with the Supported Wage System and documented in an assessment instrument by either:

- (i) the employer and a union party to the award, in consultation with the employee or, if desired by any of these;
- (ii) the employer and an accredited Assessor from a panel agreed by the parties to the award and the employee.

(e) Lodgment of assessment instrument

- (i) All assessment instruments under the conditions of this division, including the appropriate percentage of the award wage to be paid to the employee, shall be lodged by the employer with the Registrar of the Tasmanian Industrial Commission.
- (ii) All assessment instruments shall be agreed and signed by the parties to the assessment, provided that where a union which is party to the award, is not a party to the assessment, it shall be referred by the Registrar of the Tasmanian Industrial Commission to the union by certified mail and shall take effect unless an objection is notified to the Registrar of the Tasmanian Industrial Commission within 10 working days.

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(f) Review of assessment

The assessment of the applicable percentage shall be subject to annual review or earlier on the basis of a reasonable request for such a review. The process of review shall be in accordance with the procedures for assessing capacity under the Supported Wage System.

(g) Other terms and conditions of employment

Where an assessment has been made, the applicable percentage shall apply to the wage rate only. Employees covered by the supported wage provisions of this division shall be entitled to the same terms and conditions of employment as all other workers covered by this award who are paid on a pro rata basis.

(h) Workplace adjustment

An employer wishing to employ a person under the provisions of this division shall take reasonable steps to make changes in the workplace to enhance the employee's capacity to do the job. Changes may involve re-design of job duties, working time arrangements and work organisation in consultation with other workers in the area.

(i) Trial Period

- (i) In order for an adequate assessment of the employee's capacity to be made, an employer may employ a person under the provisions of this division for a trial period not exceeding 12 weeks, except that in some cases additional work adjustment time (not exceeding 4 weeks) may be needed.
- (ii) During that trial period the assessment of capacity shall be undertaken and the proposed wage rate for a continuing employment relationship shall be determined in accordance with subclauses (d) and (e).
- (iii) The minimum amount payable to the employee during the trial period shall be no less than \$45 per week or such greater amount as is agreed from time to time between the parties.
- (iv) Work trials should include induction or training as appropriate to the job being trialed.
- (v) Where the employer and employee wish to establish a continuing employment relationship following the completion of the trial period, a further contract of employment shall be entered into based on the outcome of assessment under subclause (c) hereof."

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**2. Delete from Clause 31 - Tea Money, subclause (a) and insert in lieu thereof the following:**

“(a) An employee who has worked six or more hours during ordinary time and who is required to work overtime for more than one and a half hours shall either be supplied with an adequate meal by the employer or be paid \$9.25 meal money.”

**3. Delete from Clause 51 - Overtime, subclause (c)(i) and insert in lieu thereof the following:**

“(c) (i) Employees required to work overtime for more than 2 hours without being notified on the previous working day or earlier, that they will be required to work, shall be paid a meal allowance of \$9.25 for each subsequent meal. Where the employee so requests, such payment shall be made before the overtime is worked. If the notice is given and overtime is not worked (except as a result of a breakdown in machinery or plant, or due to reasons beyond the control of the employer), the meal allowance prescribed herein shall be paid.”

**OPERATIVE DATE**

These variations shall come into effect as follows:

- (a) Clause 8 - Wage Rates - 23 February 1996; and
- (b) Clause 31 - Tea Money and Clause 51 - Overtime - the first full pay period to commence on or after 22 March 1996.

P A Imlach  
**COMMISSIONER**

8 May 1996