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PART I: SECTION (I) – GENERAL

Government Notifications

THE WAGES BOARDS ORDINANCE

Notice

WAGES BOARDS FOR TEXTILE MANUFACTURING TRADE

IT is hereby notified under the Section 29(3) of the Wages Boards Ordinance, that the decisions which were made by the Wages Board for Textile Manufacturing Trade under the provisions of the Wages Boards Ordinance (Chapter 136) and given in the Schedule hereto, were approved by the Hon. Minister of Labour.

These decisions shall come into effect from the 28th day of April, 2026.

S. M. PIYATHISSA,
Secretary,
Ministry of Labour.

“Mehewara Piyesa”,
Colombo 05.
28th April, 2026



SCHEDULE

Although determinations in Part II of the Schedule of the notification made by the Wages Board for the Textile Manufacturing Trade was published in the *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 14955/19 of 29th April, 1971, it was varied time to time and last varied by the notification published in the *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 2261/75 of 07th January, 2022 and it is further varied by adding new part for Part II of the said schedule and further varied as follows:

PART II

Classes of Workers

Grade I (Skilled):

Designers, Engravers, Fancy Jobbers (Weaving), Front Sizers, Fitters, Carding, Speed Frame, Spinning, Winding, Wrapping, Sizing, Weaving.

Head Jobbers:

Speed Frame, Spinning, Weaving.

Jobbers:

Finishing, Sizing, Combing, Carding

Line Jobbers:

Weaving.

Grade II (Skilled):

Beam Gaiters, Jobbers, Ware House, Printing, Dyeing, Bleaching, Doubling, Winding, Wrapping, Drawing, Mixing and Blow Room.

Jobber Assistants:

Carding.

Line Jobbers:

Spinning, Speed Frame, Smash hands, Weavers.

Semi-skilled:

Balers (bounding and bailing), Banders, Bundlers, Calender men, Carpenters, Chemical workers, Cooling plant Workers, Counters.

Thread Cutters:

Rollers, Creed Boys (Warping), Cutters.

Card:

Cut-lookers/Head cut-lookers, Doffers, Doublers, Drawers-in-Dressers.

Yarn:

Yarn Drying, Range-men, Dyeing men - cheese and beam.

Gaugers:

Spindle, Examiners - first peace Cloth, Fitters, Assistant Grinders - Card Flat, Hydro Extractor men.

Jobbers Doffing:

Jigger-men, Kanganies, Kiemen, Machine Attendants, Tubuler Banding Machine-men.

Machine-men:

Engaging, Combing, Cropping and Shearing, Paddling, Printing, Ribbon lap, Soaping.

Machine-Women:

Bed Spread.

Merceriser-men, Mixers:

Colour, Size.

Roacher, Realers, Repairers:

Combing, Needle, Flange, Heald and reed, Spindle, Shuttle tongue, Samplers, Sanforiser-men, Screen-makers, Screen Printers, Setters.

Card:

Sewing-men, Singing and Design-men, Sizers - back, Sley-makers.

Sley Makers Splinters:

Mulering, Stenter-men, Tape-tenders, Card Drawing, Inter-roving, Simplex Slubbing, Waste Card.

Vatmen:

Hand bleaching, Cotton Dyeing, Hand Dyeing.

Winders:

Automatic prin gray, Cheese Cone, Doubler, Universal prim wrapping boys (spinning).

Unskilled:

Back Fitters – Balers (Warehouse), Bale-makers, Bailing Ckeckers, Battery Fillers, Carriers, Beams, Bobbing, Cotton, Doff, Lap, Tallyboard.

Cleaners:

Room read, Cloth pilers, Creel boys (Carpet Section), Outdoor loop Fly gatherers, Folders Greese, Hand. Helpers, Labourers, Machine-men, Ginning, Willows, Blending, Washing. Number Markers/Workers, Oilers, Packers.

Waste Pickers, Plailers:

Front/Back
Roller covers assistant, Roving waste openers.
Seed Collectors and Packers.

Skewer-repalrers:

Sley makers-assistants.

Assistant (Stamping and Boundingmen, Stitchers):

Bag-belt Strippers, scurtcheremen, Sweepers, Thread-extract-men, Weighters/Scalemen-prin
Winder (Carpet Section), Yarn conditioners cum Distributors.

Minimum Rates of Wages per month

<i>Year of Employment</i>	<i>Unskilled Rs. Cts.</i>	<i>Semi Skilled Rs. Cts.</i>	<i>Skilled Grade II Rs. Cts.</i>	<i>Skilled Grade I Rs. Cts.</i>
1 st Year	30,000.00	30,525.00	31,050.00	31,575.00
2 nd Year	30,200.00	30,750.00	31,300.00	31,850.00
3 rd Year	30,400.00	30,975.00	31,550.00	32,125.00
4 th Year	30,600.00	31,200.00	31,800.00	32,400.00
5 th Year	30,800.00	31,425.00	32,050.00	32,675.00
6 th Year	31,000.00	31,650.00	32,300.00	32,950.00
7 th Year	31,200.00	31,875.00	32,550.00	33,225.00
8 th Year	31,400.00	32,100.00	32,800.00	33,500.00
9 th Year	31,600.00	32,325.00	33,050.00	33,775.00
10 th Year	31,800.00	32,550.00	33,300.00	34,050.00