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ROAD TRANSPORT (LONG DISTANCE OPERATIONS) AWARD 2010

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This is the new modern award applicable to employers in the long distance sector (as defined) of the transport industry. **These new rates and allowances apply from the first pay period commencing on or after 1 July 2012.**

NB: A grade 4 under this award is the same as a Grade 6 under the Road Transport & Distribution Award 2010 – that is, both refer to the driver of a 6 axle semi trailer.

MINIMUM WEEKLY WAGE RATES

Grade 1 **\$666.70**

(Range of capacity up to 8 tonne)

Driver of two axle rigid vehicle up to 13.9 tonne GVM

Grade 2 **\$678.90**

(Range of capacity over 8 tonne not exceeding 12 tonne)

Driver of 3 axle rigid vehicle exceeding 13.9 tonne GVM

Grade 3 **\$687.10**

(Range of capacity exceeding 12 tonne)

Driver of 4 axle rigid vehicle exceeding 13.9 tonne GVM

Driver of rigid vehicle and heavy trailer combinations with a GCM of 22.4 tonne or less

Driver of articulated vehicle with a GCM of 22.4 tonne or less

Grade 4 **\$695.20**

(Range of capacity up to 24 tonne)

Driver of rigid vehicle and heavy combination with a GCM greater than 22.4 tonne but not exceeding 42.5 tonne

Driver of articulated vehicle with a GCM greater than 22.4 tonne

Driver of a low loader (as defined) with a GCM up to and including 43 tonne

Grade 5 **\$705.50**

Driver of double articulated vehicle up to and including 53.4 tonne GCM (includes B-Doubles)

Driver of a low loader (as defined) with a GCM exceeding 43 tonne

Grade 6 **\$725.80**

Driver of a rigid vehicle and trailer(s) or double articulated vehicle with GCM over 53.4 tonne (including B-Doubles)

Multi-axle trailing equipment up to 70 tonne capacity

Grade 7 **\$738.00**

Driver of road train or triple articulated vehicle exceeding 94 tonne GCM

Grade 8 **\$756.20**

Multi-axle trailing equipment

LONG DISTANCE OPERATION

The essential elements that constitute a long distance operation are either:

- a point to point return journey exceeding 500 kilometres or
- an interstate operation that must exceed 200 kilometres for any single point to point journey.

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If a road transport journey does not involve **one of the above elements**, then it will **not be a long distance operation** as defined, in which case the Road Transport and Distribution Award 2010 will apply.

WAGE RATES

An employee engaged in a long distance operation shall be paid for all driving time:

- either by an **hourly rate** or **cents per kilometer (cpk)** rate
- the employer can nominate the method of payment at the commencement of employment
- the method of payment can be changed with 4 weeks notice
- where no method is nominated the cents per kilometer rate shall apply

A. Cents per kilometer – Distances are at Appendix A

Where cpk is the nominated payment method, an employee is paid

- An amount calculated by multiplying the number of kilometers travelled by the wage rate per kilometer as detailed in the schedule of agreed distances
- the rate or allowance for any loading and unloading duties
- the living away from home allowance, if relevant

B. Hourly rate – Designated driving hours are in Appendix B

Where the hourly rate is the nominated payment method, an employee is paid an amount calculated by multiplying the hourly rate by:-

- the designated number of hours for each trip in Appendix B overleaf, or
- if the trip is not designated in Appendix B, then payment must be for actual hours worked or
- the hours listed for each trip in an Accredited Fatigue Management Plan (FMP)
- the rate or allowances for any loading or unloading duties
- the living away from home allowance, if relevant

The minimum wage rates from the first pay period on or after 1 July 2012 shall be:-

Grade	Minimum cents per kilometre	Minimum per hour
1	34.67	\$26.00
2	35.30	\$26.48
3	35.73	\$26.80
4	36.15	\$27.11
5	36.69	\$27.51
6	37.74	\$28.31
7	38.38	\$28.78
8	39.32	\$29.49

INDUSTRY DISABILITY ALLOWANCE

The rates prescribed above by this Award are inclusive of a 30% loading on the ordinary rate, which includes an industry disability allowance to compensate for the following:

- shift work and related conditions
- necessity to work during weekends
- lack of normal depot facilities, e.g. lunch room, wash rooms, toilets, tea making facilities
- necessity to eat at roadside fast food outlets
- absence of normal resting facilities and normal bed at night
- additional hazards arising from driving long distances at night and alone
- handling of dirty material
- handling money
- extra responsibility associated with arranging loads, purchasing spare parts, tyres etc
- irregular starting and finishing times
- work in rain

LOADING & UNLOADING

Where an employee is engaged in loading and unloading duties, that employee shall be paid for such duties at an hourly rate calculated by dividing the weekly award rate prescribed by Clause 13 by 40 and multiplying by 1.3 (Industry Disability Allowance), provided that a minimum payment of one hour loading and one hour unloading per trip shall be made where an employee performs loading and unloading duties.

LIVING AWAY FROM HOME ALLOWANCE

An employee engaged in ordinary traveling on duty or on work on which the employee is unable to return home at night shall be paid such personal expenses as are reasonably incurred in traveling, which shall not be less than the sum **\$34.55** for each actual night spent away from home. Provided that where the employer provides suitable accommodation away from the vehicle the employee shall not be entitled to the said allowance.

OTHER ALLOWANCES

- Any employee required to drive a motor vehicle which is in excess of the limit in length prescribed by or under any State or Commonwealth Act shall receive an additional **\$3.06** per day or part thereof
- Any employee required to drive a motor vehicle which is in excess of 3.5 metres in width or transport a load in excess of that width shall receive an additional **\$3.06** per day or part thereof
- **local driver allowance** (cl 20.4) **\$8.62**, per occasion (ie transferring between LD and local awards)
- any employee who is a **recognized livestock carter**, carting livestock as defined - **\$16.82** per week
- any employee who is a **recognized furniture carter**, carting furniture as defined - **\$16.82** per week
- **a casual employee** shall receive an allowance of 15% when driving on the cpk or hourly rates and 25% when loading/unloading. A casual employee MUST receive a minimum payment of 500 ks or 8 hours as per the method of payment.
- **Any work diary must be paid for by the employer, either directly or via reimbursement.**

DANGEROUS GOODS ALLOWANCE

- A driver engaged in the transport of bulk dangerous goods or carting explosives in conformity with the Australian explosives code by public road shall receive an allowance of **\$15.80** per day. Bulk Dangerous Goods are those goods defined as such in the Australian Dangerous Goods Code as amended from time to time
- A driver engaged in the transport of packaged dangerous goods which require placarding by public road shall receive an allowance of **\$6.60** per day. Packaged goods which require placarding are those goods defined as such in the Australian Dangerous Goods Code as amended from time to time

ANNUAL LEAVE

A copy of the clause detailing payment obligations when an employee is on annual leave is reproduced below:

- a. "Before going on annual leave, an employee must be paid wages calculated in accordance with subclause b, for the period of leave the employee takes.
- b. The wages referred to in subclause a will be calculated to include the following:
 1. A proportion of the applicable minimum weekly rate prescribed by clause **Error! Reference source not found.** which corresponds to the amount of leave taken, and
 2. An additional loading of 30%. The loading prescribed by this subclause will not apply to proportionate leave on termination.

APPENDIX A - Schedule of agreed distances

The following schedule shows the agreed distances for long distance journeys between the listed centres. Where an employee performs a journey and that journey is specified in this schedule, the number of kilometres is deemed to be the number indicated in the schedule for that journey.

From/To	Route	Kilometres
Sydney/Brisbane	New England Highway	950
Sydney/Melbourne	Hume Highway	858
Sydney/Adelaide	Bathurst/Sturt Highway	1367
Sydney/Perth	Broken Hill	4044
Sydney/Darwin	Charleville/Dubbo	3987
Melbourne/Brisbane	Newell Highway	1682
Melbourne/Sydney	Hume Highway	858
Melbourne/Adelaide	Dukes/Western Highway	731
Melbourne/Perth	Western/Eyre Highway	3407
Melbourne/Darwin	Stuart/Western Highway	3749
Adelaide/Brisbane	Broken Hill/Newell Highway	2015
Adelaide/Sydney	Bathurst/Sturt Highway	1367
Adelaide/Perth	Eyre Highway	2677
Adelaide/Melbourne	Dukes/Western Highway	731
Adelaide/Darwin	Stuart Highway	3019
Brisbane/Sydney	New England	950
Brisbane/Melbourne	Pacific/Hume Highway	1790
Brisbane/Adelaide	Broken Hill/Newell Highway	2015
Brisbane/Perth	New England/Newell/Barrier	4314
Brisbane/Darwin	Roma	3417
Perth/Adelaide	Eyre Highway	2677
Perth/Melbourne	Western/Eyre Highway	3407
Perth/Sydney	Broken Hill	4044
Perth/Brisbane	New England/Newell/Barrier	4314
Perth/Darwin	North West Coastal	4027
Darwin/Brisbane	Roma	3417
Darwin/Sydney	Charleville/Dubbo	3978
Darwin/Melbourne	Stuart/Western Highway	3749
Darwin/Adelaide	Stuart Highway	3019
Darwin/Perth	North West Coastal	4027

APPENDIX B - Schedule of agreed driving hours

The following schedule shows the agreed driving hours for Grade 4 long distance journeys between the listed centres, as referred to in clause .

From/To	Route	Driving hours
Sydney/Brisbane	New England Highway	11.6
Sydney/Melbourne	Hume Highway	10.5
Sydney/Adelaide	Bathurst/Sturt Highway	16.7
Sydney/Perth	Broken Hill	47.6
Sydney/Darwin	Charleville/Dubbo	46.8
Melbourne/Brisbane	Newell Highway	18.5
Melbourne/Sydney	Hume Highway	10.5
Melbourne/Adelaide	Dukes/Western Highway	8.9
Melbourne/Perth	Western/Eyre Highway	40.0
Melbourne/Darwin	Stuart/Western Highway	44.1
Adelaide/Brisbane	Broken Hill/Newell Highway	24.6
Adelaide/Sydney	Bathurst/Sturt Highway	16.7
Adelaide/Perth	Eyre Highway	31.5
Adelaide/Melbourne	Dukes/Western Highway	8.9
Adelaide/Darwin	Stuart Highway	35.5
Brisbane/Sydney	New England	11.6
Brisbane/Melbourne	Pacific/Hume Highway	21.8
Brisbane/Adelaide	Broken Hill/Newell Highway	24.6
Brisbane/Perth	New England/Newell/Barrier	50.7
Brisbane/Darwin	Roma	40.2
Perth/Adelaide	Eyre Highway	31.5
Perth/Melbourne	Western/Eyre Highway	40.0
Perth/Sydney	Broken Hill	47.6
Perth/Brisbane	New England/Newell/Barrier	50.7
Perth/Darwin	North West Coastal	47.4
Darwin/Brisbane	Roma	40.2
Darwin/Sydney	Charleville/Dubbo	46.8
Darwin/Melbourne	Stuart/Western Highway	44.1
Darwin/Adelaide	Stuart Highway	35.5
Darwin/Perth	North West Coastal	47.4

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