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(GREAT BRITAIN)
ANCILLARY STAFFS COUNCIL: BUILDERS' COMMITTEE

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1. *Rates of pay*

The Builders' Committee of the Ancillary Staffs Council has agreed that the rates of pay of building craftsmen and labourers set out in paragraph 3 of Part IV of the A.S.C. Handbook (page 57), shall be increased by 1½d. per hour on and from 27th May, 1957, with consequential increases in the rates of pay of chargehands and foremen whose pay is directly related to the craftsman's rate under the agreement set out in paragraph 5 of Part IV of the A.S.C. Handbook (page 58). The revised hourly rates are as follows:—

	<i>Craftsmen</i>		<i>Labourers</i>	
	s.	d.	s.	d.
London (within 12 miles circle) ...	4	7½	4	1
London (12-15 miles) ...	4	7	4	0½
Grade "A" Districts ...	4	6	3	11½
Grade "A1" Districts ...	4	5½	3	11
Liverpool Special ...	4	7½	4	1
Scotland ...	4	6	3	11½

The provisions of paragraph 6 of Part IV of the A.S.C. Handbook continue to apply to employees in receipt of higher rates of pay than their appropriate new national rate.

2. *Standard working week*

The Builders' Committee has also agreed to amend paragraph 9 of Part IV of the A.S.C. Handbook, which deals with the length of the standard working week. With effect from the pay period in which 1st October, 1957, falls the number of hours in the working week at any hospital shall be that in force prior to 1st August, 1951, subject to a maximum of 46, without prejudice to the right of the employing authority to require extra hours where necessary according to the needs of the service, and subject to the proviso that whatever the length of the working week all hours worked up to 46 in any one week shall be at plain time rate.

With effect from the pay period in which 1st July, 1958, falls, the standard working week shall be one of 44 hours. Paragraph 9 of Part IV of the Handbook shall accordingly cease to have effect, and paragraph 8 shall be amended by substituting "paragraph 10" for "paragraphs 9 and 10" in the fifth line.

The necessary amendments to the Handbook will be notified in due course when the above provisions take effect.

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Summary. This memorandum encloses A.S.C. (Builders) Circular 19 containing agreements of the Ancillary Staffs Council (Builders' Committee) which (i) increase the rates of pay of building operatives in hospitals; and (ii) amend the provisions relating to the standard working week of building operatives in hospitals.

1. The attached A.S.C. (Builders) Circular 19 sets out the terms of an agreement reached by the Builders' Committee of the Ancillary Staffs Council which increases the rates of pay of building labourers, craftsmen, chargehands and foremen in hospitals by 1½d. an hour. Employing authorities are asked to bring this agreement into force from the date shown.

2. Paragraph 2 of H.M. (57) 47 promised a further circular clarifying the position of building operatives in relation to the shorter working week. The second part of the enclosed circular sets out the agreement of the Ancillary Staffs Council (Builders' Committee) on this subject. In H.M. (57) 47 the Minister called upon hospital authorities to conduct a review of the working arrangements of their domestic and ancillary staff, and he considers that this review should be extended to building staff, with the object of ensuring that, at the appropriate times, these new provisions are implemented with a minimum of additional expenditure on overtime or extra staff. Boards and Committees will, of course, appreciate that the provisions of paragraph 6 of H.M. (57) 47 cannot be applied to building employees since they are paid on the basis of an hourly rate and are not covered by Part I of the A.S.C. Handbook.

3. The Minister of Health has approved the provisions of A.S.C. (Builders) Circular 19 as approved remuneration and conditions of service under Regulation 3 of the National Health Service (Remuneration and Conditions of Service) Regulations, 1951 (S.I. 1951 No. 1373).

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13th June, 1957.

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To: *Regional Hospital Boards,*
Hospital Management Committees,
Boards of Governors.

HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS

Part IV, paragraph 3, page 57:—

Delete existing rates and insert the following:—

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