

The following summary shows the minimum wage-rates as at 31st May, 1939, fixed by awards and agreements in a number of the principal industries:—

(Where there is no Dominion award or agreement in operation Wellington rates have been taken.)

Industry.	Rate.	Weekly Hours.
Bakers	£5 15s. per week	44
Biscuit and confectionery workers—		
Adult male	£4 8s. to £4 12s. 6d. per week	40
Adult female	£2 9s. per week	40
Boot operatives—		
Adult male	2s. 3½d. per hour	40
Adult female	1s. 3½d. per hour	40
Bricklayers	2s. 10½d. per hour	40
Butchers (retail shops)	£5 3s. 6d. to £6 5s. per week ..	44
Carpenters and joiners	2s. 9½d. per hour	40
Clerical workers—		
Adult male	£5 10s. per week	} Those of establishment.
Adult female	£3 5s. per week	
Clothing-trade employees—		
Adult male	£4 12s. 6d. per week	40
Adult female	£2 10s. per week	40
Coachworkers	2s. 9d. per hour	40
Cheese- and butter-factory employees	£4 10s. to £5 14s. per week ..	Butter : 40, 44, or 48, according to season of year. Cheese : 38, 44, or 52, according to season of year.
Drivers—		
(a) Motor	£4 16s. to £5 8s. per week ..	44
(b) Horse	£4 13s. for one horse, £4 16s. for two horses, and 6d. per day extra for each horse above two	44
(c) Passenger transport	£5 10s. per week	88 per fortnight. Omnibus-drivers, 80.
Electrical workers	2s. 9d. per hour	40
Engine-drivers, firemen, and greasers—		
Drivers, 1st Class Certificate	£5 5s. per week	40
Drivers, 2nd Class Certificate	£5 per week	40
Firemen and greasers	£4 15s. per week	40
Engineering-trade employees	2s. 4½d. to 2s. 11d. per hour ..	40
Furniture-trade employees—		
Males	2s. 4½d. to 2s. 9d. per hour ..	40
Grocers' assistants	£5 2s. 6d. per week	44
Hairdressers	£5 7s. 6d. per week	44
Labourers	2s. 4d. to 2s. 7d. per hour ..	40
Motor-engineering-trade employees	2s. 5s. to 2s. 11d. per hour ..	40
Painters and decorators	2s. 9d. per hour	40
Plasterers	2s. 10½d. per hour	40
Plumbers	2s. 9d. per hour	40
Printers' machinists, &c.	£4 10s. to £5 7s. 6d. per week of 40 hours	..
Shop assistants—		
Adult males	£5 2s. 6d. per week	44
Adult females	£2 17s. 6d. per week	44
Storemen and packers—		
Wholesale	£4 10s. per week	40
Oil-stores	£4 12s. 6d. per week	40
Wool, grain, &c., stores	£4 12s. 6d. per week	40
Timber-yards and sawmills employees	2s. 4d. to 2s. 10d. per hour ..	40
Tramway employees—		
Motormen (after first year)	2s. 6½d. per hour	40
Conductors (after first year)	2s. 4d. per hour	40
Conductors (after fifth year)	2s. 4½d. per hour	40
Motor-bus drivers	2s. 6½d. per hour	40
Typographers	£4 4s. to £5 10s. per week of 40 hours	..
Warehouse employees	£5 per week	42
Woollen-mills employees—		
Adult males	2s. 4d. to 2s. 9d. per hour ..	40
Adult females	1s. 3d. per hour	40

The industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Act, 1936, provides for the fixing in awards of maximum working-hours, exclusive of overtime, not exceeding forty per week, except where the Court is satisfied that it would be impracticable to carry on efficiently any industry if the hours were so limited. A further provision is that where the Court fixes the maximum weekly hours at not more than forty Saturday work is to be eliminated where practicable. In respect of awards in operation at the date hereof the following tables set out the industries or occupations in which the hours are fixed at forty per week, also where the hours fixed exceed forty, and where Saturday work is permitted.