

**MERAKIS ENTERPRISES PTY LTD,  
ANMF and HSU  
ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT 2023**

## ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT

### PART A – APPLICATION AND OPERATION

#### 1 TITLE

This Agreement shall be called the *Merakis Enterprises Pty Ltd, ANMF and HSU Enterprise Agreement 2023* ('Agreement') and records the terms agreed between those parties in full settlement of the claim served and shall apply for the duration of the Agreement.

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### **3 VARIATION OF AGREEMENT**

- 3.1 Subject to the requirements of the *Fair Work Act 2009* (‘the Act’) an application to vary the terms of the Agreement can be made under Chapter 2-Pt2-4-Div 7 of the Act.
- 3.2 Such application must be in writing and agreed to by the parties.

### **4 BINDING FORCE OF THE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement will be binding on the following parties:

- 4.1 Merakis Enterprises Pty Ltd with regards to its operations in the State of Victoria (‘the Employer’); and
- 4.2 Any aged care facilities in Victoria, acquired by the Merakis Enterprises Pty Ltd or which may open for trading during the term of this agreement, subject to the transfer of business employment provisions of the *Fair Work Act*.
- 4.3 All persons whose employment is at any time when the Agreement is in operation, subject to the Agreement.

4.4 The employer will formally advise the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation ('ANMF') and the Health Services Union ('HSU') when the Agreement is made in order for the ANMF and HSU to apply under s.183 of the *Fair Work Act 2009* to be covered by the Agreement.

4.5 It is the intention of this Agreement that the ANMF and HSU will be covered by this Agreement. The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation will be covered by the Agreement in respect to Registered Nurses, Enrolled Nurses and Personal Care Workers. The Health Services Union will be covered in respect to Enrolled Nurses, Personal Care Workers, HASA employees and, where applicable, Health Professionals.

## **5 SCOPE OF THE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement applies to Employees whose employment is covered by the *Nurses Award 2020* and the *Aged Care Award 2010*. This Agreement shall apply to all employees of the employer performing work within the classifications contained in this agreement.

## **6 RELATIONSHIP TO NES AND AWARDS**

6.1 This Agreement contains terms that are also matters under the National Employment Standards ('NES') of the Act. It is not the intention of the parties to exclude the NES or any provision of the NES and it is acknowledged that such terms can only operate in the manner and to the extent prescribed by s.55 of the *Fair Work Act 2009*. This Agreement will be read and interpreted in conjunction with the National Employment Standards (NES). Where there is an inconsistency between this agreement and the NES, and the NES provides a greater benefit, the NES provision will apply to the extent of the inconsistency.

6.2 The Schedules and Appendices attached to this Agreement form part of this Agreement.

## **7 DATE AND PERIOD OF OPERATION**

This Agreement shall come into operation on the seventh day after the Agreement is approved by the Fair Work Commission (FWC) and shall remain in force until 30 September 2025 and thereafter in accordance with the *Fair Work Act 2009*.

## **8 NO FURTHER CLAIMS**

8.1 The Employees and Employer bound by this Agreement acknowledge that this Agreement settles all claims in relation to the terms and conditions of employment of the Employees to whom it applies and agree that they will not pursue any extra claims during the term of this Agreement.

8.2 Subject to the Employer meeting its obligations to consult including those arising under this Agreement or a contract of employment binding on that Employer, it is not the intent of this provision to inhibit, limit or restrict the Employer's right or ability to introduce change at the workplace.

## 9 SAVINGS CLAUSE

Unless specifically agreed between the parties to this Agreement no Employee shall suffer any loss or diminution of wages or entitlements (whether accrued or otherwise) or terms and conditions of employment in place immediately prior to the commencement of this Agreement by reason only of the coming into force of this Agreement.

## 10 DEFINITIONS

### 10.1 High Care Facilities

For the purposes of this Agreement, a high care residential aged care facility shall mean all Meracare facilities.

Notwithstanding this, Clause 10.2 shall apply.

10.2 The parties acknowledge that a facility may either become a high care facility or may no longer be a high care facility during the life of this Agreement or that the Employer may acquire or build a new facility which is high care. Where a party believes that this has occurred or that a new or acquired facility is high care, they shall notify each of the other parties, together with the ANMF and HSU, in writing. If the parties cannot agree that there has been a change in status, any party may refer the matter to the Fair Work Commission (FWC) for resolution in accordance with the dispute resolution procedure of this Agreement.

### 10.3 Other

The '**Allowance Rate**' for Enrolled Nurses is the rate specified in Appendix A of this Agreement.

The '**Allowance Rate**' for non-direct care HASA Employees is the weekly rate for Wage Skill Group 5 Year 1A unless otherwise specified.

The '**Allowance Rate**' for -direct care HASA Employees (PCWs, Leisure & Lifestyle and head chef/cook in each facility) is the weekly rate for Wage Skill Group 5 Year 1B unless otherwise specified.

The '**Allowance Rate**' for Registered Nurses is the weekly rate for Grade 2 Year 1.

**Authorised Enrolled Nurse** has the same meaning as an Enrolled Nurse authorised by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia to administer medications.

**Enrolled Nurse** has the same meaning as Registered Nurse Division 2.

**Experience** for the purposes of progression between Grades, Pay Points or Year Levels for all Registered Nurses and Enrolled Nurses means where an employee has worked an average of 24 hours per week, or more or an average of three shifts per week, or more, in a year. A Registered Nurse or Enrolled Nurse who has

worked less than an average of 24 hours per week or three shifts per week in a year shall be required to work a further twelve months before being eligible for advancement to the next succeeding experience increment (if any), within the grade or sub-grade in which the employee is employed.

**Experience** for the purposes of appointment or progression for Personal Care Workers and HASA employees means experience at any such work within the last five years in a residential aged care facility covered by the *Aged Care Award 2010*, excluding any leave provisions in this Award.

**Experience** for the purposes of appointment for Enrolled Nurses means all relevant training, experience and skills as an enrolled nurse other than such experience predating any break of five or more consecutive years shall be counted for the purposes of determining the appropriate pay point on appointment.

**Experience** for the purposes of appointment for Registered Nurses means - paid service whether in Australia or internationally as a registered nurse or enrolled nurse, following registration by the professional registration body, in a grade or sub-grade at least equal or comparable to the grade in which the Employee is, or is about to be, employed except:

- (a) where an internationally trained nurse (IQN) is granted registration with conditions, previous experience will not be counted whilst the conditions are in place. Experience as defined will count once there are no longer conditions in place;
- (b) where an IQN is granted registration subject to successful completion of a bridging program previous experience will not be counted until the completion of that bridging course;
- (c) where an IQN is required by the Australian professional registration body to undertake an outcome-based assessment (OBA) previous experience will not be counted until the completion of that OBA.

Experience also includes time which may elapse between the completion of training or final examination (whichever occurs last) and the formal registration by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia or its predecessors. Where an employee previously has been employed in a higher grade or sub-grade, service and experience in such higher grade or sub-grade shall count as well as service and experience in the lower grade or sub-grade for the purposes of determining such employee's experience.

**Fair Work Commission ("FWC")** refers to the statutory body established under the *Fair Work Act 2009* or any successor organisation established under Commonwealth legislation which performs the functions of conciliation and arbitration.

**Fair Work Act** refers to the *Fair Work Act 2009 (Cth)*.

**HASA Employee** refers to an Employee whose employment would, but for this Agreement, be covered by the *Aged Care Award 2010*.

**High Care** means a resident who is assessed as needing high level physical and/or nursing care in accordance with the Commonwealth assessment system.

**National Employment Standards (“NES”)** refers to the legislated standards for workplace conditions established under the *Fair Work Act 2009*.

For the purpose of incorporated leave provisions **Service and Continuous Service** is defined by s.22 of the *Fair Work Act 2009*, which will apply to the extent of any inconsistency.

**NMBA** is the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.

**Registered Nurse** has the same meaning as Registered Nurse Division 1.

**Registered Health Practitioner** means a health practitioner registered, or licensed, as health practitioner (or as a health practitioner of a particular type) under *The National Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act* of a State, Territory or the Commonwealth.

**Unions** mean the ANMF and the HSU (trading as the HWU).

**Workplace delegate** means a person appointed or elected, in accordance with the rules of an employee organisation, to be a delegate or representative (however described) for members who are employees of the Employer.

## 11 AGREEMENT FLEXIBILITY

11.1 An Employer and Employee covered by this enterprise agreement may agree to make an individual flexibility arrangement to vary the effect of terms of the agreement if:

- (a) The agreement deals with one or more of the following matters:
  - (i) arrangements about when work is performed;
  - (ii) overtime rates;
  - (iii) penalty rates;
  - (iv) allowances; and
  - (v) leave loading;
- (b) The arrangement meets the genuine needs of the Employer and Employee in relation to one or more of the matters mentioned in paragraph (a); and
- (c) The Employer and the individual Employee must have genuinely made the agreement without coercion or duress.

11.2 The Employer must ensure that the terms of the individual flexibility arrangement:

- (a) are about permitted matters under s.172 of the *Fair Work Act 2009*; and
- (b) are not unlawful terms under s.194 of the *Fair Work Act 2009*; and

- (c) result in the Employee being better off overall than the Employee would be if no arrangement was made.

11.3 The Employer must ensure that the individual flexibility arrangement:

- (a) is in writing; and
- (b) includes the name of the Employer and Employee; and
- (c) is signed by the Employer and Employee and if the Employee is under 18 years of age, signed by a parent or guardian of the Employee; and
- (d) includes details of:
  - (i) the terms of the enterprise agreement that will be varied by the arrangement; and
  - (ii) how the arrangement will vary the effect of the terms; and
  - (iii) how the Employee will be better off overall in relation to the terms and conditions of his or her employment as a result of the arrangement; and
- (e) states the day on which the arrangement commences.

11.4 The Employer must give the Employee a copy of the individual flexibility arrangement within 14 days after it is agreed to.

11.5 The Employer or Employee may terminate the individual flexibility arrangement:

- (a) by giving no more than 28 days written notice to the other party to the arrangement; or
- (b) if the Employer and Employee agree in writing — at any time.

11.6 The right to request an individual flexibility arrangement under this clause is in addition to the right contained in the NES at the commencement of the agreement of an Employee to request a change in working arrangements in accordance with s.65 of the *Fair Work Act* in circumstances where the Employee is:

- (a) pregnant;
- (b) a parent or has the responsibility for the care of a child who is of school age or younger;
- (c) a carer (within the meaning of the *Carer Recognition Act 2010*);
- (d) has a disability;
- (e) is 55 or older;
- (f) is experiencing family and domestic violence; or



- (g) provides care or support to a member of the Employee's immediate family, or a member of the Employee's immediate household, who requires care or support because the member is experiencing family and domestic violence.
- 11.7 A request made pursuant to Clause 11.6 of this Agreement must be in writing and set out the detailed reasons for the change. The Employer must respond in writing to the request within 21 days stating whether the request has been granted or refused. If refused the response must include details of the reasons of the refusal. The Employer may only may refuse the request only on reasonable business grounds (as defined in s. 65(5A) of the *Fair Work Act*). Should the NES be amended during the life of this Agreement the amended NES will apply.
- 11.8 To avoid doubt, and without limiting Clauses 11.6 and 11.7, an Employee who:
- (a) is a parent, or has responsibility for the care, of a child; and
  - (b) is returning to work after taking leave in relation to the birth or adoption of the child;
- may request to work part-time to assist the Employee to care for the child.
- 11.9 The Employee is not entitled to make a request pursuant to Clause 11.6 unless:
- (a) for an Employee other than a casual employee – the Employee has completed at least 12 months of continuous service with the Employer immediately before making the request; or
  - (b) for a casual employee – the Employee:
    - (i) is a long term casual Employee of the Employer immediately before making the request; and
    - (ii) has a reasonable expectation of continuing employment by the Employer on a regular and systematic basis.

## 12 ANTI DISCRIMINATION

- 12.1 It is the intention of the respondents to this award to achieve the principal objects of ss.3(e) and 336 of the *Fair Work Act 2009* through respecting and valuing the diversity of the work force by helping to prevent and eliminate discrimination on the basis of race, colour, sex, sexual preference, age, physical or mental disability, marital status, family responsibilities, pregnancy, religion, political opinion, national extraction or social origin.
- 12.2 Accordingly, in fulfilling their obligations under the disputes avoidance and settling clause, the respondents to this award must make every endeavour to ensure that neither the award provisions nor their operation are directly or indirectly discriminatory in their effects.
- 12.3 Nothing in this clause is taken to affect:

- (a) Any different treatment (or treatment having different effects) which is specifically exempted under the Commonwealth anti-discrimination legislation;
- (b) An employee, employer or registered organisation, pursuing matters of discrimination in any State or Federal jurisdiction, including any application to the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission; and
- (c) The exemptions in s.351(2) of the *Fair Work Act*.

## **PART B – WAGES AND ALLOWANCES**

### **13 WAGES**

- 13.1 The current rates of pay specified in Appendix A applying to each employee to whom this Agreement applies shall be increased as follows:

#### **All facilities except Meracare Wangaratta**

- (a) By 2.25% from the first full pay period on or after 1 May 2022
- (b) By a further 2.50% from the first full pay period on or after 1 May 2023
- (c) By the specific dollar amounts for each classification as per guidance or direction from the relevant Commonwealth Government Department, in relation to the aged care work value decision Stage 2 from the first full pay period on or after 1 July 2023.
- (d) By a further 2.00% from the first full pay period on or after 1 June 2024
- (e) By the specific dollar amounts for each classification as per guidance or direction from the relevant Commonwealth Government Department, in relation to the aged care work value decision Stage 3 from the first full pay period on or after 1 January 2025 (or other date/s as determined by FWC).
- (f) By a further 2.25% from the first full pay period on or after 1 July 2025

#### **Meracare Wangaratta (Rangeview PNH)**

- (a) By 2.50% from the first full pay period on or after 1 November 2021
- (b) By a further 2.50% from the first full pay period on or after 1 October 2022
- (c) By the specific dollar amounts for each classification as per guidance or direction from the relevant Commonwealth Government Department, in relation to the aged care work value decision Stage 2 from the first full pay period on or after 1 July 2023.

- (d) By a further 2.50% from the first full pay period on or after 1 September 2023
  - (e) By a further 2.25% from the first full pay period on or after 1 August 2024
  - (f) By the specific dollar amounts for each classification as per guidance or direction from the relevant Commonwealth Government Department, in relation to the Aged Care Work Value decision Stage 3 from the first full pay period on or after 1 January 2025 (or other date/s as determined by FWC).
  - (g) By a further 2.25% from the first full pay period on or after 1 July 2025.
- 13.2 Rates of pay (and allowances) as increased by this Agreement are set out at Appendix A. The parties to this Agreement expect that, barring exceptional circumstances, the next wage increase after that prescribed in Clause 13.1 will be no later than the first full pay period on or after 1 July 2026.
- 13.3 Allowances that are not determined as a percentage of a wage rate under this Agreement (such as laundry, uniform, nauseous and other allowances not fixed as a percentage of the weekly rate) shall be increased in accordance with the increases prescribed in Clause 13.1.
- 13.4 So long as an Employee is subject to this Agreement, the basic periodic rate of pay that is payable to the Employee will not be less than the basic rate of pay which would have been applicable to the Employee under the relevant modern Awards established under the Fair Work Act, had the Employee not been subject to this Agreement.
- 13.5 Aged Care Work Value Case ACWVC) – Stage 3**
- (a) In terms of next steps for Stage 3 of the ACWVC, the parties understand that:
    - (i) following receipt of submissions from the parties to the ACWVC, including the Commonwealth Government, the FWC will hand down a further decision and subsequent Award Determinations under Stage 3 that provide the operative dates of the increases to the minimum rates of pay in the Nurses Award, the Aged Care Award and SCHCADS Award for the Stage 3 Classifications;
    - (ii) the Commonwealth Government will publish guidance / directions to providers about how increased funding must be applied by providers in order to give effect to the Stage 3 Decision; and
    - (iii) the FWC will determine the Nurses WVC which may provide further increases to rates of pay for Nurses in the Nurses Award.
  - (b) Accordingly, the Employer:

- (i) will increase the applicable minimum rates under this Agreement for Stage 3 Classifications in accordance with the guidance / direction from the Commonwealth Government, including with respect to the operative timing of those increases; and
- (ii) in doing so, maintain the quantum and timing of the wage increases at clause 13.1 of this Agreement as they apply to the minimum rates, including as adjusted in accordance with clause 13.1.

*Illustrative example: If the minimum hourly rate is \$30 and the Agreement provides for a wage increase of 2.25% on 1 July 2025, but the Commonwealth Government's direction is to increase the applicable hourly rates by \$2ph on 1 January 2025, then, as a term of this Agreement, the Employer will increase the hourly rate to \$32 on 1 January 2025 and then apply the 2.25% wage increase on 1 July 2025 to the hourly rate of \$32.72.*

- (c) When the Nurses general WVC has been determined by the FWC (or the FWC determined the quantum and timing of the increases and operative dates for aged care nurses, the Employer commits to:
  - (i) increase the applicable minimum rates under this Agreement for Nurses in accordance with any guidance / direction from the Commonwealth Government and where funded to do so;
  - (ii) maintain the quantum and timing of the wage increases at clause 13.1 of this Agreement as they apply to the minimum rates, including as adjusted in accordance with clause 13.1; and
  - (iii) promptly meet with the ANMF and HWU to discuss the implementation of the outcome.
- (d) In consultation with the unions and at an appropriate time, the Employer may seek to vary the enterprise agreement in accordance with the FW Act to insert the updated wages schedule and make any other necessary amendments to agreement clauses.

## **14 PAYMENT OF WAGES**

- 14.1 Wages will be paid fortnightly, unless otherwise mutually agreed in writing up to a maximum period of one month. Employees will be paid by cash, cheque or electronic funds transfer, as determined by the Employer, into the bank or financial institution account nominated by the Employee.
- 14.2 Where an underpayment of wages occurs by reason of an error in calculation by the Employer involving 2.5% or more of the Employee's net weekly wage, the payment will be corrected within 24 hours at the request of the Employee. This shall not apply where the Employer and Employee are in genuine dispute as to whether the monies are owed to the Employee.

- 14.3 Wages shall be paid during working hours not later than Thursday following the end of the weekly or fortnightly pay period, provided that

when a public holiday occurs on a Thursday or Friday, payment shall be made on the Wednesday;

- 14.4 At the time of making payment to the Employee, the Employer shall provide to each Employee a statement detailing the following information: name and classification of the employee; the period the pay relates to and the date of payment; the hourly rate of pay; the amount of payment including allowances; the amount of pay deductions; amounts of occupational superannuation contributions; and details of funds into which contributions are being paid.

**14.5 Payment of Wages following Termination**

- (a) When notice of termination of employment has been given by an Employee or an Employee's services have been terminated by an Employer, payment of all wages and other monies owing to an Employee shall be made to the employee within 24 hours of termination.
- (b) Termination payments will include the payment of leave loading as per the provisions of Clause 53.
- (c) In respect to Enrolled Nurses and HASA Employees only, where payment is made later than 24 hours after termination:
  - (i) If an Employee is kept waiting for more than 24 hours, such Employee shall be paid overtime rates for the duration of the period until such monies owing are paid with a minimum payment of two hours and a maximum payment of seven hours and 36 minutes per day.
  - (ii) Notwithstanding the above, this subclause will not come into effect if the payment of wages or other monies owed falls on a declared public holiday. This clause will come into effect upon the expiration of such a declared public holiday.
  - (iii) This subclause will not come into effect if a circumstance outside the control of the Employer frustrates the Employer's ability to meet the requirements of this subclause.
- (d) Where the system of working provides for the taking of ADOs and an Employee's employment is terminated and:
  - (i) one or more ADOs have been granted in advance; or
  - (ii) an ADO has been taken during the work cycle during which the Employee is terminated, the wages due to that Employee shall be reduced by the total of the ADOs taken in advance, and/or the total un-accrued portion of the ADO granted in that work cycle as the case may be; or

- (iii) an Employee has not worked a complete four week cycle or five week cycle as the case may be;

the Employee shall receive pro rata accrued entitlements for each day worked or regarded as having been worked (i.e. paid leave) in such cycle payable for the accrued day off.

## **15 SALARY PACKAGING**

- 15.1 By agreement with the Employee, an Employee's pay may be salary packaged.
- 15.2 The Employee shall compensate the Employer from within their base remuneration for any FBT incurred as a consequence of any salary packaging arrangement the Employee has entered into. Where the Employee chooses not to pay any of the costs associated with their salary packaging, the Employer may cease the Employee's salary packaging arrangements.
- 15.3 The parties agree that in the event that salary packaging ceases to be an advantage to the Employee (including as a result of subsequent changes to FBT legislation), the Employee may elect to convert the amount packaged to salary. Any costs associated with the conversion to salary shall be borne by the Employee and the Employer shall not be liable to make up any benefit lost as a consequence of an Employee's decision to convert to salary.
- 15.4 The Employee shall be responsible for all costs associated with the administration of their salary packaging arrangements, provided that such costs shall be confined to reasonable commercial charges as levied directly by the external salary packaging provider and/or in-house payroll service (as applicable), as varied from time to time.
- 15.5 The parties recommend to Employees who are considering salary packaging that they seek independent financial advice. The Employer shall not be held responsible in any way for the cost or outcome of any such advice and furthermore, the parties agree that the Employee shall pay for any costs associated with salary packaging.
- 15.6 Superannuation contributions paid by the Employer into an approved Fund will be calculated on the Employee's pre-packaged rate of pay.

## **16 OCCUPATIONAL SUPERANNUATION**

- 16.1 The subject of superannuation is dealt with extensively by legislation including the *Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992*, the *Superannuation Guarantee Charge Act 1992*, the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993* and the *Superannuation (Resolution of Complaints) Act 1993*. This legislation, as varied from time to time, governs the superannuation rights and obligations of the parties.
- 16.2 The Employer shall make occupational superannuation contributions to the Fund. 'The Fund' for the purpose of this Agreement shall mean:

- (a) Health Employees Superannuation Trust of Australia ('HESTA') established and governed by a trust deed 23 July 1987, as may be amended from time to time, and includes any superannuation scheme which may be made in succession thereto; or
  - (b) Any other complying fund upon a request from the Employee and with the consent of the Employer.
- 16.3 The Employer shall participate in accordance with the trust fund deeds. The Employer shall make application to the Fund to become a participating Employer in the Fund and shall become a participating Employer upon acceptance by the Trustee of the Fund.
- 16.4 Upon commencement of employment, the Employer shall provide each Employee with membership forms for the funds listed in Clauses 16.2(a) and 16.2(a) above and shall forward the completed membership forms for the Employee's choice of fund within 28 days. Where a new Employee does not choose a complying super fund within 28 days, the Employer will contact the ATO to confirm if the Employee has a 'stapled' fund. If the Employee has a 'stapled' fund, the Employer will make contributions into that account. If the Employee does not have a 'stapled fund' and does not choose a complying super fund within 28 days of commencing employment, the Employer will create an account for the Employee using the Employer's default fund, HESTA ("**Default Fund**"). The Default Fund offers a MySuper Product.
- 16.5 Each Employee shall be eligible to receive contributions from the date of eligibility, notwithstanding the date the membership application prescribed in Clause 16.4 was forwarded to the Fund.
- 16.6 The Employer will contribute to the Fund, on behalf of each Employee, the percentage of ordinary time earnings required by legislation, calculated to the nearest ten cents (any fraction below five cents shall be disregarded). Contributions will be made monthly on behalf of each Employee regardless of the Employee's age in any month. In addition, contributions will be made in relation to any paid parental leave.
- 16.7 'Ordinary time earnings' are currently defined by the legislation and includes allowances for ordinary hours of work (including annual leave loading on annual leave). Such allowances include those such as shift, qualification and leader allowances. However, they do not include those that arise during overtime (such as meal allowance) other than in circumstances required by legislation and will not include allowances paid with the expectation that they will be spent in the course of employment (such as travel allowances, laundry and uniform). In respect to what constitutes 'ordinary hours', Superannuation Guarantee Contributions will be paid in respect to each hour worked which is paid at ordinary time (including all hours which are additional to contracted hours). The parties acknowledge that the legislative definition of 'ordinary time earnings' may vary and, in that event, the legislative definition shall apply.
- 16.8 Where an Employer makes an application for an exemption from monthly payments to the Fund, the Employees shall be notified in writing prior to the

application being made. Upon request from an Employee, the Employer must provide a copy of the remittance receipt from the Fund showing the contributions made on the Employee's behalf or make it available for inspection, save that the Employee shall be entitled to take a copy. The Employer shall contribute all superannuation contributions in accordance with the Trust Deed, save that late payment for reasons beyond the control of the Employer and non-allocation by the Fund shall not constitute a breach of this Agreement.

- 16.9 Any dispute regarding superannuation contributions, including but not limited to the frequency of contribution, shall be addressed under the Dispute Resolution Procedure of this Agreement.

### **Voluntary Contributions**

- 16.10 Where an Employee wishes to make voluntary contributions to the Fund, the Employee may authorise the Employer to deduct from the Employee's wages an amount or percentage specified by the Employee. Voluntary contributions deducted under this provision will be forwarded to the Fund by the Employer at the same time as the Employer's contributions. Where the Employer receives written authorisation from an Employee, it must commence making payments into the Fund on behalf of the Employee within fourteen days of receiving the authorisation.
- 16.11 An Employee may vary his or her additional contributions by a written authorisation and the Employer must alter the additional contributions within fourteen days of receiving the authorisation. An Employee may only vary his or her additional contributions once each month.

### **Salary Sacrifice**

- 16.12 An Employee may make an agreement with the Employer for salary sacrifice.
- (a) The Employee must specify an amount or a percentage of ordinary time earnings by which his or her salary is to be reduced ("the salary sacrifice").
  - (b) The salary sacrifice will be deducted from the Employee's salary and contributed by the Employer to the Fund each month.
  - (c) The Employer will continue to calculate the superannuation guarantee contributions required by the *Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992* on the basis of the Employee's ordinary time earnings before the salary sacrifice is deducted.
  - (d) Salary sacrifice deductions will be made during a period of paid leave and the Employee will receive the rate of pay specified under this agreement less the salary sacrifice deduction.
  - (e) Calculation of salary for the purpose of leave accruals and other payments due on termination of employment shall be calculated on a rate of pay which includes the salary sacrifice contributions.



- (f) The Employee may revoke the salary sacrifice agreement or alter the amount to be deducted on no more than two occasions in each calendar year.

16.13 The name of the Fund and the amount of any contributions remitted to the fund, whether superannuation guarantee contributions, salary sacrifice contributions or voluntary contributions must be included in pay slips provided by the Employer to each Employee.

## 17 QUALIFICATIONS ALLOWANCE

### Qualifications Allowance – Registered Nurse

17.1 A Registered Nurse will be entitled to a qualification allowance set out below, subject to the following:

- (a) A Registered Nurse holding more than one qualification is only entitled to one qualification allowance, being the allowance for the highest qualification held. It must be demonstrated that the qualification is relevant to residential aged care, specifically one of the following areas:
- Gerontological nursing, or
  - Management, or
  - Other qualification with a component that has application to nursing in Aged Care.

In the case of qualifications regarding Management, such qualifications will be deemed relevant where the Employee is classified at Grade 3 or above.

- (b) In considering whether a component of the qualification is relevant, the nature of the qualification and the current area of practice of the qualification holder are the main criteria. Other considerations may include:
- (i) the clinical or other area of work of the Registered Nurse;
  - (ii) the classification and position description of the Registered Nurse;
  - (iii) whether the qualification would assist the Registered Nurse in performing her or his role and/or assist in maintaining quality patient care and/or assist in the administration of the ward/unit/area in which the Registered Nurse is employed.
- (c) ‘Allowance Rate’ under this clause shall be defined as the weekly rate applicable to an Employee at the Registered Nurse Grade 2 Year 1 classification level.
- (d) A Registered Nurse claiming entitlement to a qualification allowance must provide to the Employer evidence of that Registered Nurse holding the qualification for which the entitlement is claimed. Payment shall be

from the first pay period on or after evidence of the relevant qualification is submitted to the Employer (including where the Employee submits evidence of the qualification as part of the recruitment process) or the date the qualification is obtained, whichever is the later.

- (e) For the avoidance of doubt, a qualification allowance cannot be claimed by a Registered Nurse in respect of that Employee's base qualification leading to registration as a Registered Nurse with the exception of:
- A Hospital Certificate or Graduate Certificate;
  - Postgraduate Diploma;
  - An Honours Degree;
  - A double Degree;
  - A Masters Degree; or
  - A Doctorate.
- (f) Certificates obtained from training or education facilities (e.g. infection control certificates from the Mayfield Centre) shall be recognised provided that the programmes are equivalent to a University Graduate Certificate and the training/education facility verifies that in writing.
- (g) A Registered Nurse who holds a Hospital Certificate or Graduate Certificate (or equivalent) shall be paid, in addition to their salary, 4.0% of base rate.
- (h) A Registered Nurse Division 1 who holds a Post-Graduate Diploma or a Degree (or equivalent), other than a nursing undergraduate degree, an honours degree or a double degree, shall be paid, in addition their salary, 6.5% of the allowance rate.
- (i) A Registered Nurse who holds a Masters Degree (including a Masters Degree completed prior to, or that leads to, registration), shall be paid, in addition to their salary, 7.5% of the allowance rate.
- (j) A Registered Nurse who holds a Doctorate, shall be paid, in addition to their salary, 8.5% of the allowance rate.
- (k) The above allowances are to be paid during all periods of paid leave except sick leave taken (either in individual periods or consecutively) beyond a total of 21 days in any twelve-month period and long service leave. In the case of annual leave, these allowances are added to those components detailed at Clause 53.8(a)(i)(B) of this Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, the Employee would not receive the allowance in addition to leave loading calculated on a projected roster basis but will receive it in addition to a loading paid as a flat 17.5% at Clause 53.8(a)(i)(A).
- (l) The allowance is to be paid on a pro-rata basis for non-full-time Employees, including casuals.

## Qualifications Allowance – Enrolled Nurse

17.2 An Enrolled Nurse will be entitled to a qualification allowance as set out below.

- (a) An Enrolled Nurse who holds a certificate or qualification (which is in addition to the minimum qualification held by the Nurse for registration by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia) in which it is demonstrated that a component of the qualification is applicable to the Employee's area of practice and/or work in aged care shall be paid the following allowance:
  - (i) a certificate or qualification, including those enabling administration of medications by all routes (or at least two certificates of attainment for units of competency toward the Diploma or Advanced Diploma of Nursing) totalling a minimum of 140 nominal classroom hours (or a course of a minimum six months' duration), at the rate of 4% of their applicable weekly Pay Point rate for all hours worked as prescribed in Appendix A.
  - (ii) a certificate or qualification (or at least three certificates of attainment for units of competency toward the Diploma or Advanced Diploma of Nursing) totalling a minimum of 280 nominal classroom hours (or a course of a minimum twelve months' duration), at the rate of 7.5% of their applicable weekly Pay Point rate for all hours worked as prescribed in Appendix A.
- (b) Provided that only one allowance is payable to each eligible Enrolled Nurse, being the allowance for the highest qualification or greater number of certificates held, and provided that the certificate or certificates of attainment or qualification is relevant to the work performed.
- (c) An Enrolled Nurse claiming entitlements to a qualification allowance must provide the Employer with evidence of that Enrolled Nurse holding the certificate/s or qualification for which the entitlement is claimed. Payment shall be from the first pay period on or after evidence or the qualification is submitted to the Employer (including where the Employee submits evidence of the qualification as part of the recruitment process) or the date the qualification is obtained, whichever is the later.
- (d) For the avoidance of doubt, a qualification allowance cannot be claimed by an Enrolled Nurse in respect of that person's base qualification leading to registration as an Enrolled Nurse, excepting where the education provided at pre-registration level is to enable endorsement with the Nurses Board of Victoria to administer medications.
- (e) The above allowances are to be paid during all periods of paid leave except sick leave taken (either in individual periods or consecutively) beyond a total of 21 days in any twelve-month period and long service leave. In the case of annual leave, these allowances are added to those

components detailed at Clause 53.8(a)(i)(B) of this Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, the Employee would not receive the allowance in addition to leave loading calculated on a projected roster basis but will receive it in addition to a loading paid as a flat 17.5% at Clause 53.8(a)(i)(A).

- (f) The allowance is to be paid on a pro-rata basis for non-full-time Employees.

## **18 NAUSEOUS ALLOWANCE AND DIRTY AND OFFENSIVE WORK**

- 18.1 Employees who are engaged in handling linen of a nauseous nature other than linen sealed in airtight containers shall be paid an allowance as contained in Appendix A per hour or part thereof in addition to the rates prescribed elsewhere in this agreement for all time during which they are engaged in such work. Provided that any employee who is entitled to be paid an allowance under this clause shall be paid no less than the minimum sum per week as set out in Appendix A. The allowance does not apply to Registered Nurses and HASA Employees in Wage Skill Groups 4, 5, 7 and 9.
- 18.2 An employee (except for a Registered Nurse) in any classification who undertakes work which is of an unusually dirty or offensive nature having regard to the duty normally performed by such employee in such classification shall be paid the allowance prescribed in Appendix A, provided that any employee who is paid an allowance under Clause 18.1 shall not be entitled to be paid an allowance under Clause 18.2 for the same work.

## **19 LEADER ALLOWANCE – HASA EMPLOYEES AND ENROLLED NURSES**

- 19.1 A HASA Employee or Enrolled Nurse who is appointed as a ‘Leader’ (however titled) will have his or her classification preceded by the term ‘Leader’ and will be paid an allowance of 10%, to be calculated upon the base rate payable to the Employee under this Agreement.

Appointment of a HASA Employee or Enrolled Nurse to a classification preceded by the term ‘Leader’ will only be made where the work performed by such person represents a net addition to the work value of the substantive role required of the HASA Employee or Enrolled Nurse employed in a similar area within the workplace. Examples of a net addition duties or functions include the assignment of a special project or an increased emphasis on the performance of the core functions already undertaken by a HASA Employee or Enrolled Nurse.

For the avoidance of doubt, the absence of supervisory responsibility or a designated ‘team’ shall not preclude the Employee from obtaining the allowance, consistent with the examples in this clause, where the criteria set out at Clause 19.2 below are satisfied.

- 19.2 A net addition to the work value of the substantive role required of a HASA Employee or Enrolled Nurse would be characterised by:

- (a) the additional functions or duties are a regular and on-going requirement; and
- (b) experience in the role commensurate with this clause, coupled with on the job training where provided by the Employer; and
- (c) the necessity for additional training in a particular aspect of the role above that required to fulfil the role of a HASA Employee or Enrolled Nurse employed in a similar area of areas; and
- (d) a greater level of judgment is required from the HASA Employee or Enrolled Nurse whereby the Employee is capable of making independent decisions to a degree not generally expected of a HASA Employee or Enrolled Nurse employed in a similar area or areas; and
- (e) a higher degree of accountability is expected for work undertaken, such that the HASA Employee or Enrolled Nurse is clearly performing at a level above that of her or his peers employed in a similar area or areas within the Employer's facility.

## **20 UNIFORMS AND LAUNDRY**

- 20.1 Employees required by the Employer to wear uniforms will be supplied with an adequate number of uniforms appropriate to the occupation free of cost to Employees. Such items are to remain the property of the Employer and be laundered and maintained by such employer free of cost to the Employee.
- 20.2 Instead of the provision of such uniforms, the Employer may, by agreement with the Employee, pay such Employee a uniform allowance at the rate prescribed in Appendix A. Where such Employee's uniforms are not laundered by or at the expense of the Employer, the Employee will be paid a laundry allowance as prescribed in Appendix A.
- 20.3 The uniform allowance, but not the laundry allowance, shall be paid during all absences on paid leave, except absence on long service leave and absence on sick leave taken (either in individual periods or consecutively) beyond a total of 21 days in any twelve month period. Where, prior to the taking of leave, an Employee was paid a uniform allowance other than at the weekly rate, the rate to be paid during absence on leave will be the average of the allowance paid during the four weeks immediately preceding the taking of leave.
- 20.4 Where an Employer provides an Employee with uniforms, all articles so provided remain the property of the Employer.

## **21 MEAL ALLOWANCE**

- 21.1 An Employee will be supplied with an adequate meal where an Employer has adequate cooking and dining facilities or be paid a meal allowance, in addition to any overtime payment at the rate prescribed in Appendix A of this Agreement in the following circumstances:

- (a) when required to work after the usual finishing hour of work beyond one hour or, in the case of shift workers, when the overtime work on any shift exceeds one hour.
- (b) provided that where such overtime work completed by an Employee exceeds four hours a further meal allowance at the rate set out in Appendix A will be paid.
- (c) when required to work more than five hours overtime on a Saturday or on a Sunday, or more than five hours by a shift Employee on their rostered day off – the amount provided in Appendix A and a further amount as specified in Appendix A when required to work more than nine hours on such day.

21.2 The meal allowance will be paid as part of the next pay cycle.

## **22 TRAVELLING, TRANSPORT AND FARES**

- 22.1 An Employee required and authorised to use their own motor vehicle in the course of their duties will be paid the rate as specified in Appendix A.
- 22.2 When an Employee is involved in travelling on duty, if the Employer cannot provide the appropriate transport, all reasonably incurred expenses in respect to fares, meals and accommodation will be met by the Employer on production of receipts or other evidence acceptable to the Employer.
- 22.3 An Employee who leaves the facility and is recalled to duty will be reimbursed all reasonable fares and expenses actually incurred, including the per kilometre rate in the relevant Schedule of this Agreement, when the Employee uses a car in those circumstances.
- 22.4 An Employee will not be entitled to reimbursement for the expenses referred to in Clauses 22.2 and 22.3 which exceed the mode of transport, meals or the standard of accommodation agreed with the Employer for these purposes.

## **23 TOOL ALLOWANCE**

A tool allowance as prescribed in Appendix A for the supply and maintenance of tools will be paid to chefs and cooks who are not provided with all necessary tools by the employer.

## **24 TELEPHONE ALLOWANCE**

Where an Employer requires an Employee to install and/or maintain a telephone for the purposes of being on call the Employer shall refund the installation costs and subsequent three-monthly rental charges on production of receipted accounts.

## **25 OCCASIONAL INTERPRETERS' ALLOWANCE**

An Employee not employed as an accredited interpreter who is required to perform occasional interpreting duties shall receive an additional amount in accordance with Appendix A.

## **26 ON CALL ALLOWANCE AND TELEPHONE RECALL PROVISION**

Employees required to be on-call shall be paid an on-call allowance of 5% of the relevant allowance rate per twelve-hour period or part thereof.

Further, a minimum of one hours pay at the appropriate overtime rate will be paid, in addition to the on-call allowance, for the first disturbance where the on call employee receives a telephone enquiry or enquiries but can resolve the matter appropriately without the need for returning to the facility. Subsequent disturbances during the on-call period shall be compensated at overtime rates for the actual time taken in answering and dealing with the calls.

## **PART C – TYPES OF EMPLOYMENT, TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT, STAFFING AND WORKLOAD**

### **27 MODES OF EMPLOYMENT**

#### **27.1 Employment Categories**

Employees under this agreement will be employed in one of the following categories:

- (a) full-time; or
- (b) part-time; or
- (c) casual; or
- (d) fixed term

At the time of engagement an employer will inform each employee whether they are employed on a full-time, part-time, casual or fixed term basis. An employer may direct an employee to carry out such duties that are within the limits of the employee's skill, competence and training, consistent with the respective classification.

#### **27.2 Full-time Employment**

A full-time employee is one who is engaged to work 38 hours per week or an average of 38 hours per week pursuant to Clause 45 of this Agreement.

#### **27.3 Part-time Employment**

- (a) A part-time employee is an employee who is engaged to work less than full-time hours of an average of 38 hours per week and has reasonably predictable hours of work.
- (b) A part-time employee will be rostered for a minimum of two hours on any shift. This minimum engagement excludes recall to work (Clause 46) and attendance at meetings and mandatory training (Clause 44).

- (c) Unless otherwise stated, the terms of this agreement will apply on a pro rata basis to part-time employees on the basis that the ordinary weekly hours for full-time employees are 38.

27.4 Subject to the rostering provisions of Clause 48, before commencing employment, the employer and employee will agree in writing on a regular pattern of work including the number of actual contracted hours to be worked in each week or fortnight, the pattern of days and times of the week the employee will work and the starting and finishing times of each shift each day.

27.5 Any period of annual leave, personal leave or paid parental leave (if applicable) to which an employee may be entitled shall accrue on a pro rata basis according to the number of ordinary hours worked on average over the last 12 months. Hours “worked” are taken to include any hours of leave, or absence, whether paid or unpaid, that are authorised by the employer. For averaging of pay for long service leave see clause 57.

#### 27.6 **Annual Review of Part-time Hours**

- (a) At the written request of an employee, the hours worked by the employee will be reviewed annually. Where the employee is regularly working more than their specified contract hours then such contract hours shall be adjusted by the employer, to reflect the hours regularly worked. The hours worked in the following circumstances will not be incorporated in the adjustment:
  - (i) if the increase in hours is as a direct result of an employee being absent on leave, such as for example, annual leave, long service leave, maternity leave, workers compensation; and
  - (ii) if the increase in hours is due to a temporary increase in hours only due, for example, to the specific needs of a resident or client.
- (b) Any adjusted contracted hours resulting from a review, should, however, be such as to readily reflect roster cycles and shift configurations utilised at the workplace.

#### 27.7 **Casual Employment**

- (a) A casual employee is an employee engaged in relieving work or work of a casual nature and whose engagement is terminable by an Employer in accordance with the Employer’s requirements without the requirement of prior notice by either party. As such casual employees are employed on an hourly basis. It is intended that casual employment will only be utilised as bank staff to assist with genuine peaks and troughs or shortages of labour where permanent staff are not available. It is not intended that casual employees will be employed on a regular or systematic basis. If this is the case, then Clause 27.9 will apply.



- (b) A casual Employee will be paid for all ordinary work performed in accordance with the rates (as a percentage of the ordinary hourly rate but inclusive of the casual loading) set out in the table below:

Employee type	Monday to Friday (inclusive)	Saturday	Sunday	Weekday Public Holiday	Weekend Public Holiday
Registered Nurse	125%	175%	187.5% (minimum payment at RN L2 Yr2)	250%	275%
Enrolled Nurse	125%	175%	200%	275%	275%
Aged Care Employee	125%	175%	200%	275%	275%

The percentages above are inclusive of the weekend loading but not the shift loading. See clause 46 (Overtime) for casual overtime penalties.

- (c) The paid Annual Leave, paid Personal Leave, paid Compassionate Leave and Termination of Employment provisions shall not apply in the case of a casual employee. However paid Family and Domestic Violence Leave and paid Parental Leave will apply if the employee is an eligible casual.
- (d) Where a casual Enrolled Nurse, PCW or aged care employee has continuous service in accordance with Clause 57 of this Agreement, the long service leave provisions prescribed in Clause 57 apply to them. A casual Registered Nurse is entitled to Long Service Leave as set out in Clause 57 of this Agreement in accordance with the *Long Service Leave Act 2018 (Vic)*.

## 27.8 Casual Employment - Caring Responsibilities

- (a) Subject to the evidentiary and notice requirements in Clause 54 casual employees are entitled to not be available to attend work, or to leave work:
- (i) if they need to care for members of their immediate family or household who are sick and require care and support, or who require care due to an unexpected emergency, or the birth of a child; or
  - (ii) upon the death of an immediate family or household member.
- (b) The employer and the employee shall agree on the period for which the employee will be entitled to not be available to attend work. In the absence of agreement, the employee is entitled to not be available to attend work for up to 48 hours (i.e. two days) per occasion. The casual employee is not entitled to any payment for the period of non-attendance.

- (c) An employer must not fail to re-engage a casual employee because the employee accessed the entitlements provided for in this clause. The rights of an employer to engage or not to engage a casual employee are otherwise not affected.

#### 27.9 Casual Conversion

- (a) A casual Employee may request that their employment be converted to full-time or part-time employment. Unless, in accordance with the NES, there are reasonable grounds for the Employer not to make the offer, the Employer must make an offer of permanent employment to a casual Employee under this subclause if:
  - (i) the Employee has been employed by the Employer for a period of at least six months beginning the day the employment started; and
  - (ii) during at least the last 6 months of that period, the Employee has worked a regular pattern of hours on an ongoing basis which, without significant adjustment, the Employee could continue to work as a full-time employee or a part-time employee (as the case may be).
- (b) A casual Employee is also able to request in writing that their Employer convert their employment to full or part time (permanent) in some circumstances, including subclauses (a)(i) and (a)(ii) above. The Employer must provide a response within 21 days and must not refuse a request until they have consulted with the Employee.
- (c) An Employer may request a casual Employee, who is working regular rostered shifts, to convert to permanent part-time or full-time employment and such a request will not be unreasonably refused.
- (d) Any dispute over the application of the NES casual conversion provisions may be dealt with in accordance with Clause 61, Dispute Resolution Procedure in this Agreement.

The further details of casual conversion to permanent employment will be in accordance with the NES.

#### 27.10 Fixed Term or Maximum Term Employment Contracts

- (a) Fixed term or maximum term employment will only be used for genuine fixed term arrangements in accordance with restrictions under the Act.
- (b) 'Genuine fixed term arrangements' include, but are not limited to, employment in graduate Nurse positions, replacement of Employees on maternity leave, long term Work Cover, parental leave or long service leave, employment in special projects, re-fresher courses, supervised practise for re-registration and post-graduate training.

### **27.11 Minimum Engagement**

The minimum engagement on any one day will be four hours for full-time Employees and two hours for part-time and casual Employees. Provided that the minimum engagement for recall to work (Clause 46) is three hours.

## **28 STAFF REPLACEMENT**

- 28.1 The Employer is committed to ensuring efficient flexible rostering of Employees dependent on the service requirements of the residents.
- 28.2 Replacement of staff is determined on resident requirements. Replacement will occur when the Employee in charge of the shift, in consultation with the supervisor, determines that replacement is required. The final decision in respect to staff replacement is the responsibility of management.
- 28.3 Where staff replacement is required, as determined above, the Employer shall endeavour to fill the position as soon as practicable. Where required, the position shall be advertised as soon as practicable from the time the Employer determines that replacement is required.

## **29 WORKLOAD MANAGEMENT AND FILLING OF VACANCIES**

- 29.1 The Employer is committed to ensuring that staffing levels are appropriate, thus ensuring the delivery of quality resident care and keeping within the accreditation principles which take into account the level of care appropriate for the assessed needs of the resident.
- 29.2 Should any Employee feel the workloads are unreasonably heavy on a regular basis, then they have a responsibility to discuss their concerns with their Manager. If appropriate action is not taken to address the workload issues, the Employee may utilise the dispute resolution procedure of this Agreement.
- 29.3 Where a vacancy arises in the Employer's staffing or where a change to either resident needs or numbers occurs, the Employer will consider staffing requirements based on factors including but not limited to the assessed needs of the residents.

## **30 POLICE AND NDIS CHECKS**

- 30.1 Where an Employee is required by the Employer to satisfy the Employer of the employee's police record or NDIS check, the Employee is responsible for the reasonable expenses associated with procuring the police record or NDIS check.
- 30.2 If the Employer holds a copy of the police check or NDIS check, then upon request by the Employee the Employer will provide a copy of the police check or NDIS check that is held on the file to the Employee.

## **31 LETTER OF APPOINTMENT AND SERVICE AND TRAINING CERTIFICATE**

- 31.1 Each Employee, other than a casual Employee, shall receive a Letter of Appointment, as specified in Appendix C, stating the place of work, the

Employee's guaranteed weekly hours, classification, job title and name of this Agreement.

Nothing in this clause shall limit the ability of a part time Employee to agree to work additional shifts on days they would not otherwise be rostered at ordinary rates, save for any other limits prescribed by this Agreement.

- 31.2 Upon termination of employment, howsoever occurring, the Employer shall provide the Employee with a Service and Training Certificate, as specified in Appendix C, detailing the following:
- (a) The Employee's classification at the time of termination,
  - (b) The Employee's training including in-service training, self-directed learning packages or other training on the Employee's file,
  - (c) The period of the Employee's service,
  - (d) The relevant contact point at the Employer to verify the information contained in the certificate.
- 31.3 Upon commencement of employment, the Employer will accept a Service and Training Certificate from the Employee for the purpose of determining the appropriate classification or experience increment, subject to the following:
- (a) The Employee providing the Employer with a copy of the Certificate; and
  - (b) The issuing Employer verifying the contents to the Employer upon request of the Employer (such verification may be verbal or written).

## **32 ADDITIONAL SHIFTS**

- 32.1 The Employer is committed to maximising its permanent workforce in line with its occupancy levels. The Employer will always offer additional shifts in the first instance to its permanent part-time staff where practicable. It will then offer additional shifts to its casual or bank staff, where applicable.
- 32.2 The realisation of this objective will require high levels of co-operation from Employees in ensuring the objectives of maximising the use of permanent part-time Employees and, when required, relevant bank staff.

## **33 NURSE/PERSONAL CARER BANK**

- 33.1 Where, at the date of lodgement of this Agreement, the Employer has developed a Nurse Bank or Personal Carer Bank, the Employer will use its best endeavours to maintain those arrangements.
- 33.2 Where the Employer does not, at the date of lodgement of this Agreement, have Nurse or Personal Carer Bank arrangements, the Employer shall consider the feasibility of introducing such arrangements having regard for its operational

requirements as well as the commitments given at Clause 32 (Additional Shifts) above of this Agreement.

### **34 DIRECTOR OF NURSING / CLINICAL CARE COORDINATOR/ REGISTERED NURSE COVER**

#### **Registered Nurse - Director of Nursing**

- 34.1 Each facility must employ a full-time Director of Nursing or the equivalent. Where there is no Director of Nursing appointed or the position becomes vacant, the Employer shall employ a full-time Registered Nurse as Director of Nursing or Clinical Care Coordinator as defined in this Agreement, (however titled or styled), in each high care facility (as prescribed by this Agreement). Regardless of the title, the Employee shall be paid at the rate of Director of Nursing as prescribed by this Agreement and in no case less than an appropriately classified Director of Nursing at Level 5 of the Nurses Award 2010.
- 34.2 Where the Employer has endeavoured to appoint a full time DON or Clinical Care Coordinator but has not been able to, the Employer shall fill such position/s to one (1) EFT.
- 34.3 Where, after making a reasonable effort, the Employer cannot obtain a suitably qualified DON or Clinical Care Coordinator, the Employer may notify the other parties to the Agreement. Where this occurs, nothing in this Agreement shall prevent the parties from reaching agreement regarding staffing on a temporary basis in satisfaction of Clauses 34.1 and 34.2.

#### **Registered Nurse - After Hours Nursing Coordinator**

- 34.4 In each residential aged care facility, the Employer will appoint a Registered Nurse to be in-charge of the facility during the off-duty periods of the Director of Nursing (PM, night and weekend shifts), and be classified as After-Hours Coordinator. In a facility of 61 beds or more the After Hours Coordinator will be classified at Grade 5, adjusted bed capacity (51-200 beds) or the applicable Grade 4 rate, whichever is the higher. Provided that where a Registered Nurse is not willing to assume the responsibility of being in charge of the facility that Nurse will not be entitled to be paid Grade 5.
- 34.5 In facilities of 60 beds or less, the applicable Grade will be the Grade 4A rate.
- 34.6 No After-Hours Nursing Coordinator will be paid less as a result of the making of this Agreement.
- 34.7 In a residential aged care facility, where more than one Registered Nurse is engaged during an off-duty period of the DON, only one Registered Nurse will be appointed and paid as the After-Hours Co-ordinator at any one time.

### **Provision of Nursing Services**

34.8 The Employer will make every practical effort to ensure that a Registered Nurse (additional to the DoN on AM shift Monday to Friday) is employed to work on each shift in each facility (as prescribed by this Agreement). Such 'practical efforts' are to include:

- (a) **Unplanned Vacancies** (e.g. sick leave, carer's leave)
  - (i) The vacant shift/s will be first offered to existing Registered Nurse Employees as additional shifts; and if not filled
  - (ii) The vacant shift/s will be offered to existing Registered Nurse casual Employees; and if not filled
  - (iii) Contact will be made with at least one nursing agency and where a Nurse is available to fill the vacancy, at a cost of the defined rate or less, the position will be filled by an agency Registered Nurse.

"Defined Rate" means the rate of pay applicable to a Casual Registered Nurse employed under the terms of this Agreement at the classification applicable under the Award/Agreement, plus a margin of not more than 40%. Nothing in this provision precludes an Employer choosing to fill the position through an Agency at the rate charged by the Agency.

- (iv) The vacant shift(s) will only be offered to an existing senior Enrolled Nurse Employee in accordance with Clause 35 below and only after the above steps have been taken.

- (b) **Long Term Vacancies**

- (i) Advertising the position internally in the first instance within two weeks of the Employer becoming aware that the position is being vacated; and if not filled
- (ii) Advertising the position externally within four weeks of the Employer becoming aware that the position is being vacated.

34.9 Where the Employer follows the 'practical efforts' noted at Clause 34.8 above, they shall not be in breach of this provision.

### **35 ENROLLED NURSE – IN CHARGE OF FACILITY ALLOWANCE**

Where the Employer has made every practical effort in accordance with Clause 34 but no Registered Nurse is available to be rostered on a shift in a high care facility, then an Enrolled Nurse Employee will be appointed in the absence of the Director of Nursing or other Registered Nurse and will be paid an In Charge of Facility Allowance as set out in Appendix A in addition to all other allowances. During the shift a Registered Nurse must be rostered on call to assist the Enrolled Nurse.

## 36 TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT

### 36.1 Notice of Termination by the Employer

- (a) Subject to paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) below, at the time of termination the employer must provide the following periods of notice to all employees other than casuals:

<u>Period of Continuous Service</u>	<u>Minimum Period of Notice</u>
Not more than 1 year	1 week
1 and less than 3 years	2 weeks
3 and less than 5 years	3 weeks
5 years and over	4 weeks

- (b) A Registered Nurse with less than three years' service shall be entitled to no less than two weeks' notice.
- (c) An employee over 45 years of age is entitled to one extra weeks' notice if the employee has completed at least two years of continuous service.
- (d) Casuals are to be given notice to the end of their current shift worked.
- (e) Payment in lieu of notice prescribed above shall be made if the appropriate notice period is not given, provided that employment may be terminated by part of the period of notice specified and part in lieu thereof. The required amount of payment in lieu of notice must equal or exceed the total of all amounts that, if the employees employment had continued until the end of the required notice period, the employer would have been liable to pay to the employee because of the employment continuing during that period (i.e. payment for ordinary hours plus all allowances, loadings and penalties and any other amount under the employee's contract of employment).

### 36.2 Notice of Termination by the Employee

- (a) At the time of termination the employee must provide to the employer the same periods of notice as listed in Clause 36.1. Casual employees shall only be required to give notice to the end of their current shift worked.
- (b) If an Employee who is at least 18 years old fails to give the required notice, the Employer has the right to withhold wages due to the Employee up to a maximum amount equal to the ordinary time rate of pay for the period of notice, or up to the equivalent of one (1) week at the Employee's ordinary time rate of pay, whichever is the lesser.
- (c) The employer may, without notice, summarily dismiss an employee at any time for serious misconduct or wilful disobedience. Payment is made up to the time of dismissal only.

### 36.3 **Transmission of Business**

Where a business is transmitted from one employer to another, as set out in the Redundancy clause below, the period of continuous service that the employee had with the first employer (or transferor) or any prior employer (or prior transferor) is deemed to be service with the second employer or ( and taken into account when calculating notice of termination. However, an employee shall not be entitled to notice of termination or payment in lieu of notice for any period of continuous service in which notice has already been given or paid for.

## 37 **REDUNDANCY**

### 37.1 **Definitions**

- (a) **Business** includes trade, process, business or occupation and includes part of any such business.
- (b) **Redundancy** occurs where an Employer has made a definite decision that the Employer no longer wishes the job the employee has been doing done by anyone and that decision leads to the termination of employment of the Employee, except where this is due to the ordinary and customary turnover of labour.
- (c) **Small employer** means an Employer who employs fewer than 15 Employees.
- (d) **Transmission** includes transfer, conveyance, assignment or succession whether by agreement or by operation of law and **transmitted** has a corresponding meaning.
- (e) **Week's pay** means the ordinary time rate of pay for the Employee concerned. Provided that such rate shall exclude:
  - overtime;
  - penalty rates;
  - disability allowances;
  - shift allowances;
  - special rates;
  - fares and travelling time allowances;
  - bonuses; and
  - any other ancillary payments of a like nature.

37.2 An Employee is entitled to be paid redundancy pay by the Employer if the Employee's employment is terminated:

- (a) at the Employer's initiative because the Employer no longer requires the job done by the employee to be done by anyone, except where this is due to the ordinary and customary turnover of labour; or
- (b) because of the insolvency or bankruptcy of the Employer.



### 37.3 Transfer to Lower Paid Duties

Where an Employee is transferred to lower paid duties, the same period of notice must be given as the employee would have been entitled to if the employment had been terminated, and the Employer may, at the Employer's option, make a payment instead of an amount equal to the difference between the former ordinary time rate of pay and the new ordinary time rate of pay for the number of weeks of notice still owing.

### 37.4 Severance Pay

- (a) In addition to the period of notice prescribed for termination, an Employee whose employment is terminated shall be paid the following amount of severance pay in respect of a period of continuous service:

<u>Period of continuous service</u>	<u>Severance pay</u>
Less than 1 year	Nil
1 year and less than 2 years	4 weeks' pay*
2 years and less than 3 years	6 weeks' pay
3 years and less than 4 years	7 weeks' pay
4 years and less than 5 years	8 weeks' pay
5 years and less than 6 years	10 weeks' pay
6 years and less than 7 years	11 weeks' pay
7 years and less than 8 years	13 weeks' pay
8 years and less than 9 years	14 weeks' pay
9 years and less than 10 years	16 weeks' pay
10 years and over	12 weeks' pay

\* **Week's pay** is defined in Clause 37.1.

'Redundancy' includes a partial redundancy (provided the loss of hours is 2 hours or more per week or 4 hours or more per fortnight). A partial severance payment will be based on the amount of ordinary pay for the lost or reduced hours x the relevant weeks of severance pay in the table above.

- (b) For the purposes of this clause, continuity of service shall be calculated in the manner prescribed by Clause 57 – Long Service Leave.
- (c) Application may be made for variation of the severance pay provided for in this clause in a particular redundancy situation in accordance with the *Redundancy Case Decision* [PR032004, 26 March 2004] and the *Redundancy Case Supplementary Decision* [PR062004, 8 June 2004].

### 37.5 Employee Leaving during Notice Period

An Employee given notice of termination in circumstances of redundancy may terminate their employment during the period of notice set out in Clause 36 – Termination of Employment. In this circumstance the Employee will be entitled to receive the benefits and payments they would have received under this clause had they remained with the Employer until the expiry of the notice, but will not be entitled to payment in lieu of notice.

### 37.6 Alternative Employment

- (a) Where an offer of acceptable alternative employment is rejected by an Employee, no severance payment is payable by the Employer, subject to an order by the Fair Work Commission.
- (b) On application by the employer, FWC may determine that the amount of redundancy pay is reduced to a specified amount (which may be nil) that FWC considers appropriate.
- (c) The amount of redundancy pay to which the Employee is entitled under s.119 of the *Fair Work Act* is the reduced amount specified in the determination.

### 37.7 Job Search Entitlement

- (a) An Employee given notice of termination in circumstances of redundancy must be allowed up to one day's time off (on a day the Employee is rostered to work) without loss of ordinary pay during each week of notice for the purpose of seeking other employment.
- (b) If the Employee has been allowed paid leave for more than one day during the notice period for the purpose of seeking other employment, the Employee must, at the request of the Employer, produce proof of attendance at an interview or they will not be entitled to payment for any time absent. For this purpose a statutory declaration is sufficient.

### 37.8 Employees Exempted

Clause 37 of this Agreement does not apply to:

- Employees terminated as a consequence of serious misconduct that justifies dismissal without notice;
- trainees;
- Employees engaged for a specific period of time or for a specified task or tasks; or
- casual employees.

### 37.9 Transmission of Business

- (a) The provisions of this clause are not applicable where a business is before or after the date of this agreement, transferred from an Employer (**the transferor**) to another Employer (**the transferee**), in any of the following circumstances:
  - (i) Where the Employee accepts employment with the transferee which recognises the period of continuous service which the Employee had with the transferor and any prior transferor to be continuous service of the Employee with the transferee; or
  - (ii) Where the Employee rejects an offer of employment with the transferee:

- in which the terms and conditions are substantially similar and no less favourable, considered on an overall basis, than the terms and conditions applicable to the Employee at the time of ceasing employment with the transferor; and
- which recognises the period of continuous service which the Employee had with the transferor and any prior transferor to be continuous service of the Employee with the transferee.

(b) The Fair Work Commission may vary paragraphs (a)(i) or (a)(ii) if it is satisfied that this provision would operate unfairly in a particular case.

### 37.10 Incapacity to Pay

The Commission may vary the severance pay prescription on the basis of an Employer's incapacity to pay. An application for variation may be made by an Employer or a group of employers.

### 37.11 Redundancy Disputes

- (a) Clauses (b) and (c) below impose additional obligations on an Employer where an Employer contemplates termination of employment due to redundancy and a dispute arises (a **redundancy dispute**). These additional obligations do not apply to Employers who employ fewer than 15 Employees.
- (b) Where a redundancy dispute arises, and if it has not already done so, an Employer must provide affected Employees and the relevant union or unions (if requested by any affected employee) in good time, with relevant information including:
- the reasons for any proposed redundancy;
  - the number and categories of workers likely to be affected;
  - and
  - the period over which any proposed redundancies are intended to be carried out.
- (c) Where a redundancy dispute arises and discussions occur in accordance with this clause the Employer will, as early as possible, consult on measures taken to avert or to minimise any proposed redundancies and measures to mitigate the adverse effects of any proposed redundancies on the Employees concerned.

## **PART D – CAREER STRUCTURE**

### **38 CLASSIFICATIONS**

- 38.1 The wage rates and allowances for the classifications are set out in Appendix A. The classification definitions and appointment and progression criteria are set out in Appendix B.
- 38.2 Amendments to classifications and classifications in grades made by previous Agreements have been incorporated into Appendix A of this Agreement.
- 38.3 The Wage Skill Group Experience payments at each year will be increased by the wage increases specified in this agreement (i.e. the experience payments will not be a fixed amount but will be indexed by the wage increases).
- 38.4 All prior experience in the industry will be recognised by the Employer in relation to both HASA Employees and Registered and Enrolled Nurses as defined.

### **39 REGISTERED AND ENROLLED NURSES**

#### **Registered Nurses**

- 39.1 The Registered Nurse classification structure is set out in Appendix A. RN Level 1 classification will not be used by the Employer.

#### **39.2 Registered Nurse Entry Level**

An Enrolled Nurse who completes an undergraduate course which leads to registration and is subsequently registered as a Registered Nurse will be paid at the Grade 2 Year level immediately above the weekly salary applicable to that Enrolled Nurse (inclusive of Seniors and Qualification Allowance where applicable) effective from commencement of employment as a Registered Nurse.

#### **39.3 Registered Nurse Grade 2**

A Registered Nurse may only be classified and paid as a Grade 2 in circumstances where:

- On AM shift the Registered Nurse is the second or subsequent Registered Nurse rostered on the shift (in addition to the Director of Nursing and/or Clinical Care Coordinator however titled) i.e. there is at least one other Registered Nurse classified at Grade 4 or Grade 5 nurse rostered on the floor, in addition to the Director of Nursing and/or Clinical Care Coordinator; and
- On PM, night and weekend shifts the Registered Nurse works under the direct supervision of a more experienced Registered Nurse who is in charge of the same section or unit within which the Registered Nurse Grade 2 is working (i.e. the Registered Nurse Grade 2 is not in charge of or responsible for a section or unit of the facility but works under direct supervision).

#### 39.4 **Registered Nurse Grade 5**

In the event the base salary for the Grade 4 classification exceeds the base salary for the Grade 5 classification the Grade 5 Employee shall be paid no less than the Grade 4 rate.

#### **Enrolled Nurses**

39.5 The classification structure for Enrolled Nurses is set out in Appendix B. Pay Point 1 is not utilised and is the Allowance Rate only. Pay Point 2 is not utilised as a classification point, except where an Enrolled Nurse has a Certificate IV qualification and is returning to work as a nurse after a break of five or more years. An Enrolled Nurse will progress from Pay Point to Pay Point, subject only to the experience requirements.

#### 39.6 **Enrolled Nurse Entry Level**

An Employee who completes a Diploma in Nursing that entitles the Employee to register as an Enrolled Nurse shall enter at Pay Point 3 of the salary structure in Appendix A.

### **40 HASA EMPLOYEES**

#### 40.1 **Personal Care Worker ('PCW') Structure**

Included at Appendix B is the staffing structure for personal care workers, however titled, within aged care facilities. Reference to a 'Wage Skill Group' refers to the Wage Skill Group Structure outlined in Appendix B.

40.2 The classification structure and definitions for Activities/Lifestyle/Diversional Therapists are also outlined in Appendix B.

#### 40.3 **Revised Wage Skill Group (WSG) Structure**

From the commencement of the Agreement a revised Wage Skill Group (WSG) structure will be introduced with the following changes at Carrum Downs and Frankston (this provision is already applying at Meracare Wangaratta under the previous Rangeview Private Nursing Home Enterprise Agreement):

- (a) Wage Skill Group 1 will be entry level only for the first 2 years of service (using the WSG1 Year 1 and Year 2 rates from the previous agreement as the base) after which time Employees will progress automatically to WSG 2.
- (b) Those Employees at the previous WSG1 Years 3-6 classification levels will translate to WSG 2 Year 1 on commencement of this Agreement and then progress by year of experience.

### **41 TRAINEES**

41.1 The Enrolled Nurse Trainee rate of pay is 95% of the Pay Point 1 rate of pay.

- 41.2 The pay rates for HASA Trainees are included in the pay rates provided in Appendix A. The HASA Trainee rate is at WSG1 for all trainees other than a Personal Care Worker who shall be paid at WSG3 Year 1. In all other respects the terms and conditions of trainees are provided by this Agreement.

## **PART E – EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

### **42 EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- 42.1 All full time Employees shall be entitled to four (4) days paid study / examination / conference leave per annum for the purposes of attending courses, conferences and/or undertaking or preparing for examinations in a relevant course of study relevant to their work at the facility and is conducted by a recognised institution or training organisation. Part time Employees who work not less than four (4) shifts per fortnight shall be entitled to leave under this clause, on a pro rata basis.

A 'day' of leave for the purposes of this clause is the shift length that the employee foregoes in order to undertake the training/CPD.

- 42.2 Leave entitlements pursuant to this clause shall not accumulate from year to year.
- 42.3 Study Leave shall be taken at a time that is mutually agreed between the Employer and the Employee. The Employer shall not unreasonably withhold approval for such leave.
- 42.4 Registered Nurses are entitled to a further three days of examination or assessment leave per year where they are undertaking studies relevant to their work and/or career progression. This leave may also be taken as professional development, study or conference leave. Enrolled Nurses and Personal Care Workers are also entitled to use this additional examination leave but only when they undertake assessment in a course that leads to registration as an Enrolled Nurse or Registered Nurse. The three days leave pursuant to this clause shall:
- (a) Not accumulate from year to year.
  - (b) Be available to full and part time Employees who are employed to work on average for three shifts or 24 hours per week over the previous year.
  - (c) Be subject to the Employee having been employed by the facility or network for eighteen months immediately prior to the taking of leave.
  - (d) Be available in a block or as single days to prepare for examinations or assessment or undertake such exams or assessment.
  - (e) Be granted for studies which are related to the classification duties in the Nurses Award, relevant to advancement through the career structure and to employment at the establishment and would normally be undertaken in a tertiary or TAFE Institute or similar institution. For the avoidance of doubt this includes an Enrolled Nurse or Personal Care Worker undertaking degree or diploma studies in nursing.

### **43 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT LEAVE**

The Employer shall ensure that operating budgets make reasonable provision for the ongoing professional development of full-time nursing staff. The Employer will encourage staff to attend relevant seminars and conferences on a regular basis. Costs may be either shared or paid for in total by the Employer or release from work provided at the discretion of the Employer.

### **44 INTERNAL/COMPULSORY EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

44.1 All Employees have a responsibility to maintain and upgrade their skills commensurate with the requirements of their position. In particular every Employee must attend training required to meet statutory responsibilities including but not limited to: fire and emergency training, manual handling training, infection control, food handling provided by the Employer in each twelve month period or as required.

Where the Employee attends compulsory training other than during the course of a rostered shift, the minimum payment shall be the length of the training or one hour whichever is the greater

44.2 Attendance at any training course other than those referred to in Clause 44.1 above may be supported by the Employer in accordance with specific policy initiatives. In particular, the parties acknowledge that it is highly desirable for Employees to attend training provided by the Employer. Any such training which is required of an Employee outside their rostered hours of work will be paid for at ordinary rates for up to twelve (12) hours in any year and thereafter at overtime rates.

44.3 Where the Employer has implemented or is participating in a no lift training program every Employee must attend the training required.

44.4 The time involved in such mandatory training (whether face to face or e-learning will not be taken into account for the purposes of clause 46 – Overtime up to a maximum of eight hours in any year. However, if the mandatory training is not rostered at least seven days in advance, the hours are beyond the 76 hours per fortnight or exceeds 12 hours in a year, then overtime is payable.

## **PART F – HOURS OF WORK, ROSTERS AND RELATED MATTERS**

### **45 HOURS OF WORK**

45.1 The hours for an ordinary week's work shall be 38, or be an average 38 per week in a fortnight or in a four week period (or by mutual agreement, a five week period in the case of an employee working ten hour shifts) and shall be paid either:

- (a) in a week of five days in shifts of not more than eight hours each; or
- (b) by mutual agreement in a week of four days in shifts of not more than ten hours each; or

- (c) by mutual agreement, provided that the length of any ordinary shift, shall not exceed ten hours; or
- (d) in 76 hours per fortnight to be worked as not more than ten days of not more than eight hours each; or
- (e) in 152 hours per four week period to be worked as nineteen days each of eight hours.

45.2 Employees who, pursuant to Clause 45.1(e) above receive an accrued day off or rostered day off (ADO or RDO) may, with the consent of the Employer accumulate such ADOs or RDOs up to a maximum of five in any one year. Accumulated ADOs or RDOs must be taken in the year in which they accumulate. In the case of termination of employment for whatever reason, accumulated ADOs will be paid to the Employee by the Employer.

45.3 Subject to the roster provision Clause 48 – Rosters, not more than 48 ordinary hours are to be worked in any week of a fortnightly pay period of 76 ordinary hours.

45.4 With the exception of time occupied in having meals (which shall be a period of not less than 30 minutes for each meal), the work of each shift shall be continuous provided that no such additional break shall be required in respect of rostered hours of ordinary duty finishing on the day after commencing duty or commencing after midnight and before 5.00 am.

**45.5 Notice of Days Off**

Except as provided in Clause 45.1, in cases where by virtue of the arrangement of his or her ordinary working hours an Employee is entitled to a day off during his or her work cycle, such Employee shall be advised by the Employer at least four weeks in advance of the week day he is to take off.

**45.6 Substitute Days**

- (a) An individual Employee, with the agreement of his or her Employer, may substitute the day he is to take off for another day.
- (b) An Employee would therefore work on what would normally have been his or her accrued or rostered day off and accrue an entitlement to bank a rostered day off to be taken at a mutually convenient time for both the Employee and the Employer, provided that no less than seven days' notice is given before taking the banked accrued or rostered day(s) off.
- (c) No payments or penalty payment shall be made to Employees working under this substitute banked accrued or rostered day off. However, the Employer will maintain a record of the number of accrued or rostered days banked and will apply the Average Pay System during the weeks when an Employee elects to take a banked accrued or rostered day off.



- (d) Employees terminating prior to taking any banked accrued or rostered day(s) off shall receive the following: Average weekly pay X number of banked substitute days divided by 5.
- (e) The Unions shall be notified in writing by the Employer of agreements made pursuant to this subclause by no later than the end of the 5<sup>th</sup> working day subsequent to the day upon which such agreement is made.

#### **Day/s Off in Each Week - Registered Nurses**

- 45.7 Registered Nurses shall receive at least one clear day off in each week in the case of day-shift Employees and one clear night in each week in the case of night-shift Employees.
- 45.8 Provided that during any working period not exceeding three consecutive weeks, the day or night off may, with the approval of the Director of Nursing, be allowed to stand over, and be taken at a time mutually agreed upon in any one consecutive period equivalent to one day or night, as the case may be, for each week in the period concerned.

#### **Day/s Off in Each Week - Enrolled Nurses and HASA Classifications Only**

- 45.9 Other than by mutual agreement, and at the written request of the Employee, no Employee shall be required to work more than six consecutive periods of ordinary duty without 24 hours off duty.
  - (a) Provided further that notwithstanding anything else contained in this part, where the employer requires an employee to work more than six consecutive periods of ordinary duty without 24 hours off duty shall be paid for the seventh and any further consecutive period of ordinary duty worked at the rate of treble time until the Employee has been given 24 hours off duty.
  - (b) For the purposes of this clause the working week shall commence at midnight on a Sunday.

Provided that an Employee who requests in writing to work a seventh or subsequent shift on a voluntary basis or who puts their name on a roster or availability list to work a seventh or subsequent shift will not receive overtime payments (unless they have worked beyond 76 hours in the fortnight or the fulltime rostered shift length in any day).

- 45.10 Where necessary an Enrolled Nurse or HASA Employee shall be entitled to cease work ten minutes before the Employee's rostered finishing time to enable the Employee to wash or to change their clothes.

## **46 OVERTIME**

- 46.1 Only authorised overtime will be paid, except in emergency situations. Overtime must be authorised by a nominated representative of the Employer in accordance with the designated process, except in cases where the matter is urgent and it is impracticable to obtain such authorisation.

#### 46.2 Registered Nurses and Enrolled Nurses

Except in the case of a Director of Nursing where a Deputy or Assistant Director of Nursing is also employed, all work done by a Registered Nurse or Enrolled Nurse in excess of:

- (a) the number of ordinary full-time rostered hours on any day or shift, as per Clause 45
- (b) 76 ordinary hours in a pay fortnight
- (c) 48 ordinary hours in any one week of a pay fortnight

shall be paid at the rate of time and a half for the first two hours and double time thereafter, or otherwise in accordance with the attached table. For the purpose of this clause each day or shift shall stand alone.

Registered Nurses and Enrolled Nurses		
Day	First 2 Hours	Thereafter
Weekday	150%	200%
Weekend	200%	200%
Public Holidays	200%. RNs and 250% ENs	200% RNs and 250% ENs
Weekend Public Holiday	200%. RNs and 250% ENs	200%. RNs and 250% ENs

#### 46.3 HASA Staff

HASA staff will be paid overtime for all work in excess of 76 hours in a fortnight, 48 hours in a week of a pay fortnight or, their rostered shift (as agreed per clause 45), in accordance with the table below.

For the purpose of this clause each day or shift shall stand alone.

- (a) Provided that:
  - (i) between the end of the rostered shift and the duration of the ordinary full-time rostered shift length for that shift (for example, between a rostered shift of 4 hours and the usual full-time ordinary rostered shift length on AM and PM shift of 7.6 paid hours) a HASA employee may agree in writing to change their shift length and be paid at ordinary time;
  - (ii) However, all work in excess of the ordinary full-time rostered shift length (usually 7.6 paid hours on AM and PM shift and 9 paid hours on night shift) will always be paid at the overtime rates in (a) above, regardless of whether the employee agrees to work or the employer requires the additional hours to be worked.

<b>HASA staff – overtime penalties for full-time and part-time employees</b>		
<b>Day</b>	<b>First 2 Hours</b>	<b>Thereafter</b>
Weekday	150%	200%
Weekend	200%	200%
Public Holiday	250%	250%
Weekend Public Holiday	250%	250%

**(b) Broken Shifts (ENs and HASA Employees only)**

Broken shifts will not be rostered and will only be worked by agreement. However, where a broken shift (two short shifts separated by a break of at least one hour) are worked, overtime will be paid as follows:

- (i) at 200% where that work is outside a spread of twelve hours from the commencement of the last previous rostered period of duty provided that the overtime is not continuous with the next succeeding period of duty; or
- (ii) 150% where that work is outside a spread of nine hours from the time of commencing work by an employee rostered to work broken shifts, and 200% where that work is outside a spread of twelve hours from the time of commencing work.

Provided that the following rate of payment shall be made where the Saturday or Sunday duty involves:

- (i) Work in excess of the prescribed rostered hours - double time for the excess period.
- (ii) Work performed by an Enrolled Nurse or Aged Care employee of broken shifts outside a spread of nine hours from the time of commencing work - time and three-quarters, and outside a spread of twelve hours from the time of commencing work - double time.

**46.4 Overtime performed by casual staff**

- (a) Where a casual Employee is required by the Employer to work in excess of standard full-time hours for the relevant shift or 38 hours per week or 76 hours in a fortnight, the casual Employee will be paid for such excess hours as overtime in accordance with the table below, calculated on the ordinary rate of pay, provided further that each period of overtime shall stand alone:

<b>Employee type</b>	<b>Monday to Friday (inclusive)</b>	<b>Saturday and Sunday</b>	<b>Public Holiday</b>
Registered Nurse	175% for the first two hours, and 250% thereafter	250%	280%
Enrolled Nurse	175% for the first two hours, and 250% thereafter	250%	285%
Aged Care Employee	175% for the first two hours, and 250% thereafter	275%	312.5%

**46.5 All Employees (other than casuals): Rest Periods - Affected by Overtime (Including Saturdays and Sundays)**

- (a) When overtime work (including recall to duty) is necessary it shall, wherever reasonably practicable, be so arranged that Employees have at least ten hours continuously off duty between the work of successive shifts.
- (b) An Employee (other than a casual employee) who works so much overtime between the termination of his or her last previously rostered ordinary hours of duty and the commencement of his or her next succeeding rostered period of duty that the Employee would not have had at least ten hours continuously off duty between those times, shall subject to this subclause, be released after completion of such overtime worked until the Employee has ten hours continuously off duty without loss of pay for rostered ordinary hours occurring during such an absence.
- (c) If on the instructions of his or her Employer such an Employee resumes or continues work without having had such ten hours continuously off duty the Employee shall be paid at the rate of double time until the Employee is released from duty for such rest period and they shall be entitled to be absent until they have had ten hours continuously off duty without loss of pay for rostered ordinary hours occurring during such an absence.
- (d) In the event of an Employee finishing any period of overtime or recall at a time when reasonable means of transport are not available for the Employee to return to his or her place of residence the Employer shall provide adequate transport free of cost to the Employee.

46.6 Any period of overtime involving a recall to duty during an off-duty period and which is not continuous with the next succeeding rostered period of duty shall be paid at a minimum of three hours at the appropriate overtime rate.

46.7 The Employer may require any Employee to work reasonable overtime at overtime rates and such Employee shall work overtime in accordance with such

requirement. An Employee is entitled to refuse a request to work additional hours where that request is unreasonable taking into account the factors identified in s.62(3) of the *Fair Work Act*, including any risk to Employee health and safety, personal circumstances, family responsibilities, notice given by either party and the Employee's role and level of responsibility.

46.8 In lieu of receiving payment for overtime worked in accordance with this clause, Employees may, with the consent of the Employer, be allowed to take time off for a period of time equivalent to the period worked in excess of ordinary rostered hours of duty, plus a period of time equivalent to the overtime penalty incurred. Such time in lieu shall be taken as mutually agreed between the Employer and Employee, provided that accrual of such leave shall not extend beyond a 28-day period. Where such time has not been taken within the 28-day period, or the employee requests that it be paid or on termination/resignation, such time shall be paid in accordance with this clause at the rate of pay which applied on the day the overtime was worked.

46.9 For the purposes of this clause, in accruing or calculating payment for overtime, each period of overtime shall stand alone.

**46.10 Recall to Duty**

(a) An Employee, whether required to be on call or not, and who is recalled to work after leaving the Employer's premises will be paid for a minimum of three hours work at the appropriate overtime rate.

(b) The time spent travelling to and from the place of duty will be deemed to be time worked. Except that, where an Employee is recalled within three hours of their rostered commencement time, and the Employee remains at work, only the time spent in travelling to work will be included with the actual time worked for the purposes of the overtime payment.

(c) An Employee who is recalled to work will not be obliged to work for three hours if the work for which the Employee was recalled is completed within a shorter period.

(d) If an Employee is recalled to work, the Employee will be provided with transport to and from their home or will be refunded the cost of such transport.

**46.11 Sleepover**

Employees will not be rostered for sleepover shifts.

**47 SATURDAY AND SUNDAY WORK**

47.1 For all Employees (other than casual Employees) all rostered time of ordinary duty performed between midnight on Friday and midnight on Sunday shall be paid a penalty based on the ordinary time rate in accordance with the table below. Such rates are in addition to, not in substitution of, the relevant shift loading.

**Meracare Facilities other than Wangaratta**

Employee type	Saturday	Sunday day shift	Sunday PM	Sunday night shift
Full-Time / Part-Time Registered Nurse	150%	152.5%* (minimum payment at RN L2 Yr 2)	152.5%	150%
Full-Time / Part-Time Enrolled Nurse	150%	160%	155%	150%
Full-Time Aged Care Employee	150%	170%	167.5%	165%
Part-Time Aged Care Employee	150%	172.5%	170%	167.5%

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Employee type	Saturday	Sunday day shift	Sunday PM	Sunday night shift
Full-Time / Part-Time Registered Nurse	150%	152.5%* (minimum payment at RN L2 Yr 2)	152.5%	150%
Full-Time / Part-Time Enrolled Nurse	150%	160%	157.5%	155%
Full-Time Aged Care Employee	150%	172.5%	170%	167.5%
Part-Time Aged Care Employee	150%	175%	172.5%	170%

**\*RN Level 6 only to receive penalty rate of 155% for Sunday day shift**

Casual Employees will be paid for work of ordinary hours on a weekend in accordance with the appropriate table at clause 27.7.

**48 ROSTERS****48.1 Publication**

- (a) A roster of at least fourteen days duration setting out Employees' daily ordinary working hours, commencing and finishing times and meal intervals shall be posted at least fourteen days before it comes into operation in each work location and where it may be readily seen by Employees and representatives of the Employees, including the ANMF and HSU.
- (b) The posting of a roster shall include a statement that an Employee may notify the Employer that the Employee does not agree to a change of shift (as defined in Clause 49 of this Agreement) proposed in that roster and advising Employees how to provide any such notification.

48.2 Except as in emergency situations seven days' notice shall be given of a change in roster.

48.3 Where the Employer requires an Employee, without seven days' notice and outside the excepted circumstances prescribed in Clause 48.2 above, to perform ordinary

duty at other times than those previously rostered, the Employee shall be paid in accordance with the hours worked, with the addition of a daily allowance equal to 2.5% of the weekly Allowance Rate as defined and as prescribed in Appendix A.

Provided that a part-time Employee who agrees to work shift(s) in addition to those already rostered will not be entitled to the above specified allowance for the additional shift(s) worked.

- 48.4 An Employee, by making a request in writing to the Employer, may have their roster fixed by the provisions of paragraph (b) below, in lieu of Clauses 48.1 to 48.3.
- (a) Rosters shall be fixed by mutual agreement, subject to the provisions of this Agreement.
  - (b) An Employee may rescind any such request at any time, by giving written notice to the Employer. In such a case the roster for the Employee shall be fixed according to the provisions of Clauses 48.1 to 48.3, from the commencement of the next full roster period being not less than five clear days after such repudiation is received in writing by the Employee.
- 48.5 The roster or rosters shall be drawn up so as to provide at least eight hours between successive ordinary shifts.
- 48.6 This clause shall not apply to casual Employees, Directors of Nursing or Deputy Directors of Nursing.
- 48.7 In the event of any dispute arising as to whether a roster arrangement has been adopted in accordance with the meaning and intent of Clause 48.4 above, if not resolved at the workplace it shall be referred to the Fair Work Commission for resolution in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedure of the Agreement.
- 48.8 **Daylight Saving**
- (a) If an Employee works on a shift during which time changes because of the introduction of, or cessation to, daylight saving, that Employee shall be paid for the actual hours worked at the ordinary time rate of pay (including any shift penalties or allowances ordinarily payable in respect of this shift).
  - (b) No overtime is payable for the additional hour worked because of daylight saving.

## 49 SHIFT WORK

- 49.1 In addition to any other rates prescribed elsewhere in this Agreement, an Employee whose rostered hours of ordinary duty finish between 6.00 p.m. and 8.00 a.m. or commence between 6.00 p.m. and 6.30 a.m. shall be paid an amount equal to 2.5 per cent of the relevant allowance rate as defined per rostered period of duty.

- 49.2 Provided that in the case of an Employee where the majority of rostered hours of ordinary duty finish on the day after commencing duty or the majority of rostered hours are worked after midnight and before 5.00 a.m. they shall be paid for any such periods of duty an amount equal to 5 per cent of the relevant allowance rate from the commencement of this Agreement.
- 49.3 The shift allowances specified in sub-clauses 49.1 and 49.2 and set out in Appendix A are fixed amounts which are paid per shift regardless of the length of the shift. Shift allowances are paid for all shifts of ordinary time, including on weekends and public holidays.
- 49.4 Provided that in the case of an Enrolled Nurse or HASA Employee who changes from working on one shift to working on another shift the time of commencement of which differs by four hours or more from that of the first ("change of shift") the Employee shall be paid an amount equal to 4 per cent of the relevant allowance rate on the occasion of each such change in addition to any amount payable under the preceding provisions of this clause ("change of shift allowance").
- 49.5 Notwithstanding the provisions of Clause 49.3 above the change of shift allowance is not payable in the following circumstances:
- (a) Where the Employer agrees to a request in writing made on behalf of one or more Employees for changes in shifts;
  - (b) Where there is an intervening period of more than 48 hours off duty, inclusive of all leave, weekends, accrued days off, rostered days off and public holidays;
  - (c) In the case of a HASA Employee, where an Employee is a regular part-time Employee and a change of shift arises from an agreement made in accordance with this clause of the Agreement.
  - (d) In the case of a Registered or Enrolled Nurse, such Employee at the time of engagement or subsequently has agreed in writing on the same hours worked each day, on the same days of the week, and the same starting and finishing hours as those of the roster which require a change of shift.
  - (e) Where an Employee has been employed for at least 3 months on the same hours worked each day, on the same days of the week, and the same starting and finishing hours, as those of the roster which require a change of shift.
  - (f) The provisions of paragraphs (c), (d) and (e) shall not apply to an Employee who, immediately prior to the date of operation of this Agreement, has been paid a change of shift allowance in respect of changes of shifts to which paragraphs (c), (d) and (e) would otherwise apply.
  - (g) Where an Employee requests to be recorded on a list of staff willing and available to work specified additional shifts in the next roster period,



and a change of shift arises from that Employee working any shift filled from that list.

- (i) In circumstances other than those applying in paragraphs (c)-(g) inclusive, where an Employee is required by a roster posted in accordance with Clause 49.1 to work a change of shift.
  - (ii) Notwithstanding sub-paragraph (i) herein, an Employee may notify the Employer in writing within 24 hours of the next shift to be worked by that Employee following the posting of such a roster that the Employee does not agree to a change of shift for that Employee proposed in that roster.
  - (iii) Where an Employee notifies the Employer in accordance with sub-paragraph (ii), the Employer may:
    - (A) reach agreement with the Employee on working a different shift or shifts on that roster in which case the Employee shall not be paid a change of shift allowance; or
    - (B) require the Employee to work an amended roster which reduces or eliminates changes of shifts but provides no fewer shifts and hours than the original proposed roster in which case the Employee shall only be paid a change of shift allowance in respect of any change of shift required by the amended roster; or
    - (C) require the Employee to work a change of shift, in which case the Employee shall be paid a change of shift allowance.
  - (h) From the date of operation of this sub-clause no term of any contract of employment or other instrument shall require an Employee to make a request, or constitute a request, for the purposes of paragraphs (a) or (e).
- 49.6 The allowances payable pursuant to this clause shall be calculated to the nearest five cents, portions of a cent being disregarded.

## **50 MEAL BREAKS**

- 50.1 An employee who works in excess of five hours will be entitled to an unpaid meal break of not less than 30 minutes and not more than 60 minutes which must be taken before the completion of five hours work. Employees are entitled to leave the ward/unit and facility during their meal break.
- 50.2 Where an employee is required to remain available or on duty during a meal break (including that they are advised that they are unable to leave the ward/unit or facility) or is interrupted during that meal break, the employee will be paid at the overtime rate until such time as the meal break free from duty is taken by the employee or the employee's shift ends (whichever occurs first).

- 50.3 Where an Employee is regularly unable to take his or her meal break then a "crib time" arrangement should operate so that the Employee is granted a paid meal interval of not less than twenty minutes to be commenced after completing three hours and not more than five hours of duty.
- 50.4 Provided that at the request of the Employee, and with the agreement of the Employer, where shifts of 6 hours or less duration are worked, an Employee may, in lieu of meal break and crib time provisions either: ,
- (i) finish the shift 30 minutes earlier; or
  - (ii) work and be paid for the six hours (or lesser duration), choosing to take only the 2 x 10 minute tea breaks or a single 20 minute break

## **51 REST INTERVALS**

- 51.1 Two separate 10-minute intervals (in addition to meal breaks) will be allowed to each employee on duty during each ordinary shift of 7.6 hours or more.
- 51.2 Where less than 7.6 ordinary hours are worked, employees will be allowed one 10-minute interval in each four-hour period, or part thereof greater than one hour.
- 51.3 Subject to mutual agreement, such intervals may alternatively be taken as one 20-minute interval.
- 51.4 Rest intervals will count as time worked.

## **52 HIGHER DUTIES**

- 52.1 Any employee (except a Deputy Director of Nursing) engaged in any one day or shift for more than two hours on duties carrying a higher rate than the classification in which the Employee is ordinarily employed shall be paid for the full day or shift at the minimum rate for that higher classification but if so engaged for two hours or less only the time so worked shall be paid for at that higher rate.
- 52.2 A Deputy Director of Nursing who is called upon to relieve an Employee in a higher classification for a period in excess of five days, shall be paid at the minimum of that higher classification for the entire period of relief.

## **PART G – LEAVE AND PUBLIC HOLIDAY ENTITLEMENTS**

### **53 ANNUAL LEAVE**

The provisions of this clause apply to full-time and part-time employees (on a pro rata basis) but do not apply to casual employees. The entitlements of casual employees are set out in the casual clause of this Agreement.

#### **53.1 Basic Entitlement**

- (a) All Registered Nurse Employees shall be granted a minimum of five weeks (190 hours for full-time Employees, pro-rata for part-time Employees) of annual leave with ordinary pay as defined in Clause 53.8(a).
- (b) All Enrolled Nurse and HASA Employees will be entitled to four weeks (152 hours for full-time Employees, pro-rata for part-time Employees) of annual leave with ordinary pay as defined in Clause 53.8(a).
- (c) Such entitlement will accrue progressively during a year of service according to the Employee's ordinary hours of work (including ordinary additional hours of work, but not overtime), and such leave will accumulate from year to year.
- (d) Annual Leave accruals will be displayed on each Employee's pay slip.

### 53.2 **Shift Work**

An Employee who is a shift worker, whether full-time or part-time, shall be allowed an additional week of annual leave (38 hours for full-time Employees, pro-rata for part-time Employees). An employee is to be regarded as a shift worker for the purposes of accruing this additional week of annual leave if, during any part of the relevant twelve months period of service:

- (a) A Registered Nurse is required to work and worked ordinary hours on weekdays and on weekends; or
- (b) An Enrolled Nurse, Personal Care Worker or HASA employee, who works:
  - (i) for more than four ordinary hours on 10 or more weekends; and/or
  - (ii) Regularly outside the hours of a day worker (i.e. PM or night shift with start and/or finish times outside the ordinary span of hours of 6.30am to 6pm)

### 53.3 **Accrued Days Off and Annual Leave**

Where the system of working provides for the taking of accrued days off, the maximum number of accrued days off shall be thirteen in any calendar year. One day of a year's annual leave period shall be regarded as an accrued day off for which no additional payment is to be made.

### 53.4 **Public Holidays and Personal Leave occurring during Annual Leave**

- (a) Where any public holiday occurs during any period of annual leave, the Employee is entitled to receive payment for that public holiday and to have the annual leave that was to be taken on that day re-credited. However, the Employee may instead elect to receive an additional sum equal to a day's ordinary pay for such day rather than having it re-credited.

- (b) Where an Employee becomes sick whilst on annual leave on any days on which the Employee would otherwise have worked, and immediately forwards to the Employer a certificate of a registered health practitioner, then the day or days specified in the certificate shall be deducted from any paid sick leave entitlement standing to the employee's credit, and the annual leave day(s) shall be re-credited to his or her annual leave entitlement.

### 53.5 Effect of Termination on Annual Leave

- (a) Where the employment of an Employee is terminated, the Employer shall be deemed to have given all accrued leave (except so much, if any, as has already been taken) to the Employee as from the date of the termination of the employment, and shall forthwith pay to the Employee, in addition to all other amounts due to the Employee, the Employee's ordinary pay for the period of such leave, together with annual leave loading applicable to that leave.

Nothing in this subclause affects the obligation of an Employer to give, or an Employee to take, annual leave in accordance with this Agreement.

- (b) The annual leave loading prescribed in Clause 53.8(a) shall apply to pro rata payment of leave on termination or resignation of employment.
- (c) Where annual leave has been taken in advance and:
  - (i) the employment of the Employee is terminated before the Employee has completed the year of employment in respect of which such annual leave or part was taken; and
  - (ii) the sum paid by the Employer to the Employee as ordinary pay for the annual leave period or part so taken in advance exceeds the sum which the Employer is required to pay to the Employee under paragraph (a);
  - (iii) the Employer shall not be liable to make any payment to the Employee under paragraph (a) and shall be entitled to deduct the amount of such excess from any remuneration payable to the Employee upon termination of employment.

### 53.6 Taking of Leave

- (a) Four weeks' notice of the date from which an Employee shall commence his or her annual leave shall be given by either the Employer (subject to paragraph (b) below) or Employee unless otherwise mutually agreed upon between the parties concerned.
- (b) An Employee with an accrued annual leave entitlement can apply for annual leave at any time (including single day leave) and such request will not be unreasonably refused by the Employer. Where agreement cannot be reached between an Employee and Employer as to when

excessive annual leave can be taken, provided that this can only occur in accordance with clause 53.7.

- (c) Except as provided in paragraph (d) below if the Employee and the Employer so agree the annual leave period or either of such separate periods may be taken wholly or partly in advance before the Employee has become entitled to the annual leave.
- (d) On application by the Employee and by agreement with the Employer annual leave may be taken as single days in each year of employment. These single days may be taken consecutively. Annual leave so taken shall be exempt from the payment in advance requirements below and shall be paid in the next pay period.

### 53.7 Excessive Annual Leave Accruals

- (a) The employer may direct an employee take a period of annual leave where the employee has accrued excessive annual leave. Excessive annual leave is defined as accrued leave in excess of 200% of the employee's annual leave entitlement (e.g. in excess of 10 weeks leave for an employee who has an entitlement to 5 weeks' leave per year as an RN or as a shift worker PCW or Enrolled Nurse). The Employer will not direct the Employee to reduce the accrued leave to less than 150% of their annual leave entitlement.
- (b) The Employer has an expectation that each employee will take at least two weeks of annual leave in each year and reserves the right to discuss the taking of leave and fatigue issues where an Employee has not taken any leave for a period longer than six months and does not have leave planned.
- (c) Where the employee has excessive annual leave, and before directing the employee to take a period of leave, the employer will:
  - (i) give the employee a reasonable opportunity to submit a plan (but no longer than three weeks) to reduce the leave to not less than 150% more than their annual leave entitlement within six months; and
  - (ii) not unreasonably refuse to agree to a leave reduction plan which includes saving leave for an extended holiday within 12 months of the date of agreement, provided the plan will not result in the employee continuing to have an excessive leave balance taking in to account future accruals between agreeing to the leave plan and the taking of the leave.
- (d) Where an employee fails or refuses to produce a leave plan within three weeks, the employer can then direct the employer to take leave, but the commencement date of the leave can be no sooner than eight weeks or longer than 12 months after the date of the written notice.

### 53.8 Payment for Leave

(a) Employees shall receive their ordinary pay during all periods of annual leave and, before going on leave, and may elect to be paid in advance for the period of such leave. **Ordinary pay** for the purposes of Annual Leave means the Employee's usual ordinary weekly hours of work, or their average hours of work over the preceding 12 months, whichever is the greater, multiplied by their hourly rate of pay, provided that:

(i) In addition to the ordinary pay, as defined in this clause, all Employees shall receive either:

(A) a loading of 17.5% calculated on the ordinary rate of salary:

- provided that for a Registered Nurse such loading shall be on a maximum of 152 hours in respect of any year of employment;
- provided further that an Employee whose weekly salary is or exceeds the weekly rate provided for in this Agreement for a Registered Nurse, Grade 5, 51-200 beds (Threshold Rate) shall receive, in lieu of the 17.5% loading, an amount equal to: Threshold Rate x 17.5 x 4 (weeks), in respect of a period of 152 hours or a proportionate amount in respect of a lesser period or periods;

**or**

(B) in respect of each week of leave granted an amount comprising the following that the employee would have received had they not been on leave during the relevant period:

- all payments for ordinary hours of work;
- shift work allowances according to roster or projected roster;
- Saturday and Sunday special rates according to roster or projected roster;
- qualification allowances;
- uniform allowances;

whichever is the higher.

- (b) For the purposes of this part, unless otherwise stated, a year of employment shall be deemed to be unbroken notwithstanding:
- (i) any annual leave or long service leave taken therein;
  - (ii) any interruption or ending of the employment by the Employer if such interruption or ending is made with the intention of avoiding obligations in respect of annual leave or long service leave;
  - (iii) any absence from work in the year of employment on account of sickness or accident;
  - (iv) any absence on account of leave (other than annual leave or long service leave) granted imposed or agreed to by the Employer;
  - (v) any absence on any other account not involving termination of employment:

and in calculating a year of employment any absence of a kind mentioned in sub-paragraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) shall be counted as part of the year of employment but in respect of absences of a kind mentioned in sub-paragraphs (iv) and (v) it will be necessary for the Employee as part of his or her qualification for annual leave to serve such additional period as equals the period of such absences.

- (c) Where an Employee reduces their working hours by agreement with the Employer, any accrued hours of leave will be preserved as at the time of the reduction. On each subsequent period of annual leave, and at the request of the Employee and not otherwise, the Employee may elect to be paid annual leave at the pre-reduction accrual rate and may continue to so elect until the preserved hours are exhausted. All payments of such accrued preserved leave will be paid annual leave loading of 17.5%. However, where the accrued annual leave exceeds 152 hours, before the reduction in contracted working hours occurs the Employer may direct that up to half of the accrued annual leave is taken by the Employee.

### 53.9 Cashing Out Annual Leave

- (a) An Employee may “cash out” an amount of annual leave credited to the employee (in lieu of the amount of annual leave) subject to the following:
- (i) No more than ten (10) days of accrued annual leave may be “cashed out” in any 12 month period.
  - (ii) Notwithstanding the above, an Employee’s “bank” of annual leave accrued must never fall below twenty (20) days (pro rata for part time).
  - (iii) On each occasion the Employee wishes to “cash out” an amount of annual leave, the Employee must advise the Employer in

writing, of the Employee's election to "cash out" an amount of annual leave and the amount of annual leave to be "cashed out".

- (b) Any annual leave that is "cashed out" will be paid at the rate ordinarily paid for annual leave.
- (c) Superannuation guarantee contributions and annual leave loading will also be paid in respect to any amount of "cashed out" annual leave.

## 54 PERSONAL LEAVE

The provisions of this clause apply to full-time and part-time employees (on a pro rata basis) but do not apply to casual employees. The entitlements of casual employees are set out in the casual clause of this Agreement.

### 54.1 Definitions

For the purposes of any entitlement pursuant to this Agreement the term '**Immediate Family**' is defined to mean a spouse or partner (of either sex including a former spouse, de facto spouse and a former de facto spouse), children (includes step-children, adopted children and ex-nuptial children and adult children), parents (includes step-parents, foster parents and partners' parents), grandparents, grandchildren, partners' grandparents or grandchildren or siblings of the Employee or spouse.

### 54.2 Access to Paid Personal Leave

- (a) Paid personal leave is available to an employee, when they are absent:
  - (i) due to personal illness or injury; or
  - (ii) for the purposes of providing care or support for an immediate family or household member who is sick and requires the employee's care or support or who requires care or support due to an unexpected emergency.
  - (iii) due to the effects of family or domestic violence in accordance with clause 54.8.
- (b) The Employer may, in its discretion, grant paid leave consistent with the provisions for carer's leave to provide care or support for a person who is not a member of the Employee's household or who does not fall within the scope of the term 'immediate family'.

### 54.3 Amount of Paid Personal Leave

- (a) The amount of personal leave to which a full-time employee is entitled depends on how long they have worked for the employer and accrues as follows:



- (i) up to 7 hours and 36 minutes, for each month of service in the first year of service (provided that where an employee works regular shifts of 9.1 paid hours or longer the employee will receive 7.6 hours per month of service or 10 days leave, whichever provides the greater benefit); and
  - (ii) up to 106 hours and 24 minutes in each year in the second, third and fourth years of service; and
  - (iii) up to 159 hours and 36 minutes in the fifth and following years of service.
- (b) In respect of part-time employees, the entitlement shall be on a pro rata basis of time worked.

#### 54.4 **Accrual of Personal Leave**

- (a) The balance of Personal Leave entitlements which have not been taken in any year shall be cumulative from year to year.
- (b) To the extent that this Agreement provides for part days, notice, certification, existing caps on accumulation and pro rata accruals of sick leave the provisions shall apply to this clause.

#### 54.5 **Personal Leave to Care for an Immediate Family or Household Member**

- (a) An employee is entitled to use accrued personal leave, each year to provide care or support for members of their immediate family or household who are sick and require care or support or who require care or support due to an unexpected emergency, subject to the conditions set out in this clause. Leave may be taken for part of a single day. Each day or part of a day of personal leave taken is to be deducted from the amount of personal leave provided in Clause 54.2. There is no maximum amount of paid Personal Leave that an Employee may take as Carer's Leave in any one year, provided the Employee has accrued sufficient personal leave to take the carer's leave absences as paid leave. Should the NES be changed in the future in relation to this issue then this Agreement will apply the NES.
- (b) Where an Employee has exhausted all paid personal leave entitlements, they are entitled to take unpaid personal leave to provide care or support for members of their immediate family or household who are sick and require care or support or who require care due to an unexpected emergency. The Employer and the Employee shall agree on the period. In the absence of agreement, the Employee is entitled to take up to two days (at their ordinary rostered shift length) for each permissible occasion, provided the evidentiary requirements are met.
- (c) The entitlement to use personal leave is subject to the Employee being responsible for the care or support of the person concerned.

- (d) The Employee must, if required by the employer, establish by production of a medical certificate or statutory declaration, that the illness is such as to require care or support by another.
- (e) In normal circumstances an employee must not take Carer's Leave under this clause where another person has taken leave to provide care or support for the same person.
- (f) The Employee must, where practicable, give the Employer:
  - (i) notice prior to the absence of the intention to take leave,
  - (ii) the name of the person requiring care or support and their relationship to the Employee,
  - (iii) the reasons for taking such leave; and
  - (iv) the estimated length of absence.
- (g) If it is not practicable for the employee to give prior notice of absence, the Employee must notify the employer by telephone of such absence at the first opportunity on the day of absence.

#### 54.6 **Personal Leave to Attend Appointment**

Where an employee is absent from duty on account of or required to attend a registered health practitioner for an appointment, the employee shall be granted out of sick leave entitlements leave of absence for a period not exceeding five working days in aggregate in any sick leave year.

#### 54.7 **Evidence Supporting Claim**

- (a) In the event of an employee becoming sick and:
  - (i) certified as such by a registered health practitioner; or
  - (ii) on the production of a Statutory Declaration signed by the Employee on not more than three occasions in any one year, for up to three days on each occasion;

the Employee shall be entitled to personal leave on full pay.
- (b) Provided that any Employee may be absent through sickness for one day without furnishing evidence of such sickness as provided in paragraph (a), on not more than three occasions in any one year of service. However, a certificate from a registered health practitioner must be provided where the Employee was:
  - sick or injured during annual leave; or
  - absent on the day immediately before or after a public holiday

in order for the personal leave to be paid.

- (c) When taking leave to provide care or support for a member of their immediate family or household who requires care or support due to an unexpected emergency, the Employee must, if required by the Employer, establish by production of documentation acceptable to the employer or a statutory declaration, the nature of the emergency and that such emergency resulted in the person concerned requiring care or support by the Employee.
- (d) Where an Employee is absent on the grounds of personal leave, the employee must give his or her employer notice of such absence in accordance with this section.
  - (i) The notice must be given to the Employer as soon as reasonably practicable (which may be at a time that is before or after the period of personal leave has started).
  - (ii) The notice must be to the effect that the Employee requires (or required) leave during the period:
    - (A) Because of a personal illness, or injury, of the Employee; or
    - (B) To provide care or support to a member of the Employee's immediate family, or a member of the employee's household who requires (or required) care or support because of an illness or injury affecting that member, or an unexpected emergency affecting the member.
  - (iii) This section does not apply to an employee who could not comply with it because of circumstances beyond the employee's control.

#### 54.8 **Family and Domestic Violence Leave**

The Provisions of the NES apply. The parties to this Agreement acknowledge that family violence is a serious issue in our community and is likely to affect a number of staff at any time. Meracare is committed to the safety of staff and residents and seeks to develop a supportive workplace in which victims of family violence can come forward for help and support on a confidential basis.

##### (a) **Definition of Family Violence**

Family and domestic violence is violence, threatening or other abusive behaviour by a close relative of a person, a member of a person's household, or a current or former intimate partner of a person, that:

- (i) seeks to coerce or control the person; and

- (ii) causes the person harm or to be fearful.
- (b) An Employee(including a casual Employee) may take paid family and domestic violence leave if:
  - (i) The Employee is experiencing family and domestic violence; and
  - (ii) the Employee needs to do something to deal with the impact of the family and domestic violence; and
  - (iii) it is impractical for the Employee to do that thing outside the Employee's work hours.

Note 1: Examples of actions, by an employee who is experiencing family and domestic violence, that could be covered by paragraph (b) include arranging for the safety of the employee or a close relative (including relocation), attending court hearings, accessing police services, attending counselling and attending appointments with medical, financial or legal professionals.

(c) **General Measures**

- (i) An Employee must give the Employer notice of taking of leave under this clause as soon as practicable (which may be at a time after the leave has started) and the likely length of the leave.
- (ii) Proof of family violence may be required by the Employer and can be in the form of an agreed document issued by the Police Service, a Court, a Doctor, district nurse, maternal and health care nurse or a Family Violence Support Service or Lawyer. A signed statutory declaration can also be offered as proof.
- (iii) All personal information concerning family violence will be kept confidential in line with the Employer's Privacy Policy and relevant legislation.
- (iv) An Employee experiencing family violence may raise the issue with their immediate team leader and/or Human Resources. The team leader may seek advice from Human Resources if the Employee chooses not to see the Human Resources.
- (v) Where requested by an Employee, Human Resources will liaise with the Employee's team leader on the Employee's behalf and will make a recommendation on the most appropriate form of support.

(d) **Leave**

- (i) The Employer will allow Employees who satisfy (b) above are entitled to up to 10 paid days in any 12-month period (from their anniversary of their employment). The purpose of the leave is to deal with the effects of family violence including relocation, attending court hearings, to make arrangements for

children, accessing police services, attending counselling and attending appointments with medical, financial or legal professionals.

- (ii) The 10 days paid leave is not cumulative but is available in full at the start of each 12-month period.
- (iii) Beyond 10 paid days, affected Employees will need to agree specific arrangements with the nominated management contact. However, after having exhausted paid family violence leave, an Employee is able to access accrued personal leave.

## 55 COMPASSIONATE LEAVE

The provisions of this clause apply to full-time and part-time Employees but do not apply to casual Employees. The entitlements of casual Employees are set out in Clause 27.7.

55.1 An Employee is entitled to two (2) days compassionate leave for each occasion (a *permissible occasion*) when:

- (a) a member of the Employee's immediate family or a member of the Employee's household:
  - (i) contracts or develops a personal illness that poses a serious threat to their life; or
  - (ii) sustains a personal injury that poses a serious threat to their life; or
  - (iii) dies; or
- (b) a child is stillborn, where the child would have been a member of the Employee's immediate family, or a member of the Employee's household, if the child had been born alive; or
- (c) the Employee, or the Employee's spouse or de facto partner, has a miscarriage.

Note: Paragraph 55.1(c) does not apply:

- if the miscarriage results in a stillborn child; or
- to a former spouse, or former de facto partner, of the employee.

55.2 An Employee may take compassionate leave for a particular permissible occasion if the leave is taken:

- (a) to spend time with the member of the Employee's immediate family or household who has contracted or developed the personal illness or sustained the personal injury; or
- (b) after the death of the member of the Employee's immediate family or household; or

- (c) after a child is stillborn, where the child would have been a member of the Employee's immediate family, or a member of the Employee's household, if the child had been born alive; or
  - (d) after the Employee, or the Employee's spouse or de facto partner, has a miscarriage.
- 55.3 Leave may be taken for a particular permissible occasion as a continuous two day period or in two or more separate periods and the leave may be taken at any time while an illness or injury persists.
- 55.4 Any day or part of a day of compassionate leave is not deducted from the Employee's personal leave entitlement.
- 55.5 An Employee must give his or her Employer notice of the taking of leave under this clause by the Employee. This notice must be given to the Employer as soon as practicable (which may be a time after the leave has started) and must advise the Employer of the period, or expected period, of leave.
- 55.6 Proof of death or evidence of injury or illness that poses a serious threat to life must be provided to the satisfaction of the Employer, if requested.
- 55.7 An Employee may take unpaid compassionate leave by agreement with the Employer.

## **56 PARENTAL LEAVE**

This clause reflects the NES at the commencement of this Agreement. Should the NES be amended during the life of this agreement the amended NES will apply.

- 56.1 Subject to the terms of this clause and the NES Employees are entitled to paid and/or unpaid parental leave and to request to work part-time in connection with the birth or adoption of a child.
- 56.2 The provisions of this clause apply to full-time, part-time and eligible casual Employees, but do not apply to other casual Employees.
- 56.3 An eligible casual Employee means a casual Employee:
- (a) employed by an Employer on a regular and systematic basis for a sequence of periods of employment or on a regular and systematic basis for an ongoing period of employment during a period of at least 12 months; and
  - (b) who has a reasonable expectation of ongoing employment, but for the pregnancy or the decision to adopt.
- 56.4 For the purposes of this clause, continuous service is work for an Employer on a regular and systematic basis (including any period of authorised leave or absence).
- 56.5 An Employer must not fail to re-engage a casual Employee because:

- (a) the Employee or Employee’s spouse is pregnant; or
- (b) the Employee is or has been immediately absent on parental leave.

56.6 The rights of an Employer in relation to engagement and re-engagement of casual Employees are not affected, other than in accordance with this clause.

**56.7 Definitions**

- (a) For the purpose of this clause, **child** means a child of the Employee under school age except for adoption of an eligible child where ‘eligible child’ means a person under the age of 16 years who is placed with the Employee for the purposes of adoption, other than a child or step-child of the Employee or of the spouse of the Employee or a child who has previously lived continuously with the Employee for a period of six months or more.
- (b) For the purposes of this clause, **spouse** includes a de facto spouse, former spouse or former de facto spouse. The Employee’s ‘de facto spouse’ means a person who lives with the Employee as husband, wife or same sex partner on a bona fide domestic basis, although not legally married to the Employee.

**56.8 Basic Entitlement**

- (a) Employees, including eligible casual employees, who have or will have completed at least twelve months continuous service, are entitled to a combined total of 52 weeks of unpaid parental leave in relation to the birth or adoption of their child.
- (b) Parental leave available under this Agreement, unless otherwise agreed, is summarised in the following table:

Type of Leave	Paid Leave	Unpaid Leave	Total combined paid and unpaid leave
Parental Leave – Primary Care Giver	3 weeks from 1/5/24	49 weeks from 1/5/24	52
Parental Leave – Non-primary Care Giver	0 week	52 weeks	52
Partner Leave – Primary Care Giver	0 weeks	52 weeks	52
Partner Leave – Non-primary Care Giver	0 week	52 weeks	52
Adoption Leave – Primary Care Giver	3 weeks from 1/5/24	49 weeks from 1/5/24	52
Partner Leave – Non-primary Care Giver	0 week	52 weeks	52

- (c) If paid parental leave is provided by this Agreement it will apply in relation to each birth or adoption, regardless of whether the Employee

has returned to work from unpaid or paid parental leave granted in respect to a previous birth or adoption. Where an Employee becomes pregnant or adopts again they will be entitled to request a new period of unpaid parental leave and be entitled to a new period of paid parental leave in accordance with this clause.

- (d) If paid leave is provided the Employee may nominate how any paid parental leave provided under this Agreement will be paid in conjunction with the paid leave provided under the Commonwealth Paid Parental Leave Scheme. The Commonwealth Scheme entitlement is in addition to any amount payable under this Agreement and the Employee may choose whether the Employer provided entitlement will be taken either simultaneously, contiguously or in any other combination with the Commonwealth provided payment. The Employee will nominate a preferred payment arrangement at least four weeks prior to the expected date of delivery.
- (e) An Employee who will be the primary care giver of an adopted child, or who is responsible for a child as the primary carer as defined under the Commonwealth Paid Parental Leave Scheme, or is a permanent carer under a permanent care order made by the Children's or Family Court, and who commences adoption or primary carer leave is, subject to the above continuity of service requirements, entitled to the payment of any paid leave included in this Agreement from the date that the child is placed with the Employee.
- (f) Employees who already receive parental leave payments in excess of those above shall not suffer any disadvantage.

#### 56.9 **Members of an Employee Couple who intend to take Concurrent Parental Leave**

- (a) Two Employees are an **Employee couple** if each of the Employees is the spouse or de facto partner of the other.
- (b) An Employee couple may simultaneously take concurrent parental leave if the concurrent leave complies with the following requirements:
  - (i) The concurrent leave must not be longer than 8 weeks in total;
  - (ii) The concurrent leave may be taken in separate periods, but, unless the Employer agrees, each period must not be shorter than 2 weeks;
  - (iii) Unless the Employer agrees, the concurrent leave must not start before:
    - (A) If the leave is birth-related leave – the date of birth of the child; or
    - (B) If the leave is adoption-related leave – the day of placement of the child.



- (c) Concurrent leave taken by an Employee is an exception to the rule that the Employee must take his or her leave in a single continuous period, and is an exception to the rules about when the Employee's period of parental leave must start.

#### 56.10 Parental Leave – Primary Care Giver

- (a) An Employee must provide notice to the Employer in advance of the expected date of commencement of parental leave. The notice requirements are:
  - (i) of the expected date of confinement (the Employer may require the Employee to provide evidence that would satisfy a reasonable person or a certificate from a registered medical practitioner stating that the Employee is pregnant) - at least ten weeks; and
  - (ii) of the date on which the Employee proposes to commence parental leave and the period of leave to be taken - at least four weeks.
- (b) An Employee will not be in breach of this clause if failure to give the stipulated notice is occasioned by confinement occurring earlier than the presumed date.
- (c) Subject to Clauses 56.8 and 56.9, and unless agreed otherwise between the Employer and Employee, an Employee may begin parental leave at any time within six weeks immediately prior to the expected date of birth.
- (d) Where an Employee continues to work within the six week period immediately prior to the expected date of birth of the child or is on paid leave under Clause 56.16(b) an Employer may require the Employee to provide a certificate from a registered health practitioner that they are fit for work in her present position. The Employer may require the Employee to start parental leave if the Employee:
  - (i) does not give the Employer the requested certificate within 7 days after the request; or,
  - (ii) within 7 days after the request for the certificate, gives the Employer the medical certificate stating that the Employee is unfit to work.
- (e) Where leave is granted under paragraph (d) during the period of leave, an Employee may return to work at any time as agreed between the Employer and the Employee, provided that time does not exceed four weeks from the recommencement date desired by the Employee.

### 56.11 Personal Illness Leave and Special Parental Leave

- (a) Where the Employer provides paid parental leave, an Employee who gives birth to a stillborn child (at or after 20 weeks gestation) or who gives birth to a live baby who subsequently dies, during or before the period of intended leave, will be entitled to the full amount of any paid leave provided by this Agreement. In either of these circumstances, paid partner leave/primary carer leave will also apply.
- (b) The Employee must as soon as practicable give notice to the Employer of the taking of leave advising the Employer of the period, or expected period, of the leave in accordance with the following:
  - (i) Where the pregnancy terminates during the first 20 weeks, during the notified period/s the Employee is entitled to access any paid and/or unpaid personal illness leave entitlements in accordance with the relevant personal leave provisions.
  - (ii) Where the pregnancy terminates after the completion of 20 weeks, during the notified period/s the Employee is entitled to paid special parental leave not exceeding the amount of paid parental leave available under Clause 56.8, and thereafter, to unpaid special parental leave.
- (c) If an Employee takes leave for a reason outlined in paragraphs (b)(i) and (b)(ii), the Employer may require the Employee to provide evidence that would satisfy a reasonable person or a certificate from a registered medical practitioner.
- (d) Where an Employee not then on parental leave is suffering from an illness whether related or not to pregnancy, the Employee may access accrued paid Personal Leave to which they are then entitled and such further unpaid leave as a registered health practitioner certifies as necessary before their return to work, provided that the aggregate of, paid sick leave, unpaid sick leave and parental leave shall not exceed the period to which the Employee is entitled under Clause 56.8.
- (e) For all purposes of this Agreement, parental leave shall include special parental leave and Pregnancy Related Sick Leave

### 56.12 Paternity/Partner Leave

- (a) An Employee will provide to the Employer at least ten weeks prior to each proposed period of paternity/partner leave, with:
  - (i) evidence (the Employer may require the Employee to provide evidence that would satisfy a reasonable person or a certificate from a registered health practitioner) which names the Employee's spouse and states that the spouse is pregnant and the expected dated of confinement or states the date on which the birth took place; and

- (ii) written notification of the dates on which the Employee proposes to start and finish the period of parental leave.
- (b) The Employee will not be in breach of paragraph (a) if the failure to give the required period of notice is because of the birth occurring earlier than expected, the death of the parent of the child, or other compelling circumstances.

### 56.13 Adoption Leave

- (a) The Employee shall be required to provide the Employer with written notice of their intention to apply for adoption leave as soon as is reasonably practicable after receiving a placement approval notice from an adoption agency or other appropriate body.
- (b) The Employee must give written notice of the day when the placement with the Employee is expected to start as soon as possible after receiving a placement notice indicating the expected placement day.
- (c) The Employee must give the following written notice of the first and last days of any period of adoption leave they intend to apply for because of the placement:
  - (i) Where a placement notice is received within the period of 8 weeks after receiving the placement approval notice – before the end of that 8 week period; or
  - (ii) Where a placement notice is received after the end of the period of 8 weeks after receiving the placement approval notice – as soon as reasonably practicable after receiving the placement notice.
- (d) Subject to Clauses 56.8 and 56.9, an Employee must begin parental leave on the day of placement of the child.
- (e) Before commencing adoption leave, an Employee will provide the Employer with a statement from an adoption agency of the day when the placement is expected to start and a statutory declaration stating that the child is an eligible child, whether the Employee is taking short or long adoption leave or both and the particulars of any other authorised leave to be taken because of the placement.
- (f) An Employee must provide the Employer with confirmation from the adoption agency of the start of the placement.
- (g) Where the placement of child for adoption with an Employee does not proceed or continue, the Employee will notify the Employer immediately. The Employer will then nominate a time, not exceeding four weeks from receipt of notification, for the Employee's return to work.

- (h) An Employee will not be in breach of this clause as a consequence of failure to give the stipulated periods of notice if such failure results from a requirement of an adoption agency to accept earlier or later placement of a child, the death of a spouse, or other compelling circumstances.
- (i) An Employee seeking to adopt a child is, on the production of satisfactory evidence if required, entitled to unpaid leave for the purpose of attending any compulsory interviews or examinations necessary to the adoption procedure. The Employee and the Employer should agree on the length of the unpaid leave. Where agreement cannot be reached the Employee is entitled to take up to two days unpaid leave.
- (j) Where paid leave is available to the Employee the Employer may require the Employee to take such leave instead.

#### 56.14 **Right to Request**

- (a) An Employee entitled to parental leave pursuant to the provisions of Clauses 56.8 and/or 56.9 may request the Employer to allow the Employee:
  - (i) to extend the period of parental leave provided for in Clause 56.8 by a further continuous period of leave not exceeding 12 months; or
  - (ii) to return from a period of parental leave on different working arrangements until the child reaches school age, or is under 18 and has a disability;

to assist the Employee in reconciling work and parental responsibilities. **“Different working arrangements”** may include changes in hours of work, patterns of work or location of work.

- (b) The Employer shall consider the request having regard to the Employee’s circumstances and provided the request is genuinely based on the Employee’s parental responsibilities may only refuse the request on reasonable grounds related to the effect on the workplace or the Employer’s business. Such grounds might include cost, lack of adequate replacement staff, loss of efficiency and the impact on customer service.
- (c) **Employee’s Request and Employer’s Decision to be in Writing**

The Employee’s request and the Employer’s decision made under paragraphs (a) and (b) must be in writing. The Employer’s response, including details of the reasons for any refusal, must be given as soon as practicable and no later than 21 days after the request is made.

- (d) **Request to Return to Work Part-time**

A request under paragraph (a) must be made as soon as possible but no less than seven weeks prior to the date upon which the Employee is due to return to work from parental leave.

**(e) Variation of Period of Parental Leave**

Unless agreed otherwise between the Employer and Employee, where an Employee takes leave under Clause 56.8 and/or paragraph (a) of this clause an Employee may apply to their Employer to change the period of parental leave on one occasion. Any such change must be notified in writing at least two weeks prior to the start of the changed arrangements.

**56.15 Parental Leave and Other Entitlements**

- (a) An Employee may in lieu of or in conjunction with parental leave, access other paid leave entitlements which they have accrued, such as annual leave or long service leave, subject to the total amount of leave not exceeding 52 weeks, or longer as agreed under Clause 56.14.
- (b) Where a public holiday occurs during a period of paid parental leave the public holiday is not to be regarded as part of the paid parental leave and the Employer will grant the Employee a day off in lieu to be taken by the Employee immediately following the period of paid parental leave.

**56.16 Transfer to a Safe Job**

- (a) Where an Employee is pregnant and provides evidence that would satisfy a reasonable person that the Employee is fit for work but it is inadvisable for the Employee to continue in their present position during a stated period because of illness or risks arising out of the pregnancy or hazards connected with the work assigned to the Employee, the Employee will, if the Employer deems it practicable, be transferred to a safe job with no other change to the Employee's terms and conditions of employment until the commencement of parental leave. The Employer may require the evidence referred to above to be a medical certificate. The Employer will make all practical efforts to remedy an unsafe situation to allow the Employee to work until the Employee's estimated date of confinement.
- (b) If the Employer does not think it reasonably practicable to transfer the Employee to a safe job, the Employee may take paid no safe job leave, or the Employer may require the Employee to take paid no safe job leave immediately for a period which ends at the earliest of either:
  - (i) when the Employee is certified unfit to work during the six week period before the expected date of birth by a registered medical practitioner; or
  - (ii) when the Employee's pregnancy results in the birth of a living child or when the Employee's pregnancy ends otherwise than with the birth of a living child.

The entitlement to no safe job leave is in addition to any other leave entitlement the Employee has.

- (c) If the Employee has not qualified for unpaid parental leave (i.e. has not had 12 months continuous service) and (a) and (b) above apply and the Employer cannot find the Employee a safe job, then the Employee is entitled to take unpaid no safe job leave in accordance with the NES.

#### **56.17 Returning to Work after a Period of Parental Leave**

- (a) An Employee will notify their intention to return to work after a period of parental leave at least four weeks prior to the expiration of the leave.
- (b) Subject to paragraph (c) below an Employee will be entitled to the position which they held immediately before proceeding on parental leave. In the case of an Employee transferred to a safe job pursuant to Clause 56.16 the Employee will be entitled to return to the position they held immediately before such transfer.
- (c) Where such position no longer exists but there are other positions available which the Employee is qualified for and is capable of performing, the Employee will be entitled to a position as nearly comparable in status and pay to that of their former position.

#### **56.18 Replacement Employees**

- (a) A replacement Employee is an Employee specifically engaged or temporarily promoted or transferred as a result of an Employee proceeding on parental leave.
- (b) Before an Employer engages a replacement Employee the Employer must inform that person of the temporary nature of the employment and of the rights of the Employee who is being replaced.

#### **56.19 Consultation and Communication during Parental Leave**

- (a) Where an Employee is on parental leave and a definite decision has been made that will have a significant effect on the status, pay or location of the Employee's pre-parental leave position, the Employer shall take reasonable steps to:
  - (i) make information available in relation to any significant effect the change will have on the status or responsibility level of the position the Employee held before commencing parental leave; and
  - (ii) provide an opportunity for the Employee to discuss any significant effect the change will have on the status or responsibility level of the position the Employee held before commencing parental leave.
- (b) The Employee shall take reasonable steps to inform the Employer about any significant matter that will affect the Employee's decision regarding the duration of parental leave to be taken, whether the Employee intends

to return to work and whether the Employee intends to request to return to work on a part-time basis.

- (c) The Employee shall also notify the Employer of changes of address or other contact details which might affect the Employer's capacity to comply with this clause.

#### 56.20 Pre-natal Appointments or Parenting Classes

If an Employee is required to attend pre-natal appointments or parenting classes and such appointments or classes are only available or can only be attended during the ordinary rostered shift of an Employee, then on production of satisfactory evidence of attendance at such appointment or class, the Employee may access their accrued personal leave. The Employee must give the Employer prior notice of the Employee's intention to take such leave.

### 57 LONG SERVICE LEAVE

#### 57.1 Definitions

For the purpose of this clause the following definitions apply:

- (a) Eligible Employee means an Employee who is entitled to long service leave under the NES or this Agreement.
- (b) Pay means the remuneration for an employee's ordinary hours of work, based on the average hours worked (including time on authorised leave), either over the last three years or five years, whichever is more beneficial to the employee. Such average hours and the rate of pay are to be calculated at the time the leave is taken or is paid out, or at the time of the death of the employee.
- (c) Month means a calendar month.
- (d) Transfer of business occurs in the circumstances described at s.311 of the Act.

#### Entitlement

- (e) An Eligible Employee (permanent Registered Nurses and both permanent and casual Enrolled Nurses, PCWs and all support staff) will be entitled to long service leave on pay, in respect of continuous service with the same Employer or continuous service with Institutions or Statutory Bodies as follows:
  - (i) 6 months (or 26 weeks) of long service leave on completing 15 years continuous service (1.7333 weeks per year of service); and
  - (ii) 2 months (or 8.667 weeks) of long service leave on ordinary pay on completing each period of 5 years of continuous service after the first 15 years of continuous service.

Casual Registered Nurses are entitled to long service leave, in accordance with clause 57.4 (i.e. half the accrual rate of eligible employees above) and the Victorian State Long Service Leave Act 2018).

## 57.2 **Taking of leave**

### (a) **When Leave is to be taken**

Long service leave will be granted by the Employer within six months from the date of the entitlement under clause 57.1(e), save that:

- (i) long service leave may be postponed to a mutually agreeable date; and
- (ii) if agreement cannot be reached, the date will be determined by a member of the Commission provided that such a determination will not require leave to commence before six months from the date of such determination.

### (b) **How leave is to be taken**

Long service leave will be taken:

- (i) in one period or more periods, with each period being not less than 1 week; or
- (ii) any other way agreed upon by the Employer and Employee

### (c) **Flexible taking of leave: Double leave at half pay or half leave at double pay**

- (i) An Employer may approve an application by an Eligible Employee to take double the period of long service leave at half pay or half the period of long service leave at double the pay.
- (ii) Eligible Employees should seek independent advice regarding the taxation and superannuation implications of seeking payment under this subclause 57.2(a) The Employer will not be held responsible in any way for the cost or outcome of any such advice.
- (iii) The Employer, if requested by the Eligible Employee, will provide information as to the amount of tax the Employer intends to deduct where payment of long service leave is sought under subclause 57.2(a).
- (iv) If granting the request under this sub-clause would result in an additional cost to the Employer, then it is not practical to grant an Eligible Employee's request.
- (v) Flexible taking of long service leave does not affect an Employees period of continuous service recognised. For



example, and Employee taking 12 months at half pay will, for the purpose of calculating continuous service, have six (6) months of continuous service recognised. An Employee taking three (3) months at double pay will have 6 months of continuous service recognised. In either case service will not be broken.

(d) **Long Service Leave in advance**

If an Eligible Employee has completed ten years' continuous service, an Employer may grant long service leave after 10 years and before 15 years. An application for pro rata leave in advance will not be unreasonably refused.

(e) **Long Service Leave is inclusive of Public Holidays and Accrued days off**

Long service leave is inclusive of any public holiday or ADO.

**57.3 Payment for period of leave**

(a) Payment will be made in one of the following ways:

- (i) in full in advance when the Eligible Employee commences their leave; or
- (ii) at the same time as payment would have been made if the Eligible Employee had remained on duty; or
- (iii) in any other way agreed between the Employer and the Eligible Employee.

(b) Where an Eligible Employee has been paid in advance, and an increase occurs in the ordinary time rate of pay during the period of long service leave taken, the Eligible Employee will be entitled to receive payment of the amount of any increase in pay at the completion of such leave.

**57.4 Calculating continuous service for casual Registered Nurses**

(a) **Continuous Service – RN Casual Employment only**

Subject to this clause, continuous service of a Registered Nurse as a casual employee will accrue at the rate of 0.8667 weeks of service provided that:

- (i) For the purpose of this clause, 'Continuous Employment' has the same meaning as that contained in sections 12, 13 and 14 of the Long Service Leave Act 2018 (Vic).
- (ii) The provisions of this subclause are to be read subject to the Long Service Leave Act 2018 (Vic), the NES, and any binding authority of a Court of Competent Jurisdiction.

- (iii) There is no retrospective limit on the accrual related to casual service.
- (b) **Continuous Employment – RN Mixed Full-time/Part-time and Casual**
  - (i) ‘Permanent Accrual Rate’ means an accrual rate of 1.733 weeks’ per year of service, in accordance with subclause 57.1(e) above for a full-time or part-time Employee.
  - (ii) ‘Casual Accrual Rate’ means an accrual rate of 0.8667 weeks’ per year of service. There is no retrospective limit on the accrual related to casual service. The casual accrual rate only applies to casual registered Nurses.
  - (iii) Where a Registered Nurse has Continuous Employment that includes a mixture of full-time/part-time, on the one hand, and casual employment on the other, the accrual rates for long service leave will correspond to the relative periods of each type of the employment. That is, periods of full-time/part-time service will, for long service leave purposes, accrue at the Permanent Accrual Rate and the periods of casual employment will accrue at the Casual Accrual Rate. If engagement patterns vary throughout a period of Continuous Employment, then the relevant accrual rates for long service leave will correspond to the specific periods of full-time/part-time employment and casual engagement.
  - (iv) For the purpose of this clause, ‘Continuous Employment’ has the same meaning as that in sections 12, 13 and 14 of the Long Service Leave Act 2018 (Vic).
  - (v) The provisions of this subclause are to be read subject to the the Long Service Leave Act 2018 (Vic), the NES, and any binding authority of a Court of Competent Jurisdiction.

#### 57.5 **Continuous service and its interaction with absences or interruptions in employment**

The absences or interruptions mentioned in this subclause do not break an Eligible Employee’s continuous service.

##### (a) **Periods that count towards continuous service**

The following periods count towards an Eligible Employee’s period of continuous service (subject to any more beneficial provision of s.22 of the Fair Work Act):

- (i) the taking of any paid leave (including annual leave, personal leave and long service leave);

- (ii) any unpaid absence from work of not more than fourteen days in any year on account of illness or injury or if applicable such longer period as provided in Clause 54 (Personal Leave) of this Agreement.;
  - (iii) any interruption or ending of employment by the Employer if made with the intention of avoiding obligations in respect of long service leave or annual leave;
  - (iv) any absence on account of injury arising out of or in the course of the employment for a period during which an Eligible Employee is receiving workers compensation payments under legislation and/or accident pay under clause 64 (Accident Make-Up Pay);
  - (v) any unpaid leave of absence of the Eligible Employee, including unpaid Parental Leave, where the absence is authorised in advance in writing by the Employer to be counted as service;
  - (vi) any absence from employment on defence service in accordance with section 8 of the Defence Reserve Service (Protection) Act 2001;
  - (vii) a period of absence on community service leave under the Act.
- (b) **Periods that do not break continuous service but do not count towards continuous service**

Unless otherwise agreed in writing in advance, the following periods do not break continuous service but do not count towards an Eligible Employee's continuous service (subject to any more beneficial provision of s.22 of the Fair Work Act):

- (i) any other authorised period of unpaid leave including unpaid parental leave;
- (ii) any interruption arising directly or indirectly from an industrial dispute;
- (iii) any period between the engagement with one Institution or Statutory Body and another provided it is less than the allowable period of absence from employment;
- (iv) the dismissal of an Eligible Employee if the Eligible Employee is re-Employed within a period not exceeding two months from the date of such dismissal;
- (v) any absence on account of injury arising out of or in the course of her/his employment not covered by a period in which an Eligible Employee is receiving accident make up pay or other paid leave;

- (vi) any unpaid absence of not more than 24 months for the sole purpose of undertaking a course of study related to nursing or midwifery where the written approval of the Employer is given;
- (vii) any absence from work of a female Eligible Employee for a period not exceeding 24 months in respect of any pregnancy.

#### 57.6 **Records**

The Employer will keep a long service leave record for each Eligible Employee, containing particulars of service, leave taken and payments made.

#### 57.7 **Transfer of business**

Where a transfer of business occurs, an Employee who worked with the old employer and who continues in the service of the new employer will be entitled to count her/his service with the old employer as service with the new employer for the purposes of this clause.

#### 57.8 **Termination of Employment**

- (a) Basic entitlement at termination of employment

An Eligible Employee with ten or more years of continuous service and whose employment terminates for any cause, (other than serious and willful misconduct between 10 and 15 years only), is entitled to payment in lieu of untaken long service leave of an amount equal of one thirtieth of the period of continuous service less any long service leave taken

- (b) Payment in lieu of long service leave on the death of an Eligible Employee

Where an Eligible Employee who has completed at least ten years' service dies while still in the employ of the Employer, payment in lieu of long service leave will be made to the Eligible Employee's personal representative equal to one thirtieth of the period of continuous service less any long service leave taken.

#### 57.9 **Consultation and Information**

- (a) The Employer will use its best endeavours to consult with an employee on long service leave if there is any proposed change to the classification, pay, hours or location of the employee who is on long service leave, including the provision of information and the opportunity to discuss the impacts of the proposal.
- (b) If an employee proposes to reduce their hours of work they will be given information about the potential impact on their long service leave entitlement before such reduction in hours is agreed to and takes effect.

## 58 PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

58.1 An Employee shall be entitled to holidays on the following days:

- (a) New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter Saturday, Easter Sunday, Easter Monday, Christmas Day and Boxing Day; and
- (b) The following days, as prescribed in the relevant States and localities: Australia Day, Anzac Day, Queen's Birthday and Labour Day; and
- (c) Melbourne Cup Day, or in lieu of Melbourne Cup Day, some other day as determined for a particular locality.

An Employee may, by agreement with the Employer, substitute another day of religious or cultural significance for a declared public holiday.

58.2 For full-time Monday to Friday Employees and/or part-time Employees engaged to work in wards/units, facilities or services (however styled) that operate only on a Monday to Friday basis:

- (a) When Christmas Day is a Saturday or a Sunday, a holiday in lieu thereof shall be observed on 27 December;
- (b) When Boxing Day is a Saturday or a Sunday, a holiday in lieu thereof shall be observed on 28 December; and
- (c) When New Year's Day or Australia Day is a Saturday or Sunday, a holiday in lieu thereof shall be observed on the next Monday.

58.3 For all other Employees, including casuals:

- (a) Christmas Day shall be observed on 25 December;
- (b) Boxing Day shall be observed on 26 December;
- (c) New Year's Day shall be observed on 1 January; and
- (d) Australia Day shall be observed on 26 January.

Those Employees, subject to Clause 58.3, who work on the actual public holiday will be paid penalty rates on that day in accordance with this Clause. Work performed on a substitute public holiday will be paid at ordinary rates. For example, where a shift worker works on Australia Day 26 January (a Saturday) and the substitute Australia Day is on Monday 29 January they will only be paid public holiday penalties for working on 26 January. However, a full-time Monday to Friday Employee or a part-time Employee who only works in an area that operates on a Monday-Friday basis will be paid public holiday penalty rates when they work on the substitute public holiday.

58.4 Where in a State or locality, public holidays are declared or prescribed on days other than those set out in Clauses 58.1 to 58.3, those days shall constitute additional holidays and public holiday penalty rates and rostered-off benefit

provisions shall apply on that additional day. For example, where Christmas Day or Boxing Day fall on Saturday 25 December or Sunday 26 December but there is an additional public holiday under the Public Holidays Act on Monday 27 December or Tuesday 28 December, then a shift worker who works any of these days will be paid penalty rates on each day worked.

#### 58.5 **Payment for working on a Public Holiday**

An Employee required to be on duty on a public holiday will be paid as follows:

	Weekday Public Holiday	Weekend Public Holiday
Registered Nurse	200%	250%
Enrolled Nurse	250%	250%
HASA Employee	250%	250%

The above percentages are of the ordinary hourly rate and are inclusive of the special rates for Saturday and Sunday work in clause 47, but not the appropriate shift allowance for ordinary time which will be paid separately.

Public holiday rates for casual Employees are set out in clause 27.7

#### 58.6 **Easter Saturday – Enrolled Nurses and Aged Care Classifications**

- (a) In respect of Easter Saturday, an Enrolled Nurse or HASA Employee who ordinarily works Monday to Friday only and who does not work on Easter Saturday, shall be entitled to one day's pay in respect of Easter Saturday or, where there is mutual consent, within four weeks following the day on which such holiday occurred the employee may take one day off in lieu or have one day added to his or her annual leave.

#### 58.7 **Accrued Days Off on Public Holidays**

Where a Registered Nurse's accrued day off falls on a holiday pursuant to this clause, on which the Employee would have been required to be on duty, another day shall be determined by the Employer to be taken in lieu thereof, such day to be within the same four-week (or five-week) work cycle where practical, as the case may be.

#### 58.8 **Public Holidays occurring on Rostered Days Off**

- (a) Registered Nurses shall receive a sum equal to a day's ordinary pay for public holidays that occur on their rostered day off, excepting holidays falling on Saturday or Sunday with respect to Monday and Friday employees.
- (b) If such a day falls on an Enrolled Nurse or Aged Care employee's rostered day off the Employee shall be entitled to one and a half time the payment for their ordinary day; or where there is mutual consent, within four weeks following the date on which such holiday occurred the employee may take a day and half off in lieu or have a day and a half added to the Employee's annual leave.

### **Part-time Employees**

- (c) A part-time employee who is ordinarily not required to work on the day of the week on which a particular holiday is observed shall not be entitled to any benefit for any such public holiday

#### **58.9 Public Holidays occurring during Annual Leave or Personal Leave**

If the period during which an employee takes paid annual leave or paid personal leave includes a day or part-day that is a public holiday in the place where the employee is based for work purposes, the employee is taken not to be on paid annual leave or paid personal leave on that public holiday.

## **59 COMMUNITY SERVICES LEAVE**

### **59.1 Blood Donors Leave**

An Employer will release full-time Employees upon request on a maximum of two occasions per year to donate blood in paid time at a nominated time where a mobile collection unit or donor collection centre is located within five kilometres of the aged care facility. Employees will give at least seven days' notice to the Employer and such release will take into account the staffing and workload needs of the facility.

### **59.2 Emergency Service Leave**

- (a) An employee who is a member of a recognised voluntary emergency relief organisation (such as the Country Fire Authority, Red Cross, St John Ambulance and the State Emergency Service) is entitled to be released from duty to engage in a voluntary emergency management activity in accordance with the provisions of the *Fair Work Act 2009*, subject to the employee providing to the Employer:
  - (i) prior notice of such attendance (unless this is not practicable due to the nature of the emergency); and
  - (ii) evidence that would satisfy a reasonable person that the employee has been or will be engaging in an eligible emergency management activity.
- (b) Payment for such attendance shall be restricted to a maximum of three shifts per annum (non-cumulative), at the employee's ordinary base rate of pay. Casual employees shall not be entitled to payment under this sub-clause, but shall still have the right to be absent from work subject to complying with the notice requirements under paragraph (a).

### **59.3 Jury Service**

- (a) An Employee who is required to appear as a result of a summons for jury duty or to appear and serve as a juror in any court shall be entitled to be paid for the Employee's ordinary hours of work (including any shift loadings and regular allowances) for the period during which

attendance at court is required (whether or not the Employee ultimately serves as a juror).

- (b) The Employer may require the Employee as soon as practicable to provide proof of their requirement to attend jury duty to their manager. In such case the Employee shall provide a copy of the summons to attend jury duty and a record of any payments received from the courts as proof of attendance.
- (c) The Employee shall be required to reimburse to the Employer any monies payable to the Employee from the courts for such attendance (excluding expenses) which required the employee's absence from work.
- (d) This clause excludes casual Employees.

## **PART H – ANCILLARY AND DISPUTE SETTLEMENT**

### **60 DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEDURE**

60.1 This dispute resolution procedure will apply to any dispute arising in relation to the application of:

- this Agreement; or
- the National Employment Standards

In the event of a dispute in relation to the above, in the first instance the parties will attempt to resolve the matter at the workplace by discussions between the Employee or Employees concerned and the relevant supervisor and, if such discussions do not resolve the dispute, by discussions between the Employee or Employees concerned and more senior levels of local management as appropriate.

60.2 A party to the dispute may appoint another person, organisation or association to accompany or represent them in relation to the dispute at any time.

60.3 If the grievance is still unresolved, the matter shall be referred to the Senior Manager of the organisation, however titled and a meeting arranged.

60.4 The above steps shall take place within seven days or such longer period as may be mutually agreed.

60.5 If a dispute, as defined in 60.1, is unable to be resolved at the workplace, and all agreed steps for resolving it have been taken, the dispute may be referred to the Fair Work Commission (FWC) for resolution by mediation and/or conciliation and, where the matter in dispute remains unresolved, arbitration. If arbitration is necessary the FWC may exercise the procedural powers in relation to hearings, witnesses, evidence and submissions which are necessary to make the arbitration effective.



- 60.6 It is a term of this agreement that while the dispute resolution procedure is being conducted work shall continue normally according to the custom or practice existing before the change or omission that gave rise to the grievance until either the grievance is resolved or, if referred to the Fair Work Commission, up to the first hearing and then subject to any direction of the FWC. No party shall be prejudiced by the continuation of work. Health and safety matters are exempted from this clause.
- 60.7 Any dispute referred to the Fair Work Commission under this clause should be dealt with by a member agreed by the parties at the time or, in default of agreement, a member nominated by either the head of the relevant panel or the President.
- 60.8 The decision of the Fair Work Commission will bind the parties, subject to either party exercising a right of appeal against the decision to a Full Bench.
- 60.9 For the avoidance of doubt, Employee grievances are included in the matters to be dealt with in accordance with the dispute resolution procedure of the Agreement.

## **61 DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE**

- 61.1 Where disciplinary action may be necessary, the management representative shall notify the Employee of the issues in writing and the Employee will be given an opportunity to respond to these issues. In the event that the Employee's response is unsatisfactory, a first warning in writing may be issued. This warning will be recorded on the Employee's personnel file.
- 61.2 If the problem continues, the Employee will again be notified in writing of the matter and a response requested from the Employee. If appropriate, a second warning in writing will be given to the Employee and recorded on the Employee's personnel file.
- 61.3 In the event that the problem continues, the Employee will again be notified in writing of the matter and a response requested. If appropriate, a final written warning will be issued to the Employee and recorded on the Employee's personnel file.
- 61.4 In the event of the matter recurring, then the Employee may be terminated after the matters have been investigated and is found to be substantiated.
- 61.5 Summary dismissal of an Employee may still occur for acts of 'serious misconduct' (as defined in the *Fair Work Act 2009*). Where an allegation of 'serious misconduct' is proven and the Employer, having considered all the circumstances does not wish to terminate the Employee's employment, a warning may be issued under Clauses 61.2 or 61.3.
- 61.6 During all steps in the Disciplinary Procedure, the Employee has the right to representation of their choice, including the ANMF or HSU. The Employer may be represented by the representative of their choice.
- 61.7 Records relating to disciplinary procedures will be disregarded where a continuous period of 12 months elapses without further warning/s. Records relating to

disciplinary procedures will be removed from the personnel file after a period of two (2) years where no further warning/s arise.

## **62 NOTICE BOARD**

The Employer shall make available a union Notice Board in the work location that is accessible to Employees, for the purpose of local Employee Union delegates or approved contacts, or Union Organisers or other Union staff (subject to right of entry requirements), posting information relating to the observance, application and operation of the Agreement and in relation to union events or meetings.

## **63 CONSULTATION**

63.1 This term applies if the employer:

- (a) has made a definite decision to introduce a major change to production, program, organisation, structure or technology in relation to its enterprise that is likely to have a significant effect on the employees; or
- (b) proposes to introduce a change to the regular roster or ordinary hours of work of employees.

### **Major change**

63.2 For a major change referred to in paragraph 63.1(a):

- (a) the employer must notify the relevant employees of the decision to introduce the major change; and
- (b) subclauses 63.3 to 63.9 apply.

63.3 The relevant employees may appoint a representative for the purposes of the procedures in this term.

63.4 If:

- (a) a relevant employee appoints, or relevant employees appoint, a representative for the purposes of consultation; and
- (b) the employee or employees advise the employer of the identity of the representative;

the employer must recognise the representative.

63.5 As soon as practicable after making its decision, the employer must:

- (a) discuss with the relevant employees
  - (i) the introduction of the change; and
  - (ii) the effect the change is likely to have on the employees; and

- (iii) measures the employer is taking to avert or mitigate the adverse effect of the change on the employees; and
  - (b) for the purposes of the discussion—provide, in writing, to the relevant employees:
    - (i) all relevant information about the change including the nature of the change proposed; and
    - (ii) information about the expected effects of the change on the employees; and
    - (iii) any other matters likely to affect the employees.
- 63.6 However, the employer is not required to disclose confidential or commercially sensitive information to the relevant employees.
- 63.7 The employer must give prompt and genuine consideration to matters raised about the major change by the relevant employees.
- 63.8 If a term in this agreement provides for a major change to production, program, organisation, structure or technology in relation to the enterprise of the employer, the requirements set out in paragraph 63.2(a) and subclauses 63.3 and 63.5 are taken not to apply.
- 63.9 In this term, a major change is *likely to have a significant effect on employees* if it results in:
- (a) the termination of the employment of employees; or
  - (b) major change to the composition, operation or size of the employer’s workforce or to the skills required of employees; or
  - (c) the elimination or diminution of job opportunities (including opportunities for promotion or tenure); or
  - (d) the alteration of hours of work; or
  - (e) the need to retrain employees; or
  - (f) the need to relocate employees to another workplace; or
  - (g) the restructuring of jobs.

**Change to regular roster or ordinary hours of work**

- 63.10 For a change referred to in paragraph 63.1(b):
- (a) the employer must notify the relevant employees of the proposed change; and
  - (b) subclauses 63.11 to 15 apply.

63.11 The relevant employees may appoint a representative for the purposes of the procedures in this term.

63.12 If:

- (a) a relevant employee appoints, or relevant employees appoint, a representative for the purposes of consultation; and
- (b) the employee or employees advise the employer of the identity of the representative;

the employer must recognise the representative.

63.13 As soon as practicable after proposing to introduce the change, the employer must:

- (a) discuss with the relevant employees the introduction of the change; and
- (b) for the purposes of the discussion—provide to the relevant employees:
  - (i) all relevant information about the change, including the nature of the change; and
  - (ii) information about what the employer reasonably believes will be the effects of the change on the employees; and
  - (iii) information about any other matters that the employer reasonably believes are likely to affect the employees; and
- (c) invite the relevant employees to give their views about the impact of the change (including any impact in relation to their family or caring responsibilities).

63.14 However, the employer is not required to disclose confidential or commercially sensitive information to the relevant employees.

63.15 The employer must give prompt and genuine consideration to matters raised about the change by the relevant employees.

63.16 In this term:

*relevant employees* means the employees who may be affected by a change referred to in subclause 63.1.

## **64 ACCIDENT PAY**

Accident Pay shall be in accordance with Appendix D.

## **65 REPRESENTATIVE LEAVE**

65.1 Under this Agreement, workplace delegates are entitled to:

- (a) represent the industrial interests of members and any other persons eligible to be such members (Potential Members), including in disputes with the Employer;
- (b) reasonable communication with members or Potential Members in relation to their industrial interests, including by electronic means;
- (c) for the purpose of representing those interests:
  - (i) reasonable access in paid time to the workplace and workplace facilities; and
  - (ii) reasonable access to paid time, during their ordinary hours, for delegate training;

65.2 In determining what is reasonable for the purposes of the above, regard will be had to:

- (a) the size and nature of the enterprise;
- (b) the resources of the employer of the workplace delegate;
- (c) the facilities available at the enterprise.

65.3 Workplace delegate training

- (a) As a guide to what constitutes reasonable access to paid time for delegate training, under this Agreement, each delegate will be entitled to up to three (3) days of paid leave per year (1 January to 31 December), capped at a total of six (6) days paid leave for workplace delegates per union organisation per facility per calendar year, to attend delegate training and ANMF or HWU union conferences and courses.
- (b) This leave may be taken as single days or cumulatively. The leave is paid at the base rate of pay and is subject to the employee providing at least two weeks' notice to the Employer. The leave will be approved subject to operational requirements of the Employer, which may have regard to requirements for staffing levels/care minutes, outbreaks, other leave and other operational matters.

**SIGNING CLAUSE**

DATED this 28th day of June 2024



.....  
[Signature on behalf of

George Merakis

.....  
Print Name

I declare that I am authorised to sign this Agreement on behalf of the named Employer as the  
Owner/Director.....[name position]

4/44 Lansell Rd Toorak VIC 3142

.....  
[Address]

DATED this                    day of                    2024

.....  
[Signature: on behalf of the Australian Nursing and  
Midwifery Federation as a Nominated Bargaining  
Representative]

.....  
Print Name

I declare that I am authorised to sign this Agreement on behalf of the named Bargaining  
Representative in the position of ..... in accordance with the registered Rules  
of the organisation.

535 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne VIC 3000

[Address]

DATED this                    day of                    2024

.....  
Signature: on behalf of the Health Services Union  
as a Nominated Bargaining Representative]

.....  
Print Name

I declare that I am authorised to sign this Agreement on behalf of the named Bargaining  
Representative in the position of ..... in accordance with the registered Rules  
of the organisation.

10A, 663 Victoria Street Abbotsford VIC 3067

[Address]

## APPENDIX A – WAGE RATES

### WAGES - REGISTERED AND ENROLLED NURSES (ALL FACILITIES OTHER THAN MERACARE WANGARATTA)

REGISTERED NURSES		1/05/22	1/05/23		1/07/23		1/06/24		1/07/25	
CLASSIFICATION	Current*	2.25%	2.50%	2.50%	ACWVC	ACWV	2.00%	2.00%	2.25%	2.25%
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	\$	\$
	weekly	weekly	weekly	hourly	weekly	hourly	weekly	hourly	weekly	hourly
Registered Nurse Level 1 (Grad Year) Allowance rate for shift allowances	1,124.90	1150.20	1179.00	31.03	1332.90	35.08	1359.60	35.78	1390.20	36.58
<b>RN Level 1 classification will not be used by the Employer.</b>										
Registered Nurse Level 2										
Year 1 (Allowance Rate)	1,212.90	1240.20	1271.20	33.45	1431.94	37.68	1460.60	38.44	1493.50	39.30
Year 2	1,444.50	1477.00	1513.90	39.84	1694.02	44.58	1727.90	45.47	1766.80	46.49
Year 3	1,547.20	1582.00	1621.60	42.67	1806.28	47.53	1842.40	48.48	1883.90	49.58
Registered Nurse Level 3A										
Year 1	1,583.40	1619.00	1659.50	43.67	1849.12	48.66	1886.10	49.63	1928.50	50.75
Year 2	1,607.20	1643.40	1684.50	44.33	1877.16	49.40	1914.70	50.39	1957.80	51.52
Registered Nurse Level 3B										
Year 1	1,642.80	1679.80	1721.80	45.31	1917.88	50.47	1956.20	51.48	2196.50	52.64
Year 2	1,678.40	1716.20	1759.10	46.29	1958.22	51.53	1997.40	52.56	2042.30	53.74
Registered Nurse Level 4A										
Year 1	1,723.30	1762.10	1806.20	47.53	2011.78	52.94	2052.00	54.00	2098.20	55.22
Year 2	1,769.40	1809.20	1854.40	48.80	2059.98	54.31	2101.20	55.29	2148.50	56.54
Registered Nurse Level 4B										
Year 1	1,809.70	1850.40	1896.70	49.91	2106.08	55.42	2148.20	56.53	2196.50	57.80
Year 2	1,855.00	1896.70	1944.10	51.16	2153.48	56.67	2196.50	57.80	2245.90	59.10

	Current*	1/05/22	1/05/23	1/05/23	1/07/23	1/07/23	1/06/24	1/06/24	1/07/25	1/07/25	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	\$	\$	
	weekly	weekly	weekly	hourly	weekly	hourly	weekly	hourly	weekly	hourly	
Registered Nurse Level 5 (all bed numbers)	1891.40	1934.00	1982.40	52.17	2199.38	57.88	2243.40	59.04	2293.90	60.37	
Registered Nurse Level 6 50 - 100 Beds	1,855.10	1896.80	1944.20	51.16	2195.76	57.78	2239.70	58.94	2290.10	60.27	plus 0.065% per bed between 1-99
100 and over Beds	1,891.40	1934.00	1982.40	52.17	2248.78	59.18	2293.80	60.36	2345.40	61.72	plus 0.032% per bed for each bed over 99
Registered Nurse Level 7 50 - 100 Beds (also the rate for Nurse Practitioner Year 1)	1,891.40	1934.00	1982.40	52.17	2248.78	59.18	2293.80	60.36	2345.40	61.72	plus 0.24% per bed between 1-49 beds and 0.12% per bed between 50 and 99 beds
100 and over Beds (also the rate for Nurse Practitioner Year 2 and thereafter)	1,891.40	1934.00	1982.40	52.17	2265.12	59.61	2310.40	60.80	2362.40	62.17	plus 0.05% per Bed for each bed 100 and over
<b>ALLOWANCES</b>	Current*	1/05/22	1/05/23		1/07/23		1/06/24		1/07/25		
AM/PM Shift	30.30	31.00	31.80		35.80		36.50		37.30		
Night Shift	60.60	62.00	63.60		71.60		73.00		74.70		
On Call	60.60	62.00	63.60		71.60		73.00		74.70		
<b>Qualifications Allowances</b>											
Hospital/Grad Certificate	48.50	49.60	50.80		57.30		58.40		59.70		
Post Grad Dip/Degree	78.80	80.60	82.60		93.10		94.90		97.10		
Masters Degree	91.00	93.00	95.30		107.40		109.50		112.00		
Doctorate	103.10	105.40	108.10		121.70		124.20		126.90		
<b>see below for other allowances</b>											



**ENROLLED NURSES**

CLASSIFICATION	Current*	1/05/22	1/05/23	1/05/23	1/07/23	1/07/23	1/06/24	1/06/24	1/07/25	1/07/25
	\$	2.25% \$	2.5% \$	2.50% \$	ACWV \$	ACWV \$	2.00% \$	2.00% \$	2.25% \$	2.25% \$
Trainee rate 95% of Pay Point 1	991.00	1013.40	1038.70	27.33	1175.20	30.93	1198.70	31.54	1225.70	32.26
Pay Point 1 (Allowance rate only) - <b>not used as a classification</b>	1,043.20	1066.70	1093.40	28.77	1237.04	32.55	1261.80	33.21	1290.20	33.95
Pay Point 2 - <b>not utilised as a classification</b>										
Pay Point 3 ( <b>entry point Diploma</b> )	1,083.00	1107.40	1135.10	29.87	1282.92	33.76	1308.60	34.44	1338.00	35.21
Pay Point 4	1,103.30	1128.10	1156.30	30.43	1306.02	34.37	1332.10	35.06	1362.10	35.84
Pay Point 5	1,119.40	1144.60	1173.20	30.87	1324.44	34.85	1350.90	35.55	1381.30	36.35
Pay Point 6	1,140.60	1166.30	1195.50	31.46	1346.74	35.44	0.00	35.44	1225.40	35.44
Pay Point 7	1,160.40	1186.50	1216.20	32.01	1367.44	35.99	1394.80	36.71	1426.20	37.53
Pay Point 8	1,180.00	1206.60	1236.80	32.55	1388.04	36.53	1415.80	37.26	1447.70	38.10
<b>ALLOWANCES</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>				<b>\$</b>		<b>\$</b>	
AM/PM Shift	26.10	26.65	27.35		30.95		31.55		32.25	
Night Shift	52.15	53.35	54.65		61.85		63.10		64.50	
Change of Shift	41.75	42.65	43.75		49.50		50.45		51.60	
On Call	52.15	53.35	54.65		61.85		63.10		64.50	

In Charge of Facility 63.90 65.30 66.90 74.90 76.40 78.10

**Note: Enrolled Nurse Qualifications Allowance is either 4% (e.g. medication endorsement level) or 7.5% of the applicable pay point rate. The Leader Allowance is 10% of the individual Employees Pay Point base rate.**

**Nauseous Allowance**

Nauseous (per hour)	0.51	0.52	0.53				0.54		0.55	
Nauseous (minimum per day)	2.94	3.01	3.08				3.14		3.21	
Dirty & offensive work (per hour)	0.62	0.63	0.65				0.66		0.67	

**Nauseous Allowance is payable to Enrolled Nurses in accordance with the Agreement.**

<b>ADDITIONAL ALLOWANCES</b>	<b>Current*</b>	<b>1/05/22</b>	<b>1/05/23</b>	<b>1/06/24</b>	<b>1/07/25</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Meals - Registered Nurses</b>					
After usual finishing beyond 1 hour, Mon-Fri	13.30	13.60	13.90	14.20	14.50
After usual finishing beyond 4 hours, Mon-Fri	10.90	11.10	11.40	11.60	11.90
Overtime beyond 5 hours, Sat-Sun	12.20	12.50	12.80	13.10	13.40
Overtime beyond 9 hours, Sat-Sun (further payment to above)	10.90	11.10	11.40	11.60	11.90
<b>Meal – Enrolled Nurses</b>					
After usual finishing beyond 1 hour, Mon-Fri	15.40	15.70	16.10	16.40	16.80
After usual finishing beyond 4 hours, Mon-Fri	12.20	12.50	12.80	13.10	13.40
Overtime beyond 5 hours, Sat-Sun	15.40	15.70	16.10	16.40	16.80
Overtime beyond 9 hours, Sat-Sun	12.20	12.50	12.80	13.10	13.40
<b>Meal – Registered Nurses (Shift Employees)</b>					
Overtime beyond 1 hour	14.20	14.50	14.90	15.20	15.50
Overtime beyond 4 hours	11.90	12.20	12.50	12.80	13.10
Work beyond 5 hours on rostered day off	14.20	14.50	14.90	15.20	15.50
Work beyond 9 hours on rostered day off	11.90	12.20	12.50	12.80	13.10
<b>Meal – Enrolled Nurses (Shift Employees)</b>					
Overtime beyond 1 hour	15.70	16.10	16.50	16.80	17.20
Overtime beyond 4 hours	12.10	12.40	12.70	13.00	13.30
Work beyond 5 hours on rostered day off	15.70	16.10	16.50	16.80	17.20
Overtime beyond 9 hours, Sat-Sun	12.10	12.40	12.70	13.00	13.30
<b>Uniform – Registered Nurses, lesser of:</b>					
Per day	1.46	1.49	1.53	1.56	1.60

	<b>Current*</b>	<b>1/05/22</b>	<b>1/05/23</b>	<b>1/06/24</b>	<b>1/07/25</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Per week	7.45	7.62	7.81	7.97	8.15
<b>Uniform – Enrolled Nurses, lesser of:</b>					
Per day	1.61	1.65	1.69	1.72	1.76
Per week	7.04	7.20	7.38	7.53	7.70
<b>Laundry – Registered Nurses, lesser of:</b>					
Per day	0.40	0.41	0.42	0.43	0.44
Per week	1.92	1.96	2.01	2.05	2.10
<b>Laundry – Enrolled Nurses, lesser of:</b>					
Per day	0.40	0.41	0.42	0.43	0.44
Per week	1.95	1.99	2.04	2.08	2.13
<b>Vehicle: Per Kilometre</b>					
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
35 PMU and over	1.33	1.36	1.39	1.42	1.45
Under 35 PMU	1.18	1.21	1.24	1.26	1.29
<b>Motor Cycles</b>					
250cc and over	0.70	0.72	0.74	0.75	0.77
Under 250cc	0.48	0.49	0.50	0.51	0.52
<b>Occasional Interpreter</b>					
Per occasion	1.01	1.03	1.06	1.08	1.10
Per week	12.60	12.90	13.20	13.45	13.75

**All increases are effective from the first full pay period commencing on or after the dates specified above.**

**WAGES - AGED CARE EMPLOYEES (ALL FACILITIES OTHER THAN MERACARE WANGARATTA)**

CLASSIFICATION	Current	1/05/22	1/05/23		1/07/23		1/06/24		1/07/25	
		2.25%	2.50%	2.50%	ACWVC	ACWVC	2.00%	2.00%	2.25%	2.25%
	weekly	weekly	weekly	hourly	weekly	hourly	weekly	hourly	weekly	hourly
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Wage Skill Group 1 (first two years of experience only)</b>										
1st 3 months of experience only	893.65	913.75	936.60	24.65			955.35	25.14	976.85	25.71
3-24 months of exp.	898.45	918.65	947.00	24.92			965.95	25.42	987.70	25.99
<b>Wage Skill Group 2</b>										
1st year of exp.	921.95	942.70	966.25	25.43			985.60	25.94	1007.80	26.52
2nd year of exp.	926.75	947.60	971.30	25.56			990.75	26.07	1013.05	26.66
3rd year of exp.	931.75	952.70	976.50	25.70			996.05	26.21	1018.45	26.80
4th year of exp.	936.45	957.50	981.45	25.83			1001.10	26.34	1023.60	26.94
5th year of exp.	940.95	962.10	986.15	25.95			1005.85	26.47	1028.50	27.07
6th year of exp.	945.75	967.05	991.25	26.09			1011.10	26.61	1033.85	27.21
<b>Wage Skill Group 3 (PCW unqualified, Leisure &amp; Lifestyle unqualified only)</b>										
1st year of exp.	940.95	962.10	986.15	25.95	1130.90	29.76	1153.50	30.36	1179.45	31.04
2nd year of exp.	945.75	967.05	991.25	26.09	1130.90	29.76	1153.50	30.36	1179.45	31.04
3rd year of exp.	950.95	972.35	996.65	26.23	1136.11	29.90	1158.85	30.50	1184.90	31.18
4th year of exp.	955.50	977.00	1001.45	26.35	1140.91	30.02	1163.75	30.63	1189.95	31.31
5th year of exp.	960.05	981.65	1006.20	26.48	1145.66	30.15	1168.55	30.75	1194.85	31.44
6th year of exp.	964.85	986.55	1011.20	26.61	1150.66	30.28	1173.65	30.89	1200.05	31.58
<b>Wage Skill Group 3 (non-direct care staff)</b>										
1st year of exp.	940.95	962.10	986.15	25.95			1005.85	26.47	1028.50	27.07
2nd year of exp.	945.75	967.05	991.25	26.09			1011.10	26.61	1033.85	27.21
3rd year of exp.	950.95	972.35	996.65	26.23			1016.60	26.75	1039.45	27.35
4th year of exp.	955.50	977.00	1001.45	26.35			1021.50	26.88	1044.50	27.49
5th year of exp.	960.05	981.65	1006.20	26.48			1026.30	27.01	1049.40	27.62
6th year of exp.	964.85	986.55	1011.20	26.61			1031.40	27.14	1054.60	27.75

CLASSIFICATION	Current	1/05/22 2.25%	1/05/23 2.50%	1/05/23 2.50%	1/07/23 ACWVC	1/07/23 ACWVC	1/06/24 2.00%	1/06/24 2.00%	1/07/25 2.25%	1/07/25 2.25%
	weekly	weekly	weekly	hourly	weekly	hourly	weekly	hourly	weekly	hourly
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Wage Skill Group 4</b>										
1st year of exp.	950.20	971.60	995.90	26.21			1015.80	26.73	1038.65	27.33
2nd year of exp.	955.15	976.65	1001.05	26.34			1021.05	26.87	1044.00	27.47
3rd year of exp.	960.20	981.80	1006.35	26.48			1026.50	27.01	1049.60	27.62
4th year of exp.	964.80	986.50	1011.15	26.61			1031.35	27.14	1054.55	27.75
5th year of exp.	969.35	991.15	1015.95	26.74			1036.25	27.27	1059.55	27.88
6th year of exp.	974.10	996.00	1020.90	26.87			1041.30	27.40	1064.75	28.02
<b>Wage Skill Group 5</b>										
1st year of exp. B (allowance rate for PCWs/Lifestyle/Head Chef only)	972.95	994.85	1019.7	26.83	1160.68	30.54	1183.90		1210.55	31.86
1st year of exp. A (allowance and Yr 1 rate for all other aged care employees)	972.95	994.85	1019.70	26.83			1040.10	27.37	1063.50	27.99
2nd year of exp.	977.65	999.65	1024.65	26.96			1045.15	27.50	1068.65	28.12
3rd year of exp.	982.70	1004.80	1029.90	27.10			1050.50	27.64	1074.15	28.27
4th year of exp.	987.35	1009.55	1034.80	27.23			1055.50	27.78	1079.25	28.40
5th year of exp.	991.95	1014.25	1039.60	27.36			1060.40	27.91	1084.25	28.53
6th year of exp.	996.75	1019.20	1044.70	27.49			1065.60	28.04	1089.60	28.67
<b>Wage Skill Group 6 (PCW Cert III and Leisure and Lifestyle Cert III only)</b>										
1st year of exp.	982.35	1004.45	1029.55	27.09	1170.53	30.80	1193.95	31.42	1220.80	32.13
2nd year of exp.	987.15	1009.35	1034.60	27.23	1175.58	30.94	1199.10	31.56	1226.10	32.27
3rd year of exp.	992.25	1014.60	1039.95	27.37	1180.93	31.08	1204.55	31.70	1231.65	32.41
4th year of exp.	996.85	1019.30	1044.80	27.49	1185.78	31.20	1209.50	31.83	1236.70	32.54
5th year of exp.	1001.45	1024.00	1049.60	27.62	1190.58	31.33	1214.40	31.96	1241.70	32.68
6th year of exp.	1006.20	1028.85	1054.55	27.75	1195.53	31.46	1219.45	32.09	1246.90	32.81

<b>CLASSIFICATION</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>1/05/22</b>	<b>1/05/23</b>	<b>1/05/23</b>	<b>1/07/23</b>	<b>1/07/23</b>	<b>1/06/24</b>	<b>1/06/24</b>	<b>1/07/25</b>	<b>1/07/25</b>
	<b>weekly</b>	<b>2.25%</b>	<b>2.50%</b>	<b>2.50%</b>	<b>ACWVC</b>	<b>ACWVC</b>	<b>2.00%</b>	<b>2.00%</b>	<b>2.25%</b>	<b>2.25%</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Wage Skill Group 6 (non-direct care staff)</b>										
1st year of exp.	982.35	1004.45	1029.55	27.09			1050.15	27.64	1073.80	28.26
2nd year of exp.	987.15	1009.35	1034.60	27.23			1055.30	27.77	1079.05	28.40
3rd year of exp.	992.25	1014.60	1039.95	27.37			1060.75	27.91	1084.60	28.54
4th year of exp.	996.85	1019.30	1044.80	27.49			1065.70	28.04	1089.70	28.68
5th year of exp.	1001.45	1024.00	1049.60	27.62			1070.60	28.17	1094.70	28.81
6th year of exp.	1006.20	1028.85	1054.55	27.75			1075.65	28.31	1099.85	28.94
<b>Wage Skill Group 7</b>										
1st year of exp.	1,003.15	1025.70	1051.35	27.67			1072.40	28.22	1096.55	28.86
2nd year of exp.	1,008.05	1030.75	1056.50	27.80			1077.65	28.36	1101.90	29.00
3rd year of exp.	1,013.10	1035.90	1061.80	27.94			1083.05	28.50	1107.40	29.14
4th year of exp.	1,017.70	1040.60	1066.60	28.07			1087.95	28.63	1112.45	29.28
5th year of exp.	1,022.35	1045.35	1071.50	28.20			1092.95	28.76	1117.55	29.41
6th year of exp.	1,027.05	1050.15	1076.40	28.33			1097.95	28.89	1122.65	29.54
<b>Wage Skill Group 8 (PCW Cert IV and Leisure and Lifestyle Cert IV)</b>										
1st year of exp.	1,020.25	1043.20	1069.30	28.14	1215.22	31.98	1239.50	32.62	1267.40	33.35
2nd year of exp.	1,025.00	1048.05	1074.25	28.27	1220.17	32.11	1244.55	32.75	1272.55	33.49
3rd year of exp.	1,030.20	1053.40	1079.75	28.41	1225.67	32.25	1250.20	32.90	1278.35	33.64
4th year of exp.	1,034.70	1058.00	1084.45	28.54	1230.37	32.38	1255.00	33.03	1283.25	33.77
5th year of exp.	1,039.30	1062.70	1089.25	28.66	1235.17	32.50	1259.85	33.15	1288.20	33.90
6th year of exp.	1,044.15	1067.65	1094.35	28.80	1240.27	32.64	1265.10	33.29	1293.55	34.04
Head Chef/Cook	1,044.15	1067.65	1094.35	28.80	1240.27	32.64	1265.10	33.29	1293.55	34.04
<b>Wage Skill Group 8 (non-direct care staff)</b>										
1st year of exp.	1,020.25	1043.20	1069.30	28.14			1090.70	28.70	1115.25	29.35
2nd year of exp.	1,025.00	1048.05	1074.25	28.27			1095.75	28.84	1120.40	29.48
3rd year of exp.	1,030.20	1053.40	1079.75	28.41			1101.35	28.98	1126.15	29.64
4th year of exp.	1,034.70	1058.00	1084.45	28.54			1106.15	29.11	1131.05	29.76

CLASSIFICATION	Current	1/05/22	1/05/23	1/05/23	1/07/23	1/07/23	1/06/24	1/06/24	1/07/25	1/07/25
		2.25%	2.50%	2.50%	ACWVC	ACWVC	2.00%	2.00%	2.25%	2.25%
	weekly \$	weekly \$	weekly \$	hourly \$	weekly \$	hourly \$	weekly \$	hourly \$	weekly \$	hourly \$
5th year of exp.	1,039.30	1062.70	1089.25	28.66			1111.05	29.24	1136.05	29.90
6th year of exp.	1,044.15	1067.65	1094.35	28.80			1116.25	29.38	1141.35	30.04
<b>Wage Skill Group 9</b>										
1st year of exp.	1,042.75	1066.20	1092.85	28.76			1114.70	29.33	1139.80	29.99
2nd year of exp.	1,047.70	1071.25	1098.05	28.90			1120.00	29.47	1145.20	30.14
3rd year of exp.	1,052.70	1076.40	1103.30	29.03			1125.35	29.61	1150.65	30.28
4th year of exp.	1,057.35	1081.15	1108.20	29.16			1130.35	29.75	1155.80	30.42
5th year of exp.	1,061.80	1085.70	1112.85	29.29			1135.10	29.87	1160.65	30.54
6th year of exp.	1,066.70	1090.70	1117.95	29.42			1140.30	30.01	1165.95	30.68
<b>Head Chef/Cook</b>	1,066.70	1066.70	1066.70	28.07	1220.60	32.12	1245.00	32.76	1273.00	33.50
<b>Wage Skill Group 10 (unqualified L&amp;L Coordinator)</b>										
1st year of exp.	1,092.05	1116.60	1144.50	30.12	1301.06	34.24	1327.10	34.92	1356.95	35.71
2nd year of exp.	1,096.80	1121.50	1149.55	30.25	1306.11	34.37	1332.25	35.06	1362.25	35.85
3rd year of exp.	1,101.95	1126.75	1154.90	30.39	1311.46	34.51	1337.70	35.20	1367.80	35.99
4th year of exp.	1,106.55	1131.45	1159.75	30.52	1316.31	34.64	1342.65	35.33	1372.85	36.13
5th year of exp.	1,111.10	1136.10	1164.50	30.64	1321.06	34.76	1347.50	35.46	1377.80	36.26
6th year of exp.	1,115.85	1140.95	1169.45	30.78	1326.01	34.90	1352.55	35.59	1383.00	36.39
<b>Wage Skill Group 10</b>										
1st year of exp.	1,092.05	1116.60	1144.50	30.12			1167.40	30.72	1193.65	31.41
2nd year of exp.	1,096.80	1121.50	1149.55	30.25			1172.55	30.86	1198.95	31.55
3rd year of exp.	1,101.95	1126.75	1154.90	30.39			1178.00	31.00	1204.50	31.70
4th year of exp.	1,106.55	1131.45	1159.75	30.52			1182.95	31.13	1209.55	31.83
5th year of exp.	1,111.10	1136.10	1164.50	30.64			1187.80	31.26	1214.55	31.96
6th year of exp.	1,115.85	1140.95	1169.45	30.78			1192.85	31.39	1219.70	32.10
<b>Head Chef/Cook</b>	1,115.85	1140.95	1169.45	30.78	1326.01	34.90	1352.55	35.59	1383.00	36.39

<b>CLASSIFICATION</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>1/05/22</b>	<b>1/05/23</b>	<b>1/05/23</b>	<b>1/07/23</b>	<b>1/07/23</b>	<b>1/06/24</b>	<b>1/06/24</b>	<b>1/07/25</b>	<b>1/07/25</b>
	<b>weekly</b>	<b>2.25%</b>	<b>2.50%</b>	<b>2.50%</b>	<b>ACWVC</b>	<b>ACWVC</b>	<b>2.00%</b>	<b>2.00%</b>	<b>2.25%</b>	<b>2.25%</b>
		<b>weekly</b>	<b>weekly</b>	<b>hourly</b>	<b>weekly</b>	<b>hourly</b>	<b>weekly</b>	<b>hourly</b>	<b>weekly</b>	<b>hourly</b>
<b>Wage Skill Group 11 (PCW Coordinator, Leisure and Lifestyle Coordinator Qualified only )</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
1st year of exp.	1,139.00	1164.65	1193.75	31.41	1350.31	35.53	1377.30	36.24	1408.30	37.06
2nd year of exp.	1,143.80	1169.55	1198.80	31.55	1355.36	35.67	1382.45	36.38	1413.55	37.20
3rd year of exp.	1,148.90	1174.75	1204.10	31.69	1360.66	35.81	1387.85	36.52	1419.10	37.34
4th year of exp.	1,153.55	1179.50	1209.00	31.82	1365.56	35.94	1392.85	36.65	1424.20	37.48
5th year of exp.	1,158.10	1184.15	1213.75	31.94	1370.31	36.06	1397.70	36.78	1429.15	37.61
6th year of exp.	1,162.85	1189.00	1218.75	32.07	1375.31	36.19	1402.80	36.92	1434.35	37.75
<b>Head Chef/Cook</b>	1,162.85	1189.00	1218.75	32.07	1375.31	36.19	1402.80	36.92	1434.35	37.75
<b>Wage Skill Group 11 (non- direct care staff)</b>										
1st year of exp.	1,139.00	1164.65	1193.75	31.41			1217.65	32.04	1245.05	32.76
2nd year of exp.	1,143.80	1169.55	1198.80	31.55			1222.80	32.18	1250.30	32.90
3rd year of exp.	1,148.90	1174.75	1204.10	31.69			1228.20	32.32	1255.85	33.05
4th year of exp.	1,153.55	1179.50	1209.00	31.82			1233.20	32.45	1260.95	33.18
5th year of exp.	1,158.10	1184.15	1213.75	31.94			1238.05	32.58	1265.90	33.31
6th year of exp.	1,162.85	1189.00	1218.75	32.07			1243.15	32.71	1271.10	33.45
<b>Allowances (per shift)</b>					<b>Allowance rate for PCWs/Lifestyle/Head Chef</b>					
AM/PM shift	24.30	24.85	25.50		29.00		29.60		30.25	
Night Shift	48.65	49.75	51.00		58.05		59.20		60.55	
Change of Shift	38.90	39.80	40.80		46.45		47.35		48.40	
On Call Allowance (5%)	48.65	49.75	51.00		58.05		59.20		60.55	
<b>Allowances (per shift)</b>					<b>Allowance rate for non direct care workforce</b>					
AM/PM shift	24.30	24.85	25.50				26.00		26.60	
Night Shift	48.65	49.75	51.00				52.00		53.20	
Change of Shift	38.90	39.80	40.80				41.60		42.55	
On Call Allowance (5%)	48.65	49.75	51.00				52.00		53.20	



	Current	1/05/22	1/05/23	1/06/24	1/07/25
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Note: Leader Allowance is 10% of the individual Employees WSG base rate</b>					
Nauseous Allowance (NA)	0.51	0.52	0.53	0.54	0.55
Minimum weekly NA	2.67	2.73	2.80	2.86	2.92
Dirty and Offensive Work	0.52	0.53	0.54	0.55	0.56
<b>Nauseous Allowance is not factored into the above rates and is payable in accordance with the Agreement</b>					
<b>Other Allowances (per occasion)</b>	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Meal</b>					
Overtime beyond 1 hour, Mon-Fri	13.55	13.85	14.20	14.50	14.85
Overtime beyond 4 hours, Mon-Fri (further payment to the above)	10.95	11.20	11.50	11.75	12.00
Work beyond 5 hours on Sat-Sun or on rostered day off	14.75	15.10	15.50	15.80	16.15
Work beyond 9 hours on Sat-Sun or rostered day off (further payment to the above)	11.70	11.95	12.25	12.50	12.80
<b>Meal (Shift Employees)</b>					
Overtime beyond 1 hour	13.55	13.85	14.20	14.50	14.85
Overtime beyond 4 hours (further payment to above)	10.95	11.20	11.50	11.75	12.00
Work beyond 5 hours on rostered day off	14.75	15.10	15.50	15.80	16.15
Work beyond 9 hours on rostered day off (further payment to above)	11.70	11.95	12.25	12.50	12.80
<b>Uniform, lesser of:</b>					
Per day	1.79	1.83	1.88	1.92	1.96
Per week	9.10	9.30	9.53	9.72	9.94
<b>Laundry, lesser of:</b>					
Per day	0.46	0.47	0.48	0.49	0.50
Per week	2.17	2.22	2.28	2.33	2.38

	<b>Current</b>	<b>1/05/22</b>	<b>1/05/23</b>	<b>1/06/24</b>	<b>1/07/25</b>
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Vehicle Per kilometre</b>					
35 PMU and over	1.33	1.36	1.39	1.42	1.45
Under 35 PMU	1.18	1.21	1.24	1.26	1.29
Motor cycles -					
250 cc and over	0.70	0.72	0.73	0.75	0.77
Under 250 cc	0.48	0.49	0.50	0.51	0.53
<b>Tools (Chefs &amp; Cooks)</b>					
<b>\$ per week</b>	16.00	16.35	16.75	17.10	17.50
<b>Occasional Interpreter</b>					
Per occasion	0.99	1.01	1.04	1.06	1.08
Per week	12.59	12.85	13.15	13.40	13.70

**All increases are effective from the first full pay period commencing on or after the dates specified above.**

**WAGES - REGISTERED AND ENROLLED NURSES MERACARE WANGARATTA ONLY (FORMERLY RANGEVIEW PNH)**

<b>REGISTERED NURSES</b>		1/11/21	1/10/22	1/10/22	1/07/23	1/07/23	1/09/23	1/09/23	1/08/24	1/08/24	1/07/25	1/07/25
<b>CLASSIFICATION</b>	<b>*Current</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>ACWV</b>	<b>ACWV</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>2.25%</b>	<b>2.25%</b>	<b>2.25%</b>	<b>2.25%</b>
	<b>\$ weekly</b>	<b>\$ weekly</b>	<b>\$ weekly</b>	<b>\$ hourly</b>	<b>\$ weekly</b>	<b>\$ hourly</b>	<b>\$ weekly</b>	<b>\$ hourly</b>	<b>\$ weekly</b>	<b>\$ hourly</b>	<b>\$ weekly</b>	<b>\$ hourly</b>
Registered Nurse Level 1 (Grad Year) Allowance rate for shift allowances	1080.50	1107.50	1135.20	29.87	1289.10	33.92	1321.30	34.77	1351.00	35.55	1381.40	36.35
<i>RN Level 1 classification will not be used by the Employer.</i>												
Registered Nurse Level 2												
Year 1 (Allowance Rate for qualifications and other allowances)	1165.20	1194.30	1224.20	32.22	1384.94	36.45	1419.60	37.36	1451.50	38.20	1484.20	39.06
Year 2	1377.50	1411.90	1447.20	38.08	1627.32	42.82	1668.00	43.89	1705.50	44.88	1743.90	45.89
Year 3	1486.56	1523.70	1561.80	41.10	1746.48	45.96	1790.10	47.11	1830.40	48.17	1871.60	49.25
Registered Nurse Level 3A												
Year 1	1523.80	1561.90	1600.90	42.13	1790.52	47.12	1835.30	48.30	1876.60	49.38	1918.80	50.49
Year 2	1561.80	1600.80	1640.80	43.18	1833.46	48.25	1879.30	49.46	1921.60	50.57	1964.80	51.71
Registered Nurse Level 3B												
Year 1	1599.80	1639.80	1680.80	44.23	1876.88	49.39	1923.80	50.63	1967.10	51.77	2011.40	52.93
Year 2	1637.80	1678.70	1720.70	45.28	1919.82	50.52	1967.80	51.78	2012.10	52.95	2057.40	54.14
Registered Nurse Level 4A												
Year 1	1655.50	1696.90	1739.30	45.77	1944.88	51.18	1993.50	52.46	2038.40	53.64	2084.30	54.85
Year 2	1699.78	1742.30	1785.90	47.00	1991.48	52.41	2041.30	53.72	2087.20	54.93	2134.20	56.16
Registered Nurse Level 4B												
Year 1	1732.80	1776.10	1820.50	47.91	2029.88	53.42	2080.60	54.75	2127.40	55.98	2175.30	57.24
Year 2	1759.40	1803.40	1848.50	48.64	2061.50	54.15	2109.30	55.51	2156.80	56.76	2205.30	58.03

	<b>*Current</b>	<b>1/11/21</b>	<b>1/10/22</b>	<b>1/10/22</b>	<b>1/07/23</b>	<b>1/07/23</b>	<b>1/09/23</b>	<b>1/09/23</b>	<b>1/08/24</b>	<b>1/08/24</b>	<b>1/07/25</b>	<b>1/07/25</b>	
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	
	<b>weekly</b>	<b>weekly</b>	<b>weekly</b>	<b>hourly</b>	<b>weekly</b>	<b>hourly</b>	<b>weekly</b>	<b>hourly</b>	<b>weekly</b>	<b>hourly</b>	<b>weekly</b>	<b>hourly</b>	
Registered Nurse Level 5 (all bed numbers)	1782.10	1826.70	1872.40	49.27	2089.00	54.97	2141.20	56.35	2189.40	57.62	2238.70	58.91	
Registered Nurse Level 6 50 - 100 Beds	1759.40	1803.40	1848.50	48.64	2100.06	55.26	2152.60	56.65	2201.00	57.92	2250.50	59.22	plus 0.065% per bed between 1-99
100 and over Beds	1782.20	1826.80	1872.50	49.28	2138.88	56.29	2192.40	57.69	2241.70	58.99	2292.10	60.32	plus 0.032% per bed for each bed over 99
Registered Nurse Level 7 50 - 100 Beds (also the rate for Nurse Practitioner Year 1)	1782.20	1826.80	1872.50	49.28	2138.88	56.29	2192.40	57.69	2241.70	58.99	2292.10	60.32	plus 0.24% per bed between 1-49 beds and 0.12% per bed between 50 and 99 beds
100 and over Beds (also the rate for Nurse Practitioner Year 2 and thereafter)	1782.20	1826.80	1872.50	49.28	2155.22	56.72	2209.10	58.13	2258.80	59.44	2309.60	60.78	plus 0.05% per Bed for each bed 100 and over
<b>ALLOWANCES</b>													
AM/PM Shift	27.00	27.70	28.40		32.20		33.00		33.80		34.50		
Night Shift	54.00	55.40	56.80		64.50		66.10		67.60		69.10		
On Call	58.30	59.70	61.20		69.20		71.00		72.60		74.20		
<b>Qualifications Allowances</b>													
Hospital/Grad Certificate	46.60	47.80	49.00		55.40		56.80		58.10		59.40		
Post Grad Dip/Degree	75.70	77.60	79.60		90.00		92.30		94.30		96.50		
Masters Degree	87.40	89.60	91.80		103.90		106.50		108.90		111.30		
Doctorate	99.00	101.50	104.10		117.70		120.70		123.40		126.20		
<b>see below for other allowances</b>													

ENROLLED NURSES	*Current	1/11/21	1/10/22		1/07/23		1/09/23		1/08/24		1/07/25	
	weekly	2.5% weekly \$	2.50% weekly \$	2.50% hourly \$	ACWV weekly \$	ACWV hourly \$	2.50% weekly \$	2.50% hourly \$	2.25% weekly \$	2.25% hourly \$	2.50% weekly \$	2.50% hourly \$
Trainee rate (95% of Pay Point 1)	940.00	963.60	987.70	25.99	1124.20	29.58	1152.30	30.32	1178.20	31.01	1207.60	31.78
Pay Point 1 (Allowance rate only) - <b>not used as a classification</b>	989.52	1014.30	1039.70	27.36	1183.34	31.14	1212.90	31.92	1240.20	32.64	1271.20	33.45
Pay Point 2 - <b>not utilised as a classification</b>												
Pay Point 3 (entry point <b>Diploma</b> )	1027.35	1053.00	1079.30	28.40	1227.12	32.29	1257.80	33.10	1286.10	33.84	1318.30	34.69
Pay Point 4	1046.14	1072.30	1099.10	28.92	1248.82	32.86	1280.00	33.68	1308.80	34.44	1341.50	35.30
Pay Point 5	1065.14	1091.80	1119.10	29.45	1270.34	33.43	1302.10	34.27	1331.40	35.04	1364.70	35.91
Pay Point 6	1084.14	1111.20	1139.00	29.97	1290.24	33.95	1322.50	34.80	1352.30	35.59	1386.10	36.48
Pay Point 7	1103.14	1130.70	1159.00	30.50	1310.24	34.48	1343.00	35.34	1373.20	36.14	1407.50	37.04
Pay Point 8	1122.14	1150.20	1179.00	31.03	1330.24	35.01	1363.50	35.88	1394.20	36.69	1429.10	37.61

ALLOWANCES	*Current	1/11/21 \$	1/10/22 \$	1/07/23 \$	1/09/23 \$	1/08/24 \$	1/07/25 \$
AM/PM Shift	24.75	25.35	26.00	29.60	30.30	31.00	31.80
Night Shift	49.50	50.70	52.00	59.15	60.65	62.00	63.55
Change of Shift	39.60	40.55	41.60	47.35	48.50	49.60	50.85
On Call	49.50	50.70	52.00	59.15	60.65	62.00	63.55
In Charge of Facility	42.00	43.10	44.20	49.50	50.70	51.80	53.00

**Note: Enrolled Nurse Qualifications Allowance is either 4% (e.g. medication endorsement level) or 7.5% of the applicable pay point rate. The Leader Allowance is 10% of the individual Employees Pay Point base rate.**

**Nauseous Allowance**

Nauseous (per hour)	0.49	0.50	0.52		0.53	0.54	0.55
Nauseous (minimum per day)	2.81	2.88	2.95		3.03	3.09	3.17
Dirty & offensive work (per hour)	0.58	0.60	0.61		0.63	0.64	0.66

**Nauseous Allowance is payable to Enrolled Nurses in accordance with the Agreement.**

**All other allowances (meal, uniform, laundry and vehicle) will be paid as per the wages schedules for Meracare Nurses and Aged Care Employees**

**WAGES - AGED CARE EMPLOYEES - MERACARE WANGARATTA ONLY (FORMER RANGEVIEW PRIVATE NURSING HOME)**

CLASSIFICATION	Current	Current	1/10/21	1/09/22	1/09/22	ACWVC		1/09/23	1/09/23	1/08/24	1/08/24	1/07/25	1/07/25
						1/07/23	1/07/23						
Nauseous Allowance already factored in at 22 cents per hour in 2006-2008 Agreement	hourly	Current weekly	weekly	weekly	hourly	weekly	hourly	weekly	hourly	weekly	hourly	weekly	hourly
			2.50%	2.50%	2.50%			2.50%	2.50%	2.25%	2.25%	2.25%	2.25%
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Wage Skill Group 1</b>													
1st 3 months of experience only	22.57	857.55	879.00	901.00	23.71	947.20	24.93	923.55	24.30	944.35	24.85	965.60	25.41
3-24 months of exp.	22.69	862.05	883.60	905.70	23.83	947.20	24.93	947.20	24.93	968.50	25.49	990.30	26.06
<b>Wage Skill Group 2</b>													
1st year of exp.	23.10	877.80	899.75	922.25	24.27	947.20	24.93	947.20	24.93	968.50	25.49	990.30	26.06
2nd year of exp.	23.21	881.98	904.05	926.65	24.39	947.00	24.92	949.80	24.99	971.15	25.56	993.00	26.13
3rd year of exp.	23.32	886.16	908.30	931.00	24.50	947.00	24.92	954.30	25.11	975.75	25.68	997.70	26.26
4th year of exp.	23.44	890.72	913.00	935.85	24.63	947.00	24.92	959.25	25.24	980.85	25.81	1002.90	26.39
5th year of exp.	23.55	894.85	917.20	940.15	24.74	947.00	24.92	963.65	25.36	985.35	25.93	1007.50	26.51
6th year of exp.	23.90	908.10	930.80	954.05	25.11	954.05	25.11	977.90	25.73	999.90	26.31	1022.40	26.91
<b>Wage Skill Group 3 (PCW unqualified, Leisure &amp; Lifestyle unqualified only)</b>													
1st year of exp.	23.79	904.00	926.60	949.75	24.99	1130.90	29.76	1159.15	30.50	1185.25	31.19	1211.90	31.89
2nd year of exp.	23.89	908.00	930.70	953.95	25.10	1130.90	29.76	1159.15	30.50	1185.25	31.19	1211.90	31.89
3rd year of exp.	24.01	912.50	935.30	958.70	25.23	1130.90	29.76	1159.15	30.50	1185.25	31.19	1211.90	31.89
4th year of exp.	24.12	916.40	939.30	962.80	25.34	1130.90	29.76	1159.15	30.50	1185.25	31.19	1211.90	31.89
5th year of exp.	24.24	921.00	944.05	967.65	25.46	1130.90	29.76	1159.15	30.50	1185.25	31.19	1211.90	31.89
6th year of exp.	24.38	926.30	949.45	973.20	25.61	1130.90	29.76	1159.15	30.50	1185.25	31.19	1211.90	31.89
<b>Wage Skill Group 3 (non-direct care staff)</b>													
1st year of exp.	23.79	904.00	926.60	949.75	24.99			973.50	25.62	995.40	26.19	1017.80	26.78
2nd year of exp.	23.89	908.00	930.70	953.95	25.10			977.80	25.73	999.80	26.31	1022.30	26.90
3rd year of exp.	24.01	912.50	935.30	958.70	25.23			982.65	25.86	1004.75	26.44	1027.35	27.04
4th year of exp.	24.12	916.40	939.30	962.80	25.34			986.85	25.97	1009.05	26.55	1031.75	27.15
5th year of exp.	24.24	921.00	944.05	967.65	25.46			991.85	26.10	1014.15	26.69	1036.95	27.29
6th year of exp.	24.38	926.30	949.45	973.20	25.61			997.55	26.25	1020.00	26.84	1042.95	27.45
	<b>Current</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>1/10/21</b>	<b>1/09/22</b>	<b>1/09/22</b>	<b>1/07/23</b>	<b>1/07/23</b>	<b>1/09/23</b>	<b>1/09/23</b>	<b>1/08/24</b>	<b>1/08/24</b>	<b>1/07/25</b>	<b>1/07/25</b>

	hourly	weekly	weekly	weekly	hourly	weekly	hourly	weekly	hourly	weekly	hourly	weekly	hourly
	\$	\$	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	\$	\$	\$	2.50%	2.50%	2.25%	2.25%	2.25%
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Wage Skill Group 4</b>	not utilised												
<b>Wage Skill Group 5</b>	* not utilised other than as Allowance Rate												
Allowance rate B 1st year of experience (PCWs, Lifestyle and Head Chef)	24.61	935.00	958.35	982.30		1123.28		1151.35		1177.25		1203.75	
Allowance rate A (all other aged care employees) 1st year of experience	24.61	935.00	958.35	982.30				1006.85		1029.50		1052.65	
<b>Wage Skill Group 6 ((PCW Cert III and Leisure and Lifestyle Cert III only)</b>													
1st year of exp.	24.72	939.30	962.80	986.85	25.97	1144.20	30.11	1172.80	30.86	1199.20	31.56	1226.20	32.27
2nd year of exp.	24.84	943.75	967.35	991.55	26.09	1144.20	30.11	1172.80	30.86	1199.20	31.56	1226.20	32.27
3rd year of exp.	24.94	947.80	971.50	995.80	26.21	1144.20	30.11	1172.80	30.86	1199.20	31.56	1226.20	32.27
4th year of exp.	25.08	953.00	976.85	1001.25	26.35	1144.20	30.11	1172.80	30.86	1199.20	31.56	1226.20	32.27
5th year of exp.	25.18	956.80	980.70	1005.20	26.45	1146.18	30.16	1174.85	30.92	1201.30	31.61	1228.35	32.33
6th year of exp.	25.31	961.85	985.90	1010.55	26.59	1151.53	30.30	1180.30	31.06	1206.85	31.76	1234.00	32.47
<b>Wage Skill Group 6 (non-direct care staff)</b>													
1st year of exp.	24.72	939.30	962.80	994.84	26.18			1019.70	26.83	1042.65	27.44	1066.10	28.06
2nd year of exp.	24.84	943.75	967.35	994.84	26.18			1019.70	26.83	1042.65	27.44	1066.10	28.06
3rd year of exp.	24.94	947.80	971.50	995.80	26.21			1020.70	26.86	1043.65	27.46	1067.15	28.08
4th year of exp.	25.08	953.00	976.85	1001.25	26.35			1026.30	27.01	1049.40	27.62	1073.00	28.24
5th year of exp.	25.18	956.80	980.70	1005.20	26.45			1030.35	27.11	1053.55	27.73	1077.25	28.35
6th year of exp.	25.31	961.86	985.90	1010.55	26.59			1035.80	27.26	1059.10	27.87	1082.95	28.50
<b>Wage Skill Group 7</b>													
6th year of exp.	25.95	986.20	1010.85	1036.10	27.27			1062.00	27.95	1085.90	28.58	1110.35	29.22

<b>Wage Skill Group 8 (PCW Cert IV and Leisure and Lifestyle Cert IV)</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>1/10/21</b>	<b>1/09/22</b>	<b>1/09/22</b>	<b>1/07/23</b>	<b>1/07/23</b>	<b>1/09/23</b>	<b>1/09/23</b>	<b>1/08/24</b>	<b>1/08/24</b>	<b>1/07/25</b>	<b>1/07/25</b>
	<b>hourly</b>	<b>weekly</b>	<b>weekly</b>	<b>weekly</b>	<b>hourly</b>	<b>weekly</b>	<b>hourly</b>	<b>weekly</b>	<b>hourly</b>	<b>weekly</b>	<b>hourly</b>	<b>weekly</b>	<b>hourly</b>
1st year of exp.	25.89	983.65	1008.25	1033.45	27.20	1183.47	31.14	1213.05	31.92	1240.35	32.64	1268.25	33.38
2nd year of exp.	25.99	987.45	1012.15	1037.45	27.30	1183.37	31.14	1212.95	31.92	1240.25	32.64	1268.15	33.37
3rd year of exp.	26.09	991.25	1016.05	1041.45	27.41	1187.37	31.25	1217.05	32.03	1244.45	32.75	1272.45	33.49
4th year of exp.	26.18	994.85	1019.70	1045.20	27.51	1191.12	31.35	1220.90	32.13	1248.35	32.85	1276.45	33.59
5th year of exp.	26.28	998.65	1023.60	1049.20	27.61	1195.12	31.45	1225.00	32.24	1252.55	32.96	1280.75	33.70
6th year of exp.	26.38	1002.45	1027.50	1053.20	27.72	1199.12	31.56	1229.10	32.34	1256.75	33.07	1285.05	33.82
<b>Wage Skill Group 8 (non- direct care staff)</b>													
1st year of exp.	25.89	983.65	1008.25	1033.45	27.20			1059.30	27.88	1083.15	28.50	1107.50	29.14
2nd year of exp.	25.99	987.45	1012.15	1037.45	27.30			1063.40	27.98	1087.35	28.61	1111.80	29.26
3rd year of exp.	26.09	991.25	1016.05	1041.45	27.41			1067.50	28.09	1091.50	28.72	1116.05	29.37
4th year of exp.	26.18	994.85	1019.70	1045.20	27.51			1071.35	28.19	1095.45	28.83	1120.10	29.48
5th year of exp.	26.28	998.65	1023.60	1049.20	27.61			1075.45	28.30	1099.65	28.94	1124.40	29.59
6th year of exp.	26.38	1002.45	1027.50	1053.20	27.72			1079.55	28.41	1103.85	29.05	1128.70	29.70
<b>Wage Skill Group 9</b>	<b>not utilised</b>												
<b>Wage Skill Group 10</b>	<b>not utilised</b>												
<b>Wage Skill Group 11</b>	<b>not utilised, except for head Chef/cook</b>												
							1375.31	36.19	1375.31	36.19	1402.80	36.92	1434.35
<b>Allowances (per shift)</b>		<b>PCWs, Lifestyle and Head Chef only</b>											
AM/PM shift		23.35	23.95	24.55			28.10		28.80		29.45		30.10
Night Shift		46.75	47.90	49.10			56.15		57.55		58.85		60.20
Change of Shift		37.40	38.35	39.30			44.95		46.05		47.10		48.15
On Call Allowance (5%)		46.75	47.90	49.10			56.15		57.55		58.85		60.20
<b>Allowances (per shift)</b>		<b>All other Aged Care Employees</b>											
AM/PM shift		23.35	23.95	24.55				25.15		25.75		26.30	
Night Shift		46.75	47.90	49.10				50.35		51.50		52.65	
Change of Shift		37.40	38.35	39.30				40.25		41.20		42.10	
On Call Allowance (5%)		46.75	47.90	49.10				50.35		51.50		52.65	

**Note: Leader Allowance is 10% of the individual Employees WSG base rate**

**All other allowances (nauseous, meal, uniform, laundry and vehicle) will be paid as per the wages schedules for all other Meracare Aged Care Employees**

**All increases are effective from the first full pay period commencing on or after the dates specified above.**



## **APPENDIX B – CLASSIFICATION DEFINITIONS**

### **HASA CLASSIFICATIONS**

#### **Personal Care Worker**

The Personal Care Worker structure shall be as follows:

**1 Personal Care Worker Grade 1 (Wage Skill Group 3)**

Means a person employed in a Residential Aged Care Facility to provide personal care to those residents. Such an Employee does not possess any accredited training.

**2 Personal Care Worker Grade 2 (Wage Skill Group 6)**

Means a person employed in a Residential Aged Care Facility to provide personal care to those residents.

- 2.1 Such an Employee must obtain a qualification in Aged Care at Certificate 3 level that has been issued by a registered training organisation. This will normally require the actual completion of all compulsory and required elective modules, unless a recognised RPL (Recognition of Prior Learning) or recognition of existing competencies assessment has been undertaken and resulted in appropriate credits.

Where, after commencement of employment, the Employer disputes an RPL credited component of the Certificate 3 qualification, the Employer shall outline that dispute in writing, identifying the reason and proposed remedy. The Employer and Employee shall meet in accordance with Clause 60 of this Agreement and the Employee shall be advised, in writing, that they may have their chosen representative attend the meeting with them. Where no agreement is reached, either party may refer the matter to the Fair Work Commission in the manner detailed in Clause 60 to resolve whether the RPL is reasonable and, if not, what steps should be taken to rectify any concern regarding the RPL. Where additional training is proposed, agreed or required, the Employer will provide the additional training and the Employee will be required to complete the training in order to remain at Wage Skill Group 6.

- 2.2 For such an Employee, training in the following is also required:

- first aid equal to a basic first aid certificate,
- manual handling,
- infection control,
- communication skills, and
- basic personal care of residents.

- 2.3 Where the Employee does not have the training at Paragraph 2.2 above and at the request of the Employee, such training shall be provided by and at the cost of the Employer. Such training may be either internal or external. Such training will be in paid time and the completion of such training will not be a prerequisite for being paid at Personal Care Worker Grade 2 from the time of completion of the Certificate 3 in Aged Care.

### **3 Personal Care Worker Grade 3 (Wage Skill Group 8)**

Means a person employed in either a Low Care or Multiple (Dual) Residential Aged Care Facility, as defined in Clause 10.3, to provide personal care to those residents.

- 3.1 Such an Employee, in addition to having had not less than two years' experience as a personal care worker and the training required at a Personal Care Worker 2 classification; a relevant qualification in Aged Care at Certificate 4 level that has been issued by a registered training organisation. This will normally require the actual completion of all compulsory and required elective modules, unless a recognised RPL (Recognition of Prior Learning) or recognition of existing competencies assessment has been undertaken and resulted in appropriate credits.

Where, after commencement of employment at, the Employer disputes an RPL credited component of the Certificate 4 qualification, the Employer shall outline that dispute in writing, identifying the reason and proposed remedy. The Employer and Employee shall meet in accordance with Clause 60 of the Agreement and the Employee shall be advised, in writing, that they may have their chosen representative attend the meeting with them. Where no agreement is reached, either party may refer the matter to the Fair Work Commission in the manner detailed in Clause 60 to resolve whether the RPL is reasonable and, if not, what steps should be taken to rectify any concern regarding the RPL. Where additional training is proposed, agreed or required, the Employer will provide the required additional training and the Employee will be required to complete the training in order to remain at Wage Skill Group 8.

- 3.2 For such an Employee, training in the following is also a requirement:

- Basic computer skills,
- Dealing with dementia,
- Monitoring care of the incontinent resident,
- Skin care,
- Simple wound monitoring,
- Diabetes awareness,
- Infection control, and
- Behaviour management.

- 3.3 Where the Employee does not have the training at Paragraph 3.2 above, and at the request of the Employee, such training shall be provided by and at the cost of the Employer. Such training may be either internal or external. Such training will be in paid time and the completion of such training will not be a prerequisite for being paid as a Personal Care Worker Grade 3 from the time of completion of the Certificate 4 in Aged Care.

### **4 Personal Care Worker Grade 4 (Wage Skill Group 11)**

Means a person employed as the personal care supervisor/coordinator, and who holds the overall responsibility of managing the residents' personal care needs on a day to day basis. A PCW Grade 4 will not supervise a Registered or Enrolled Nurse in relation to any clinical or care matters.

5 **Personal Care Worker In-Charge**

Means a personal care worker who is appointed in-charge in the off-duty period of the personal care supervisor/coordinator (the PCW Grade 4). As prescribed by Clause 19 such a person will be entitled to be paid the Leader allowance of 10% per period of duty calculated as 10% of the total ordinary wages earned for each such period of duty. Ordinary wages do not include weekend penalty rates, public holiday rates or any other such penalties. A PCW Worker In-Charge will not supervise a Registered or Enrolled Nurse in relation to any clinical or care matters.

6 No Employee under the Agreement shall be re-classified to a lower classification as a direct or sole result of the introduction of the classification structure under the Agreement.

7 Where an Employee obtains a certificate that entitles them to a higher classification / wage skill group, the Employee shall be reclassified from the date the certificate is obtained or the date that evidence of attainment is provided to the Employer, whichever is later.

## **LEISURE / LIFESTYLE AND ACTIVITIES STRUCTURE**

Included below is the staffing structure for Leisure and Lifestyle Assistants, however titled, within residential aged care facilities. A 'Wage Skill Group' refers to the Wage Skill Group Structure as outlined in this Agreement.

The structure shall be as follows:

### **1. Leisure and Lifestyle Assistant Grade 1 (Wage Skill Group 3)**

- 1.1 Means a person employed in a Residential Aged Care Facility, to provide activities/diversional therapy to those residents. Such an Employee would not possess any relevant accredited training.
- 1.2 Such a person assists with the planning and implementation of lifestyle enhancement programmes under direct supervision and in co-operation with other members of the aged care team.

### **2. Leisure and Lifestyle Assistant Grade 2 (Wage Skill Group 6)**

- 2.1 Means a person employed in a Residential Aged Care Facility to provide activities/diversional therapy to those residents.
- 2.2 Such an Employee must have a Certificate 3 qualification in Leisure and Lifestyle, Diversional Therapy or other relevant qualification from a Registered Training Organisation.
- 2.3 Such a person is primarily required to assist with the planning and implementation as well as deliver lifestyle and leisure services and related client/resident enhancement programmes where required under the supervision and direction of a Lifestyle Co-ordinator, Therapist, Allied Health Professional, or other member of staff in co-operation with other members of the aged care team.

### **3. Leisure and Lifestyle Assistant Grade 3 (Wage Skill Group 8)**

- 3.1 Means a person employed in Residential Aged Care Facility to provide activities/diversional therapy to those residents.
- 3.2 Such an Employee shall have a Certificate 4 qualification in Leisure and Lifestyle, Diversional Therapy or other relevant qualification from a Registered Training Organisation.
- 3.3 Such a person will plan and implement lifestyle enhancement programmes under limited supervision and in cooperation with other members of the aged care team. This Employee maybe required to hold a First Aid Certificate and may also be required to hold a Victorian Bus Driving Licence.

### **4. Leisure and Lifestyle Co-ordinator Unqualified (Wage Skill Group 10)**

Means a suitably experienced and unqualified person appointed as the Leisure and Lifestyle Coordinator and who holds overall responsibility for the development, implementation,

evaluation and continuous improvement of leisure and lifestyle programmes and supervision, work allocation, rostering and guidance of Lifestyle Assistants. This person may be required to hold a First Aid Certificate II and may also be required to hold a Victorian Bus Driving Licence.

**5 Leisure and Lifestyle Co-ordinator Qualified (Wage Skill Group 11)**

Means a suitably experienced and qualified person appointed as the Leisure and Lifestyle Coordinator and who holds overall responsibility for the development, implementation, evaluation and continuous improvement of leisure and lifestyle programmes and supervision, work allocation, rostering and guidance of Lifestyle Assistants. This person may be required to hold a First Aid Certificate II and may also be required to hold a Victorian Bus Driving Licence.

## **HASA CLASSIFICATIONS – GENERAL**

### **WAGE/ SKILL LEVEL AND CLASSIFICATION DEFINITIONS**

#### **WAGE/SKILL LEVELS**

#### **WAGE SKILL GROUP 1 (LESS THAN TWO YEARS OF EXPERIENCE ONLY)**

An Employee at this level:

- Works within established routines, methods and procedures.
- Has minimal responsibility, accountability or discretion.
- Works under direct or routine supervision, either individually or in a team.
- No previous experience or training is required.

**Indicative classifications at this level are:**

#### **General Services**

Laundry Hand (less than two years)  
Cleaner/Housekeeper (less than two years)  
Assistant Gardener (less than two years)  
Maintenance/Handyperson (Unqualified) (less than two years)

#### **Food Services**

Food Services Assistant/ Kitchen Hand (less than two years)  
Other Cook (less than two years)

#### **WAGE SKILL GROUP 2**

An employee at this level:

- Works within established routines, methods and procedures.
- Has limited responsibility, accountability or discretion.
- May work under limited supervision, either individually or in a team.
- Possesses communication skills.
- Requires on-the-job training and/or specific skills training or experience.

**Indicative classifications at this level are:**

#### **General Services**

Cleaner cleaning windows  
 Housekeeper (two years or more experience)  
 Storeperson  
 Laundry Hand (two years or more experience)  
 Laundry Operator  
 Gardener (non-trade) (two years or more experience)

Maintenance/Handyperson (Unqualified - two years or more experience)

### **Food Services**

Food Services Assistant/ Kitchen Hand (two years or more experience))  
 Other Cook (two years or more experience)

### **WAGE SKILL GROUP 3**

An employee at this level:

- Is capable of prioritising work within established routines, methods and procedures.
- Is responsible for work performed with a limited level of accountability or discretion.
- Works under limited supervision, either individually or in a team.
- Possesses sound communication skills.
- Requires specific on-the-job training and/or relevant skills training or experience.

#### **Indicative classifications at this level are:**

#### **General Services**

Driver 1.25 tonnes or less

#### **Food Services**

Cook Employed Alone  
 Diet Cook

### **WAGE SKILL GROUP 4**

An employee at this level:

- Is capable of prioritising work within established routines, methods and procedures. (non admin/clerical)
- Is responsible for work performed with a medium level of accountability or discretion. (non admin/clerical)
- Works under limited supervision, either individually or in a team. (non admin/clerical)

- Possesses sound communication and/or arithmetic skills. (non admin/clerical)
- Requires specific on-the-job training and/or relevant skills training or experience. (non admin/clerical)
- A admin/clerical employee who undertakes a range of basic clerical functions within established routines, methods and procedures. No or limited experience and training are required.

**Indicative classifications at this level are:**

**General Clerk**

General Clerk

Typist

**WAGE SKILL GROUP 5**

An employee at this level:

- Is capable of prioritising work within established policies, guidelines and procedures.
- Is responsible for work performed with a medium level of accountability or discretion.
- Works under limited supervision, either individually or in a team.
- Possesses good communication, interpersonal and/or arithmetic skills.
- Requires specific on-the-job training, may require formal qualifications and/or relevant skills training or experience.

**Indicative classifications at this level are:**

**General Services**

Driver 1.25 tonnes to 3 tonnes

**WAGE SKILL GROUP 6**

An employee at this level:

- Is capable of prioritising work and exercising discretion within established policies, guidelines and procedures.
- Is responsible for work performed with a medium level of accountability.
- Works under limited supervision, either individually or in a team.
- Requires a basic knowledge of medical terminology and/or a working knowledge of health insurance schemes. (admin/clerical)



- Possesses well developed communication, interpersonal and/or arithmetic skills.
- Requires substantial on-the-job training, may require formal qualifications and/or relevant skills training or experience.

**Indicative classifications at this level are:**

**Admin/Clerical Services**

Receptionist  
Ward Clerk  
Audio Typist (Other)  
Client/Resident Fees Clerk  
Pay Clerk

**General Services**

Driver over 3 tonnes

**WAGE SKILL GROUP 7**

An employee at this level:

- Is capable of prioritising work and exercising discretion within established policies, guidelines and procedures.
- Is responsible for work performed with a substantial level of accountability.
- Works either individually or in a team.
- Requires a basic knowledge of medical terminology and/or a working knowledge of health insurance schemes. (admin/clerical)
- May require regular computer related duties, where those duties are an essential part of the function of the position and where the level of skill involved is multi-function administrative processing.
- Possesses well developed communication, interpersonal and/or arithmetic skills.
- Requires substantial on-the-job training, may require formal qualifications at trade or certificate level and/or relevant skills training or experience.

**Indicative classifications at this level are:**

**Admin/Clerical**

All classifications as per admin/clerical (Wage Skills Group Levels 4 & 6) with computer use.

Computer Clerk  
**General Services**

Maintenance/Handyperson (Trade)  
Gardener (Trade)

**Food Services**

Trade Cook

**WAGE SKILL GROUP 8**

An employee at this level:

- Is capable of functioning semi autonomously, and prioritising his or her own work within established policies, guidelines and procedures.
- Is responsible for work performed with a substantial level of accountability.
- Works either individually or in a team.
- Requires a comprehensive knowledge of medical terminology and/or a working knowledge of health insurance schemes. (admin/clerical)
- May require basic computer knowledge or be required to use a computer on a regular basis.
- Possesses administrative skills and problem solving abilities.
- Possesses well developed communication, interpersonal and/or arithmetic skills
- Requires substantial on-the-job training, may require formal qualifications at trade or certificate level and/or relevant skills training or experience.

**Indicative classifications at this level are:**

**Admin/Clerical Services**

Secretary  
Interpreter (Unqualified)

**Food Services**

Chef Grade B

**WAGE SKILL GROUP 9**

An employee at this level:

- Is capable of functioning with a high level of autonomy, and prioritising his or her own work within established policies, guidelines and procedures.

- Is responsible for work performed with a substantial level of accountability and responsibility.
- Works either individually or in a team.
- May require comprehensive computer knowledge or be required to use a computer on a regular basis.
- Possesses administrative skills and problem solving abilities.
- Possesses well developed communication, interpersonal and/or arithmetic skills
- May require formal qualifications at post-trade or Advanced Certificate or Associate Diploma level and/or relevant skills training or experience.

**Indicative classifications at this level are:**

**Admin/Clerical Services**

Computer Clerk (Advanced)

Pay Clerk (Advanced)

**General Services**

Maintenance/Handyperson (Advanced)

Gardener (Advanced)

**Food Services**

A Cook or Chef with relevant qualifications.

Chef Grade A

**WAGE SKILL GROUP 10**

An employee at this level:

- Is capable of functioning autonomously, and prioritising his or her own work within established policies, guidelines and procedures.
- Is responsible for work performed with a substantial level of accountability and responsibility.
- Works either individually or in a team.
- May require comprehensive computer knowledge or be required to use a computer on a regular basis.
- Possesses administrative skills and problem solving abilities.
- Possesses well developed communication, interpersonal and/or arithmetic skills

- Will most likely require formal qualifications at trade or Advanced Certificate or Associate Diploma level and/or relevant skills training or experience.

**Indicative classifications at this level are:**

**Food Services**

Chef with relevant qualifications.

**WAGE SKILL GROUP 11**

An employee at this level:

- Is capable of functioning autonomously, and prioritising his or her own work and the work of others within established policies, guidelines and procedures.
- Is responsible for work performed with a substantial level of accountability and responsibility.
- May supervise the work of others, including work allocation, rostering and guidance.
- Works either individually or in a team.
- May require comprehensive computer knowledge or be required to use a computer on a regular basis.
- Possesses developed administrative skills and problem solving abilities.
- Possesses well developed communication, interpersonal and/or arithmetic skills
- May require formal qualifications at trade or Advanced Certificate or Associate Diploma level and/or relevant skills training or experience.

**Indicative classifications at this level are:**

**Admin/Clerical Services**

Private Secretary  
Clerical Supervisor  
Interpreter (Qualified)

**General Services**

General Services Supervisor  
Gardener Superintendent

**Food Services**

Food Services Supervisor

## **CLASSIFICATION DEFINITIONS**

### **Clerical/Administrative Stream Definitions**

#### **Clerical Supervisor (WSG 11)**

Is a person appointed as such performing work which involves the supervision of staff within the Admin/Clerical Stream of this agreement or the supervision of staff within an Administrative/Clerical Services related department or section. Such a person would be responsible for administrative duties such as work allocation, training, rostering and guidance of staff and may assist in the recruitment of staff.

#### **Computer Clerk (WSG 7)**

Means clerical employees in the following classifications where their employment involves regular computer related duties, where those duties are an essential part of the function of the position and where the level of skill involved is "multi-function administrative".

#### **Computer Clerk Advanced (WSG 9)**

Means an employee required to perform more complex computer related duties that are outside the normal operating parameters of a dedicated software system (e.g. accessing the operating system, configuring or installing programs) or is required to perform advanced, responsible or complex functions within a dedicated software system (e.g. basic system maintenance or administration, security back-ups etc.)

#### **Pay Clerk (WSG 6)**

Is a person appointed as such who assists the pay officer or other responsible person to calculate time sheets and other relevant duties in the process of preparing payments to staff.

#### **Pay Clerk Advanced (WSG 9)**

Is a person who in addition to the duties of a "Pay Clerk" will be required to possess a working knowledge of relevant Industrial Awards, Enterprise Bargaining Agreements, regulations and Acts, handles complex payroll and award/agreement interpretation inquiries and be capable of functioning semi-autonomously, prioritising their own work within established policies, guidelines and procedures.

#### **Private Secretary (WSG 11)**

Is a person who in addition to possessing and using secretarial skills, (e.g. word processing, reception and typing) provides services at the senior management level including attending to organisational matters: diaries, meetings, agendas, taking of minutes, liaising with other departments or divisions and involvement with routine correspondence.

## **General Services Stream Definitions**

### **Housekeeper**

Means a person who performs general cleaning and housekeeping functions within a facility. This may include cleaning windows within a building.

### **Gardener Advanced (WSG 9)**

Means a "Gardener Trade" who holds post-trade qualifications and is capable of, and required to work autonomously and is required to prioritise his or her own work with a substantial level of accountability and responsibility.

### **Gardener (non-trade) (WSG 2)**

Means an employee engaged in the pruning or trimming of plants or trees; or in budding, propagating, planting or plotting; or like garden related functions.

### **Gardener Superintendent (WSG 11)**

Means a "Gardener Trade" who is responsible for the supervision, work allocation, on the job training, rostering and/or guidance of gardening staff.

### **Gardener Trade (WSG 7)**

Means a tradesperson gardener who has satisfactorily completed the approved apprenticeship course in gardening or who has been issued with an approved trade certificate.

### **General Services Supervisor (WSG 11)**

Is a person appointed as such performing work which involves the supervision of staff within the General Services Stream of this agreement or the supervision of staff within a General Services related department or section. Such a person would be responsible for administrative duties such as work allocation, training, rostering and guidance of staff and may assist in the recruitment of staff.

### **Laundry Operator (WSG 2)**

Means a person employed as a sole employee in a laundry performing the full range of duties relating to the operation of a laundry.

### **Maintenance/Handyperson Advanced (WSG 9)**

Is a "Handyperson Trade" who holds post-trade qualifications and is capable of, and required to work autonomously, and is required to prioritise their own work with a substantial level of accountability and responsibility.

### **Maintenance/Handyperson Trade (WSG 7)**

Means a person employed as a handyperson who has satisfactorily qualified as a tradesperson under the Industrial Training Act 1975 or holds an equivalent qualification acceptable to the employer.

## **Food Services Stream Definitions**

### **Chef:**

Means a person employed as such who may be required by the employer to supervise staff, give any necessary instruction in all the branches of cooking, preparation of food service staff rosters, assist in the planning of meals, assist in the pricing of meals for departmental budgets, assist in the requisitioning and purchasing of all stores and to assist where necessary in the preparation and supervision of the plating of meals.

- **Chef Grade A (WSG9)**

A chef employed in a facility with more than 100 beds but less than 200 beds or a kitchen providing more than 500 meals but less than 1000 meals on a daily average.

- **Chef Grade B (WSG 8)**

A chef employed in a facility with less than 100 beds or a kitchen providing less than 500 meals on a daily average.

### **Cook Employed Alone (WSG 3)**

Means a person employed as a sole cook who does not hold trade qualifications.

### **Diet Cook (WSG 3)**

Means an unqualified cook who produces meals for specific dietary requirements and/or other specialist meals.

### **Food Services Supervisor (WSG 11)**

Is a person appointed as such performing work which involves the supervision of staff within the Food Services Stream of this agreement or the supervision of staff within a Food Services related department or section. Such a person would be responsible for administrative duties such as work allocation, training, rostering and guidance of fifteen or more staff and may assist in the recruitment of staff.

### **Trade Cook (WSG 7)**

Means a cook qualified as a tradesperson under the Industrial Training Act 1975 or holding an equivalent qualification acceptable to the employer.

### **Other Cook (WSG 1 less than two years of experience or WSG 2 with two or more years of experience))**

Means a person who does not hold trade qualifications, who is employed as a cook by a facility where other cooks are employed.

## REGISTERED NURSES

1. **Post Graduate Student** (i.e. A Registered Nurse undergoing training for the purpose of obtaining a post-graduate qualification).

The period for which a Registered Nurse undergoes training for the purpose of obtaining a post-basic qualification shall be counted towards his or her years of experience as a Registered Nurse.

2. **Deputy Director of Nursing (however titled)**

**Deputy Director of Nursing** means a Registered Nurse appointed as such and who deputises for the Director of Nursing and assists in nursing administration. In the case of a private hospital and/or high care residential aged care facility where the proprietor also is a working Director of Nursing, the Resident Nursing Manager shall be classified and paid as the "Deputy Director of Nursing".

Where an employee is appointed as Deputy Director of Nursing (Extended Care/Residential Aged Care Facility):

- (a) The minimum weekly salary for a Deputy Director of Nursing shall be at the Grade 6 (13-50 beds).
- (b) In addition to this amount a Deputy Director of Nursing shall be paid the following in respect to approved beds over which responsibility is exercised:
  - (b)(i) an additional 0.065% of the minimum base weekly salary per bed for each approved bed to 50 beds: plus;
  - (b)(ii) an additional 0.065% of the minimum base weekly salary per bed for each approved bed from 51 to 100: plus;
  - (b)(iii) an additional 0.032% of the minimum base weekly salary per bed for each approved bed above 100 beds.

The above amount shall be treated for all purposes as part of ordinary salary for each classification. (Note: The calculation of the above approved bed weighting shall be made to the nearest 10 cents, any amount in the result not exceeding 5 cents to be disregarded).

3. **Director of Nursing (Extended Care/ Residential Aged Care Facility)**

**Director of Nursing** means a Registered Nurse appointed as the principal nursing executive officer, however styled, responsible for the overall managerial, professional, clinical and regulatory aspects of the nursing service (notwithstanding that a Residential Aged Care Facility Clinical Care Coordinator might also be appointed) and who performs duties which may include, but are not confined to:

- accountability for the standards of nursing practice for the residential aged care facility and for co-ordination of its nursing service;



- participating in or having principal responsibility for the management of the residential aged care facility or part thereof, and being accountable for the development and evaluation of nursing, policy and management;
- providing leadership, direction and management of the residential aged care facility in accordance with relevant organisational policies, objectives and goals;
- management of the budget or aspects of the budget of the residential aged care facility;
- responsibility for ensuring that the nursing service meets the changing needs of residents, organisational aims and objectives through proper strategic planning; and
- complying and ensuring the compliance of others with the *Aged Care Act 1997 (Cth)* and other legal requirements pertaining the nursing service of the residential aged care facility.

The minimum weekly salary for a Director of Nursing shall be at Grade 7 (less than thirteen beds).

In addition to this amount a Director of Nursing (Extended Care/Facility Care Residential Aged Care Facilities) shall be paid the following in respect to approved beds over which responsibility is exercised:

- (a) an additional 0.24% of the minimum base weekly salary per bed for each approved bed to 50 beds; plus
- (b) an additional 0.12% of the minimum base weekly salary per bed for each approved bed from 51 to 100 beds; plus
- (c) an additional 0.05% of the minimum base weekly salary per bed for each approved bed above 100 beds.

The above amount shall be treated for all purposes as part of ordinary salary for each classification. (Note: The calculation of the above approved bed weighting shall be made to the nearest 10 cents, any amount in the result not exceeding 5 cents to be disregarded).

#### 4. **Nurse Practitioner**

A Nurse Practitioner is a specialised nurse who holds additional qualification (usually a Masters Degree) in a relevant field such as gerontology or women's health and who is registered as Nurse Practitioner with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia. As such the Nurse Practitioner has rights under federal legislation to prescribe medications in his or her field of expertise.

#### 5. **Clinical Care Coordinator**

**Clinical Care Coordinator** means a Registered Nurse appointed as such who provides a clinical resource, clinical advisory/development role concerning the clinical and professional care of residents of a residential aged care facility (but does not have managerial responsibilities), and who, in addition to care/lifestyle planning, oversees the implementation of care/lifestyle plans and evaluation of the clinical care of residents, and performs duties which substantially include, but are not confined to:

- providing or assisting with policy advice, development and/or implementation of standards of nursing care; and/or
  - providing clinical leadership and role modelling for less experienced and non-registered staff; and/or
  - implementation and evaluation of education or staff development programs relevant to the residential aged care facility.
6. **Nurse Unit Manager/ Charge Nurse (NUM/CN)** means a Registered Nurse appointed by the employer to exercise managerial and clinical responsibility over a unit or section of an aged care facility, usually during the AM shift. Typical duties include, but are not limited to:
- Managing staff and resources within the unit or section
  - Ensuring the provision of appropriate clinical and personal care to residents within the unit/section
  - Ensuring that clinical and care standards are maintained, including legislated or regulatory obligations
  - Assisting with projects delegated by the Director of Nursing (DoN)
  - Coordinating training needs of staff, including the timely provision of mandatory training
  - Dealing with resident families on clinical and personal matters, including the resolution of complaints
  - Dealing with HR and disciplinary issues within the unit/section
  - Ensuring that staff are appropriately rostered and that unplanned absences are covered
7. **Associate Nurse Unit Manager/Associate Charge Nurse** means a Registered Nurse who is appointed by the employer to assist other senior staff with managerial and clinical responsibilities within a unit or section of an aged care facility, usually during the PM, night or weekend shifts in the off-duty periods of the DoN or NUM/CN. Typical duties include, but are not limited to:
- Managing staff within the unit or section
  - Ensuring the provision of appropriate clinical and personal care to residents within the unit/section
  - Ensuring that all clinical and care standards are maintained, including legislated or regulatory obligations
  - Assisting with implementation of projects in consultation with the NUM/CN or DoN
  - Dealing with resident families on clinical and personal matters, including assisting with the resolution of complaints
  - Ensuring that unplanned absences are covered in the unit/section.

## REGISTERED NURSE CLASSIFICATIONS

### 1 Grade 1

A Registered Nurse in his or her first year of experience (or “Graduate Year”) following registration as a Nurse with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (“AHPRA”). No Nurse will be classified and paid at Grade 1 under this Agreement (all Graduate nurses will be classified and paid at Grade 2 year 1).

### 2 Grade 2

A Registered Nurse in the second or subsequent years of experience as a Registered Nurse and who:

- (c) On AM shift is the second or subsequent Registered Nurse rostered on the shift (in addition to the Director of Nursing and/or Clinical Care Coordinator however titled) i.e. there is at least one other RN classified at Grade 4 or Grade 5 nurse rostered on the floor, in addition to the DoN and/or Clinical Care Coordinator; and
- (d) On PM, night and weekend shifts works under the direct supervision of a more experienced Registered Nurse who is in charge of the same section or unit within which the RN Grade 2 is working i.e. the RN Grade 2 is not in charge of or responsible for a section or unit of the facility but works under direct supervision.

### 3 Grade 3A

A Registered Nurse appointed as an Associate Nurse Unit Manager (however titled).

### Grade 3B

Grade 3B is not utilised.

### 4 Grade 4A

A Registered Nurse appointed as After-Hours Coordinator, in-charge of a facility of less than 61 beds in the out of hours of the Director of Nursing on PM, night and all weekend shifts and paid as such.

A Registered Nurse who is appointed as a Nurse Unit Manager (however titled) in charge of a ward or unit or section of a residential aged care facility.

### Grade 4B

A Registered Nurse appointed as a Nurse Unit Manager (however titled) and paid as such or who progresses from Grade 4A (if this Agreement so provides).

**5 Grade 5**

A Registered Nurse appointed as the After-Hours Coordinator, in-charge of a Facility of 61 beds or more on PM, night and all weekend shifts and paid as such. The rate of pay for this classification shall be based on the relevant bed number (usually 51 - 200 beds).

A Registered Nurse appointed as a Clinical Care Coordinator in a Residential Aged Care Facility.

**6 Grade 6**

A Registered Nurse appointed as a Deputy Director of Nursing (However Titled) and paid as such. In addition, the Deputy Director of Nursing will be paid the relevant bed percentage as defined.

**7 Grade 7**

A Registered Nurse appointed as a Director of Nursing (however titled) and paid as such. In addition, the Director of Nursing will be paid the relevant bed percentage as defined.

A Registered Nurse appointed as a Nurse Practitioner during his or her first year of experience as a Nurse Practitioner shall be classified at Grade 7 (50-100 beds).

A Registered Nurse appointed as a Nurse Practitioner during his or her first year of experience as a Nurse Practitioner shall be classified at Grade 7 (over 100 beds).

## ENROLLED NURSE CLASSIFICATIONS

### A. Pay Point Progression – General

- 1.1 Subject to the terms specified for each Pay Point as defined in Part B of this clause, each Enrolled Nurse shall progress to the next Pay Point (between Pay Points 1 to 8 inclusive) on his or her anniversary date, subject only to completion of a year of experience (as defined).
- 1.2 An Enrolled Nurse is not required to apply for Pay Point progression save that a new Employee shall provide, as far as practicable, documentation that supports claims of previous experience since registration. A Statement of Service (or equivalent) or, where a previous Employer refuses to provide such information, a statutory declaration, shall suffice.
- 1.3 progression shall be deemed to operate and be payable from the Employee's anniversary
- 1.4 All relevant training, experience and skills in any workplace as a Enrolled Registered Nurse, other than such experience predating a break of five or more consecutive years, shall be counted for the purpose of assigning a Pay Point to new Employees except that regard will not be had to an Employee's Pay Point with a previous Employer to the extent it was not referable to the Employee's , experience.
- 1.5 Part time Employees shall progress in accordance with the requirements of full-time Employees.

### B. Pay Point Progression Criteria

#### EN Trainee

**EN Trainee** means the rate to which an Employee shall be appointed as a Trainee Enrolled Nurse where the Employee is undertaking a Diploma in Nursing.

#### 1 Pay Point 1

**Pay Point 1** is not utilised and is the Allowance Rate only.

#### 2 Pay Point 2

**Pay Point 2** is not utilised.

#### 3 Pay Point 3

##### Point of Entry (Diploma)

Where an Employee has the satisfactorily completed a Diploma of Nursing, the Employee shall be appointed at not less than Pay Point 3. An Employee so appointed is deemed to have completed 40 hours of training since registration and to have satisfied the skill indicators at this level.

## **APPENDIX C – LETTER OF APPOINTMENT**

The letter of appointment (however titled) will contain the following information:

1. Name of Employer.
2. Date of commencement.
3. Employee's specific classification.
4. The workplace/campus/location where the person is to be situated.
5. The name of the industrial instruments (e.g. Award and Enterprise Agreement) which contains the Employee's terms and conditions of employment.
6. The mode of employment.
7. The exact number of contracted weekly or fortnightly hours will be prescribed [insert actual minimum contracted hours e.g. 24] and for part time employees the letter should indicate whether (by mutual agreement) additional shifts may be added.
8. The general pattern of the shifts expected to be worked in accordance with the roster will be identified.
9. The Employee will be advised that if they agree to work regular additional shifts then they may request that the contract of employment be varied to reflect those additional hours (subject to any provisos in this Agreement).
10. Date of commencement.
11. Acknowledgment (where applicable) of prior service/entitlements to sick leave, long service, etc.
12. Other information as required depending on the nature of the position.

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AND TRAINING (UPON REQUEST BY THE EMPLOYEE)**

1. Name of Employer.
2. Employee's classification (e.g. Grade 2 Year 4, Grade 4B Year 1, Enrolled Nurse Pay Point 4), rate of pay and regular allowances.
3. Date of commencement and termination.
4. The workplace/campus/location where the person was situated.
5. Their mode of employment i.e. full-time, part-time or bank.
6. Fortnightly hours on commencement and on termination.
7. Summary of training (both external and in-service) undertaken during employment, including training nominal hours and indication of successful completion so far as such information is reasonably accessible to the Employer.

## APPENDIX D – ACCIDENT PAY

Where an entitlement to accident make-up pay arises under this part any reference to the *Workers Compensation Act 1958* shall be deemed to include a reference to the *Accident Compensation Act 1985* and any reference to the *Accident Compensation Act 1985* shall be deemed to include a reference to the *Workers Compensation Act 1958*.

### 1.1 Definitions

The words hereunder shall bear the respective definitions set out herein.

#### 1.1.1 Accident pay

##### 1.1.1(a) Total incapacity

In the case of an Employee who is or deemed to be totally incapacitated within the meaning of the *Workers Compensation Act 1958* (hereinafter referred to as the Act) and arising from an injury covered by this clause means a weekly payment of an amount representing the difference between the total amount of compensation paid under section 9.1(b)(i) of the Act for the week in question and the total 38 hour weekly rate and weekly over award payment for a day Employee which would have been payable under this part for the Employee's normal classification of work for the week in question if the Employee had been performing his or her normal duties provided that such latter rate shall exclude additional remuneration by way of shift premiums, overtime payments, special rates or other similar payments.

##### 1.1.2 Partial incapacity

In the case of an Employee who is or deemed to be partially incapacitated within the meaning of the *Workers Compensation Act* and arising from an injury covered by this clause means a weekly payment of an amount representing the difference between the total amount of compensation paid under section 9.1(b)(ii) of the Act for the period in question together with the average weekly amount the Employee is earning or is able to earn in some suitable employment or business (as determined expressly or by implication by the Workers Compensation Board or as agreed between the parties) and the total 38 hour weekly rate and weekly over-award payment for a day Employee which would have been payable under this part for the Employee's normal classification of work for the week in question if he had been performing his normal duties provided that such latter rate shall exclude additional remuneration by way of shift premiums, overtime payments, special rates or other similar payments.

- 1.1.2(a) The total 38 hour weekly award rate and weekly over-award payment abovementioned shall be the same as that applying for a total incapacity provided that where an Employee receives a weekly payment under this section and subsequently such payment is reduced pursuant to section 9.6(1) of the Act such reduction will not increase the liability of the Employer to increase the amount of accident pay in respect of that injury.

1.1.2(b) For the purposes of the calculation of the total 38 hour weekly award rate and weekly over-award payment in 22.1.1 and 22.1.2 payments made to an Employee arising from a production incentive earnings scheme (whether arising from a payment by results, task or bonus scheme or however titled) shall not be taken into account.

1.1.3 Payment for part of a week

Where an Employee receives accident pay and such pay is payable for incapacity for part of the week the amount shall be direct pro rata.

1.1.4 Injury shall be given the same meaning and application as applying under the *Workers Compensation Act*, and no injury shall result in the application of accident pay unless an entitlement exists under the Act.

1.1.5 Workers Compensation Act means *Workers Compensation Act 1958*, as amended from time to time, of the State of Victoria.

1.2 Qualification for payment

Always subject to the terms of this clause, an Employee covered by this part shall upon receiving payment of compensation and continuing to receive such payment in respect of a weekly incapacity within the meaning of the Act be paid accident pay by his or her Employer who is liable to pay compensation under the Act, which said liability by the Employer for accident pay may be discharged by another person on his behalf, provided that:

1.2.1 Accident pay shall only be payable to an Employee whilst such Employee remains in the employment of the Employer by whom the Employee was employed at the time of the incapacity and then only for such period as the Employee receives a weekly payment under the Act. Provided that if an Employee on partial incapacity cannot obtain suitable employment from hers/his Employer but such alternative employment is available with another Employer than the relevant amount of accident pay shall be payable.

1.2.1(a) Provided further that in the case of the termination of employment by an Employer of an Employee who is incapacitated and who except for such termination would be entitled to accident pay, accident pay shall continue to apply subject to the provisions of this clause except in those cases where the termination is due to serious and/or wilful misconduct on the part of the Employee.

1.2.1(b) In order to qualify for the continuance of accident pay on termination an Employee shall if required provide evidence to his or her Employer of the continuing payment of weekly Employees compensation payments.

1.3 Accident pay shall not apply to any incapacity occurring during the first two weeks of employment unless such incapacity continues beyond the first two weeks and then subject to 22.4 and to the maximum period of payment prescribed elsewhere herein, accident pay shall apply only to the period of incapacity after the first two weeks.

1.3.1 Provided that as to industrial diseases contracted by a gradual process or injuries subject to recurrence, aggravation or acceleration as provided in section 3 of the Act such injuries or diseases shall not be subject to accident pay unless the Employee has been employed with the Employer at the time of the incapacity for a minimum period of one month.



1.4 Accident pay shall not apply in respect of any injury during the first five normal working days of incapacity.

1.4.1 Provided however that in the case of an Registered Nurse or Mothercraft Nurse who contracts an infectious disease in the course of duty and is entitled to receive workers compensation therefore shall receive accident pay from the first day of the incapacity.

1.5 An Employee on engagement may be required to declare all workers compensation claims made in the previous five years and in the event of false or inaccurate information being deliberately and knowingly declared the Employer may require the Employee to forfeit his or her entitlement to accident pay under this clause.

1.6 Maximum period of payment

The maximum period or aggregate of periods of accident pay to be made by an Employer shall be a total of 39 weeks for any one injury as defined in 22.1.4.

1.7 Absences on other paid leave

An Employee shall not be entitled to payment of accident pay in respect of any period of other paid leave of absence.

1.8 Notice of injury

An Employee upon receiving an injury for which the Employee claims to be entitled to receive accident pay shall give notice in writing of the said injury to his or her Employer as soon as reasonably practicable after the occurrence thereof provided that such notice may be given by a representative of the Employee.

1.9 Medical examination

1.9.1 In order to receive entitlement to accident pay an Employee shall conform to the requirements of the Act as to medical examination.

1.9.2 Where in accordance with the Act a medical referee gives a certificate as to the condition of the Employee and his or her fitness for work or specifies work for which the Employee is fit and such work is made available by the Employer and refused by the Employee or the Employee fails to commence the work, accident pay shall cease from the date of such refusal or failure to commence the work.

1.10 Cessation of weekly payments

Where there is a cessation or redemption of weekly compensation payments under the Act the Employer's liability to pay accident pay shall cease as from the date of such cessation or redemption.

1.11 Civil damage claims

1.11.1 An Employee receiving or who has received accident pay shall advise his or her Employer of any action the Employee may institute or any claim the Employee may make for damages. Further the Employee shall, if requested, provide an authority to the Employer

entitling the Employer to a charge upon any money payable pursuant to any judgement or settlement on that injury.

1.11.2 Where an Employee obtains a judgement or settlement for damages in respect of an injury for which the Employee has received accident pay the Employer's liability to pay accident pay shall cease from the date of such judgement or settlement provided that if the judgement or settlement for damages is not reduced either in whole or part by the amount of accident pay made by the Employer the Employee shall pay to his or her Employer any amount of accident pay already received in respect of that injury by which the judgement or settlement has not been so reduced.

1.11.3 Where an Employee obtains a judgement or settlement for damages against a person other than the Employer in respect of an injury for which the Employee has received accident pay the Employer's liability to pay accident pay shall cease from the date of such judgement or settlement provided that if the judgement or settlement for damages is not reduced either in whole or part by the amount of accident pay made by the Employer the Employee shall pay to his or her Employer any amount of accident pay already received in respect of that injury by which the judgement or settlement has not been so reduced.

#### 1.12 Insurance against liability

Nothing in this part shall require an Employer to insure against his or her liability for accident pay.

#### 1.13 Variations in compensation rates

Any changes in compensation rates under the Act shall not increase the amount of accident pay above the amount that would have been payable had the rates of compensation remained unchanged.

#### 1.14 Death of an Employee

All rights to accident pay shall cease on the death of an Employee.

#### 1.15 Commencement

This clause shall only apply in respect of incapacity arising from an injury occurring or recurring on or after August 1975.