

16 GEO. V. No. 5, 1925. *Basic Wage Act.*

**An Act relating to the Basic Wage for Employees
who are Governed by Awards or Industrial
Agreements.**

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No. 5.
THE BASIC
WAGE ACT
OF 1925.

[ASSENTED TO 28TH SEPTEMBER, 1925.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Queensland in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as "*The Basic Wage Act of 1925*," and shall be read as one with *"*The Industrial Arbitration Acts, 1916 to 1924*," and any Act amending the same, herein collectively referred to as the Principal Act. Short title

2. (1.) It is hereby enacted and declared that on and from the date of the passing of this Act and so long as this Act remains in force the declarations of the Court, made in pursuance of section nine of the Principal Act on the fifteenth day of February, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one, and the eleventh day of November, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one, and published in the *Gazette* on the twenty-fourth day of February, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one, and the twenty-fourth day of November, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one, respectively (which said declarations are herein collectively referred to as the "basic wage declaration"), shall, notwithstanding any award or declaration of the Court to the contrary made before the date of the passing of this Act, be and remain in full force and effect and (subject nevertheless to the terms, provisions, conditions, and discretions in the basic wage declaration set forth) the minimum rate of wages to be paid to male employees and female employees respectively who are governed and bound by awards or industrial agreements having the effect of awards in and for the several divisions, districts, and localities, of the State, shall be the basic wage declared for male employees and female employees respectively in and for the said several divisions, districts and localities by the Declaration of basic wage.

* 7 Geo. V. No. 16, *supra*, page 7538; 14 Geo. V. No. 10, *supra*, page 10587; 15 Geo. V. No. 25, *supra*, page 11052; and 16 Geo. V. No. 13, *supra*, page 11296.

basic wage declaration or fixed and declared by the Court pursuant to the provisions of the basic wage declaration.

Effect of
declaration.

(2.) The foregoing provisions of this section shall be observed by all persons concerned and shall so far as are necessary have the same effect as if the same were a declaration by the Court under section nine of the Principal Act made and coming into force on the date of the passing of this Act.

Revision of
awards.

(3.) It shall be the duty of the Court forthwith to revise every subsisting award and industrial agreement having the effect of an award which was made or entered into having regard to any declaration of the Court varying the basic wage declaration and which in the opinion of the Court it is necessary to revise so as to make the same conformable with the basic wage declaration.

Such revision may be made either upon application by the parties, or by the Court of its own motion upon notice to the parties as the Court thinks proper in the public interest and in every case shall be made so as to take effect on and from the date of the passing of this Act.

Duration of
Act.

3. This Act shall remain in force for a period of twelve months after the date of the passing of this Act and thereafter until the coming into force of any declaration of the Court in variance of the provisions of subsection one of the last preceding section made in pursuance of section nine of the Principal Act after the expiration of the said period of twelve months.