

CIRCULAR TO THE INDUSTRY

ACROSS THE BOARD INCREASES: EXTENDED BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES (EBU EMPLOYEES)

1. The Main Collective Agreement presently provides that EBU employees had to receive wage increases with effect from 28 March 2016 as per the table mentioned hereunder.

Employees	Across the Board Increase		
Current EBU up to Patterson Grading B3	9%		
Current EBU Patterson Grading B4 to C1	8%		

- Council Administration received enquiries from Stakeholders in the Industry to provide clarity on the identification of the EBU employees referred to in the table above as some employers in the Industry do not make use of the Patterson Grading system.
- The purpose of this Circular is to provide guidelines to employers and their employees in the Industry to correctly identify the EBU employees as mentioned above.
 - (i) Schedule 7 of the Main Collective Agreement lists categories of EBU employees in the Industry as follows:

Class	Grade	Class	Grade
Receptionist	B1	Assistant/Junior Controller	B3/4
Chemical Cleaners	B1		
Administration/Clerk Grade I	B1		
Storage Co-ordinators/Administrator.	B2	Personal Assistant	B4
Data Capturer	B2	H/R Clerk/Administrator	B4
Administrator/Clerk Grade II	B2	Operations Administrator	B4
		Fleet/Transport Administrator	B4
		IT Administrator/Help Desk	B4
		Team Leaders Generic,	
		supervising B3 and lower	
		positions	B4
		Administrator/Clerk Grade IV	B4

Debrief/DC/POD Clerk	В3	Branch Administrator	C1
Financial Clerk/Administrators,		Driver Trainer	C1
including Debtors, Creditors, General			
Ledger and Cashbook Clerks	В3		
Payroll Clerk/Administrator	В3		
Planning Clerk/Workshop/Technical			
Administrator	В3		
Administrator: Tracking	В3		
Warehouse Clerk/Administrator	В3		
Administrator/Clerk Grade III	В3		

- (ii) The classes of employees referred to in (i) above are not defined in Council's Main Collective Agreement. You may however use the attached generic job descriptions (Annexure "A") as a guideline.
- (iii) Attached as Annexure "B" is a schedule indicating a comparison between the Patterson Grading system model and other grading models which may also be of assistance when identifying the classes of employees referred to in (i) above.

Yours sincerely

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GENERIC JOB DESCRIPTIONS (EBU EMPLOYEES)

JOB TITLE	SHORT JOB DESCRIPTION	GRADE
Branch Administrator	The Branch Administrator performs duties similar to the Personal Assistant, but may also	C1
	be involved in performing both operational and financial administrative activities, as well	
	as activities related to branch administration like reception work and liaison with service	
	providers. Collate information and compile various branch reports for verification by the	
	Branch Manager.	
Driver Trainer	This position is responsible to monitor and improve the driving performance of drivers by	
	means of in-cab monitoring and coaching, analysis of driving records and scheduling of	C1
	training for drivers when required. Ensure drivers adhere to organisational safety and	
	operating standards.	
Personal Assistant	Performs secretarial duties and attends to routine and specific matters of a business and	B4
	other general office duties (telephone calls, filing of confidential correspondence, typing,	
	etc.) for Senior Managers. Manages calendar and independently schedules	
	appointments. Screens incoming calls and correspondence and responds independently	
	when possible. Arranges events or conferences by arranging for facilities and caterer,	
	issuing information or invitations, coordinating speakers. Prepares records such as	
	agenda, notices, minutes and resolutions for corporate meetings. Arranges travel plans	
	and itineraries, compiles documents for travel-related meetings. Collate information and	
	compile various reports, respond to routine requests and inform requesters accordingly	
	on behalf of a manager.	
H/R Clerk/Administrator	Responsible for assisting human resources staff in a wide variety of administrative duties	B4
	or may be responsible for one aspect of personnel work at a higher level of complexity	

	dealing with staff queries and advising on company benefits policy e.g. pension, housing,	
	medical aid, leave and other benefits administration. May also document manpower	
	planning and statistics.	
Contracts Administrator	The Contracts Administrator has the same role as the Operations Administrator, it will be	B4
	responsible for the administration of a specific transport contract or several contracts or	
	a loading area in large distribution areas.	
Operations Administrator	The Operations Administrator will have similar duties to the Debrief/DC/POD Clerk, but	B4
	will perform other operational administrative duties, like keeping record of vehicle	
	information, fuel records, distances travelled and reconcile that with planned routes.	
	Processing of information to compile reports and do invoicing, attend to driver time sheets	
	and queries, ensure that vehicle are re-fuelled and serviced according to schedule.	
Fleet/Transport Administrator	Collate and maintain information about the vehicle fleet of an organisation like vehicle	B4
	mileage, fuel consumption, licensing, scheduling of maintenance with Technical	
	department or service providers, processing of invoices for maintenance by external	
	service providers. Perform general administrative duties like filing, coping, reconciliation	
	of information from various source documents and compiling reports. Communication	
	with drivers to obtain and provide information.	
Administrator Customs	Prioritise work by arranging files in order of arrival, date of vessel/aircraft and client	B4
	details. Ensures Bills of Entry are correctly framed. Assists internal staff and clients with	
	technical and tariff queries. Maintains client information and tariff rulings. Finalises all	
	queries and procedures related to customs clearance, including correspondence queries.	
	Requires knowledge of clearing documentation and procedures i.e. air, sea-freight,	
	customs procedures, tariffs and the Act, import control, etc.	
T Administrator/Help Desk	Responsible for the timely and effective response to IT user queries and problems	B4
	through the receipt and logging of problems, and the co-ordination of appropriate	
	responses for basic problem resolution for new and existing systems and provides basic	

	telephonic solutions where possible. Monitor completion of logged queries and report on	
	outstanding calls.	
Assistant/Junior Controller normally is a	This position has similar duties, but will be responsible for a warehouse area in very large	B3/4
training position	warehouses, reporting to the Operations Controller.	
Team Leader Generic, supervising B3 and	Team Leaders will focus on supervising sub processes of a functional area, like creditors,	B4
lower positions	stock in a warehouse, to allocate work, ensure adherence to policies and procedures	
	when completing tasks or with tasks allocated to sub-ordinates. Process and validate a	
	wide variety of documents and often perform physical checks to confirm that work has	
	been completed or information on sources documents is correct. This position will also	
	liaise with internal clients, and compile shift related reports.	
Administrator/Clerk Grade 4	Inclusive of the above, but will be able to resolve more complex queries in a services area	B4
	like HR, Finance, Logistics, Operations, etc., which requires and advanced knowledge of	
	the administrative procedures, policies and regulations of that area and a limited	
	understanding of the forward processes in the value chain. These activities could include	
	the collation of information from various sources to compile complex reports, using basic	
	statistics, calculations or interpretation of information. Co-ordination of various	
	administrative procedures in a functional area. Administrative positions at this level would	
	normally have the responsibility for an administrative area in a specific function and could	
	include the responsibility for the work of lower level positions.	
Administrator/Clerk Grade 3	The position could perform all the activities indicated in the previous two positions, but	В3
	also perform a greater variety of administrative tasks of a more complex nature. Which	
	could include the following: Ensure adherence to organisational procedures by internal	
	Stakeholders, processing of information, do calculations, reconciliation of	
	accounts/transactions, validation of source documents, capturing and extracting	
	information from a variety of sources on more than one system or various system	
	modules. Attend to internal and external requests or queries related to the area in which	

	the administrative service is provided, this might include communication with internal and	
	external Stakeholders. Activities could include the typing of monthly reports,	
	presentations using a package like Microsoft Office.	
Administrator/Clerk Grade 2	Similar to the above, but in addition prepare documents, by completing information and	B2
	correlating a variety of documents for circulation or input onto various systems or software	
	used by an organisation. This position will also be required to do some copy typing of	
	documents, do basic reconciliation of information like a requisition and an invoice or the	
	issuing receiving of goods assist with stock counts.	
Administrator/Clerk Grade 1	Administrators at this level will perform the following administrative tasks: filing, copying,	B1
	faxing, binding of various reports or other documents, answering phones, capturing	
	information on services systems, receive and distribute mail to various parties and manual	
	recording of information like telephone calls.	
Debrief/DC/POD Clerk	Receive documents and validate POD's against manifest from Drivers or as received from	В3
	other positions, sort documents, check/verify against delivery report, investigate any	
	missing documents. Follow-up on outstanding POD's and attend to customer requests	
	for POD's within 24 hours. Prepare documents for scanning to ensure all documents	
	have been scanned within 24 hours of delivery. File documentation in accordance with	
	laid down filing procedures and forward sources documents to relevant department for	
	invoicing, in some cases these positions will also do the invoicing.	
Financial Clerks/Administrators, includes	Responsible for the classification and recording of information in respect of financial	В3
Debtors, Creditors, General Ledger and	transactions and the maintenance of accounting records in one or more of the following	
Cashbook Clerks	areas: debtors, creditors, ledgers, cashbook, reconciliations, treasury. Posts journal or	
	voucher entries, reconciles accounts and checks for accuracy. Verifies, sorts, posts and	
	checks claims, bills, invoices and vouchers.	
Payroll Clerk/Administrator	Prepares salaries for payment from appropriate records covering absences, pay rates	В3
	and allowances, less deductions, PAYE, UIF, medical aid and pension. Prepares salary	

	slips, assist with the reconciliation of payroll accounts, and maintains pay, tax, UIF,	
	medical aid and pension fund records. Attend to queries from employees in relation to	
	payments.	
Planning Clerk/Workshop/Technical	Capture information related to completed job cards/maintenance records onto the	В3
Administrator	planned maintenance system or other systems, order spares, schedule maintenance of	
	vehicles on site and breakdowns with Workshop Supervisors or external service	
	providers. Follow-up with drivers to confirm that repairs were done and vehicle is	
	operating correctly. Process invoices for breakdowns or spares ordered according to	
	procedure. Compile reports and perform general office duties like copying, faxing and	
	filing, may also attend to queries from internal and external clients.	
Insurance Administrator	Process claims from internal or external clients by completing the relevant forms, co-	В3
	ordinate the replacement and repair process with relevant parties, and submits reports	
	on completed and outstanding claims.	
Administrator Tracking	Responsible to monitor the movement of vehicles through a tracing system like SatTrack	В3
	to ensure vehicles follow the correct routes and general vehicle status. Follow-up with	
	driver on deviations and report according to procedure. This position might be required	
	to perform other administrative duties in the operational area, like recording of	
	information, updating and controlling of pallet movements, etc. Maintain vehicle	
	movement records and compile reports according to operational requirements.	
Warehouse Clerk/Administrator	Process and capture documents related to the issuing, receiving of goods in a	В3
	Warehouse, assist with stock counts, filing, copying, reconciliation of information between	
	source documents, manage pallets or other vendor provided packaging material. Print	
	and distribute reports. Liaise within internal and external clients.	
Storage Co-ordinators/Administrators	Process requests for moves in/out of storage, arranging delivery, booking with operations	B2
	and warehouse staff and providing quotes to clients.	

Data Capturer	Capture data on the Financial or Operational system after ensuring correctness of data.		
	Keeps track of received data and source documents. Prepares and sorts source		
	documents and identifies and interprets data to be entered. Contracts originators of		
	source documents to resolve questions, inconsistencies or missing data. Makes		
	necessary corrections to information entered. Compile, sorts and verifies accuracy of		
	data to be entered. Keep record of work completed. Reviews error reports and enters		
	corrections into computer. Files or routes source documents after entry.		
Receptionist	Receives visitors to the organisation or a work area, determining their needs and directing	B1	
	them accordingly. Answer general queries and directs them to the relevant personnel or		
	department. May also perform routine typing, clerical or secretarial duties. Attend to		
	incoming calls by answering a Switchboard and directing callers accordingly.		
Chemical Cleaners	Use specialised equipment like high pressure cleaners and chemicals to clean	B1	
	containers/transporting perishable goods.		

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TABLE OF APPROXIMATE CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN VARIOUS JOB EVALUATION SYSTEMS

	Patterson		Hay Unit		JE
Decision Level (3)	Classical Grades/ Broadbands	Sub-Grades	Range RANGE (1)	Peromnes (2)	Manager Points
Defined decisions	А	A1 A2 A3	50 – 67 68 – 79 80 – 92	18/19 17 16	4 – 8 12 – 17 21 – 25
Discretionary, Operative, Sub-System or Automatic	B lower	B1 B2 B3	93 – 109 110 – 128 129 – 150	15 14 13	30 – 35 40 – 45 50 – 55
Decisions	B upper	B4 B5	151 – 176	12	60 – 65 70 – 75
Skilled, Technical and Academically Qualified Employees	C lower	C1 C2 C3	177 – 207 208 – 250 251 – 320	11 10 9	80 – 85 90 – 95 100 – 105
Junior Management, Supervisors, Foremen, Superintendent	C upper	C4 C5	321 – 400	8	110 – 115 120 – 125
Routine, Process and System Decisions					
Professionally Qualified and Experienced Specialists	D lower	D1 D2 D3	401 – 485 486 – 585 586 – 720	7/6	130 – 135 140 – 145 150 – 155
Middle Management Interpretive or Probabilistic Decisions	D upper	D4 D5	721 – 850	5	160 – 165 170 – 175
Senior Management Heads of Major Functions	E lower	E1	851 – 1150 1151 – 1350	4 3	180 – 195
Programming Decisions Top Management	E upper	E2 F1	1351 – 2050 2051 – 2200	2	200 - 225 230 – 245
Board Level	F			1+	
Policy Making Decisions		F2	2201 – 2350	1++	250 – 275

Note:

- 1 A typical Hay application
- 2 Grades normally run from 18 at the lowest end of the job hierarchy in the case of Peromnes and from 1 in the case of Castellion
- 3 Italics denotes Patterson definitions

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