

TRADE BOARDS ACTS, 1909 AND 1918.

DRESSMAKING AND WOMEN'S LIGHT CLOTHING TRADE BOARD  
(ENGLAND AND WALES).

PROPOSAL TO VARY MINIMUM RATES OF WAGES FOR FEMALE WORKERS IN  
THE RETAIL BESPOKE DRESSMAKING BRANCH OF THE TRADE.

In accordance with Regulations made under Section 18 of the Trade Boards Act, 1909, by the Minister of Labour, and dated 31st October, 1918, the Trade Board established in England and Wales under the Trade Boards Act, 1918, and the Trade Boards (Women's Clothing) Order, 1919 (as varied by the Trade Boards (Shirtmaking) Order, 1920) for Dressmaking and the Making of Women's Light Clothing as defined in the Regulations made by the Minister of Labour and dated 24th November, 1919, HEREBY GIVE NOTICE, as required by Section 3 (5) of the Trade Boards Act, 1918, that they PROPOSE TO VARY the General Minimum Time-Rates, Piece-Work Basis Time Rates and Overtime Rates for Female Workers employed in the Retail Bespoke Dressmaking branch of the Trade, set out in the Schedule to their Notice W.D. (6) dated 8th July, 1921, and effective under an Order of the Minister of Labour dated 14th July, 1921, so that, in lieu of such Minimum Rates of Wages, the General Minimum Time-Rates, Piece-Work Basis Time-Rates and Overtime-Rates for Female Workers employed in the Retail Bespoke Dressmaking branch of the Trade shall be as set out in the Schedule below.

The Minister of Labour has given his consent to the issue of this Notice of Proposal.

SCHEDULE.

PART I.

PROPOSED VARIATION OF GENERAL MINIMUM TIME-RATES FOR FEMALE  
WORKERS IN THE RETAIL BESPOKE DRESSMAKING BRANCH OF THE TRADE  
(as defined in Part V of this Schedule).

SECTION I.—General Minimum Time-Rates at present in force:—

(1) Fully qualified or senior bodice, skirt, gown, or blouse hands, that is, workers of 21 years of age and over:—

Per hour.

(a) Who have fulfilled the learnership conditions set out in paragraph 4 (c) below, and have had not less than three years' subsequent experience in the retail bespoke dressmaking branch of the trade: and

(b) Who take bodices, skirts, gowns or blouses direct from the fitter in any establishment in which a fitter who does no making up is employed, and make them up without supervision other than the general supervision of the fitter or of the workroom foreman or forewoman ... .. 10½d.

(2) Qualified or junior bodice, skirt, gown or blouse hands—that is, workers of 19 years of age and over:—

(a) Who have fulfilled the learnership conditions set out in paragraph 4 (c) below, and have had not less than one year's subsequent experience in the retail bespoke dressmaking branch of the trade: and

(b) Who take bodices, skirts, gowns or blouses direct from the fitter in any establishment in which a fitter who does no making up is employed, and make them up under the supervision of the fitter or the workroom foreman or forewoman ... 9½d.

(3) (i) All other female workers (except learners and home-workers) employed in the retail bespoke dressmaking branch of the trade .. .. 8½d.

(ii) Homeworkers employed in the retail bespoke dressmaking branch of the trade 8½d.

(4) Learners (as defined in Part IV):—

	Learners commencing employment in the Retail Bespoke Dressmaking Branch of the trade at:—								
	14 and under 15 years of age.		15 and under 16 years of age.		16 years of age and over.				
	Column I.		Column II.		Column III.				
	Per week of 48 hours.	Per hour.	Per week of 48 hours.	Per hour.	Per week of 48 hours.	Per hour.			
During the 1st 6 months of employment in the Retail Bespoke Dressmaking Trade ... ..	s.	d.	d.	s.	d.	d.	s.	d.	d.
	6	0	i.e. 11½	7	0	i.e. 13¼	8	0	i.e. 2
2nd " " " " ...	8	0	" 2	11	0	" 2¾	15	0	" 3¾
3rd " " " " ...	11	0	" 2¾	15	0	" 3¾	22	0	" 5½
4th " " " " ...	14	0	" 3½	20	0	" 5	29	0	" 7½
5th " " " " ...	17	6	" 4¾	24	0	" 6			
6th " " " " ...	21	0	" 5½	29	0	" 7½			
7th " " " " ...	25	0	" 6½						
8th " " " " ...	29	0	" 7½						