

COLLECTIVE LABOUR AGREEMENT

**COVERING THE COUNTIES OF MADAWASKA, VICTORIA,
CARLETON, YORK, SUNBURY, RESTIGOUCHE, GLOUCESTER,
NORTHUMBERLAND, KENT, WESTMORLAND AND ALBERT**

BETWEEN

THE MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION OF NB INC

AND

**CERTAIN SIGNATORY SHEET METAL COMPANIES,
HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS
THE EMPLOYER OF THE FIRST PART**

AND

**LOCAL UNION 437 OF THE SHEET METAL
WORKERS INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS
THE UNION OF THE SECOND PART**

SEPTEMBER 17th, 2025 TO JUNE 30TH 2028

Article 1 Purpose

- 1.01** The purpose of this agreement is to maintain harmonious relations and settle conditions of employment between the Employer and the Union, to recognize the mutual value of joint discussions and negotiations in all matters pertaining to working conditions, hours of work and scale of wages and to encourage efficiency in operation and to promote the morale, well-being and security of all employees who are subject to the provisions of this Agreement.

Article 2 Definitions

- 2.01** **Employer** means any person (including a partnership or corporation) who does any Sheet Metal Work and who is signatory to this Agreement.
- 2.02** **Local Union 437** means the Sheet Metal Workers International Association, having jurisdiction inside the geographic region in which the work is being performed.
- 2.03** For the purposes of this Agreement the geographic regions are defined as: Moncton shall comprise the counties of Westmorland, Albert and Kent; Fredericton shall comprise the counties of Sunbury, York, Carleton, Victoria and Madawaska and North Shore shall comprise the counties of Northumberland, Gloucester and Restigouche.
- 2.04** **Employee** means the person employed by the Employer in a position covered by this Agreement.
- 2.05** **Foreperson** means a certified Sheet Metal Worker of Local 437 who has the ability to accept responsibility, to take charge of Employees engaged in the actual installation of any Sheet Metal Work or in laying out of such work and has been appointed by the Employer.
- 2.06** **Journeyperson** means an Employee who has successfully completed his Sheet Metal Apprenticeship and has been granted a certificate by the provincial department having jurisdiction in accordance with the Apprenticeship and Occupational Certification Act.
- 2.07** **Apprentice** means an Employee indentured in the Sheet Metal trade as specified by the Apprenticeship and Occupational Certification Act.
- 2.08** In interpreting this agreement, the singular shall include the plural and vice-versa, and the masculine shall include the feminine.
- 2.09** **Business Manager or Agent** means the official duly appointed by Local Union 437 whose duties are to represent the Union in matters relating to this agreement.
- 2.10** **Steward** means an Employee duly appointed under this Agreement and authorized by it to represent all Employees working on a job or shop, which falls within the scope of this agreement, and to speak for them on matters pertaining to this agreement.

- 2.11 Sheeter/Decker** means an Employee who has worked at siding and decking for more than 7200 hours or is a certified Journeyperson Sheet Metal Worker as defined in this Agreement and shall be paid at the Journeyperson hourly wage rate of pay.
- 2.12 Sheeter/Decker Trainee** means an Employee who has worked at siding and decking for less than 7200 hours and shall be paid in accordance with the schedule for wages for apprentices as found in Article 9.07 of this Agreement.
- 2.13** Where this Agreement refers to "Journeyperson" or "Journeyperson Sheet Metal Worker" and where the reference is applicable to the Sheeting or Decking segment, the term "Journeyperson Sheet Metal Worker" shall mean "Qualified Sheeter/Decker. Where this Agreement refers to "Apprentice" or "Registered Apprentice" and where the reference is applicable to the Sheeting and Decking Segment, the term "Apprentice" or "Registered Apprentice" shall mean Sheeter/Decker Trainee".
- 2.14 Industrial work** is all work as described in Article 3.01 which is required in or performed as part of construction and erection of all heavy industrial developments including, but not limited to oil refineries, chemical plants, rubber plants, cement plants, smelter complexes, thermal power plants, hydro water plants, heavy water plants, paper mills, pulp and sulphite mills, oil terminal complexes, LNG terminals, mining complexes, nuclear fuel manufacturing plants, industrial pollution control plants, industrial effluent control plants and waste oil refinery recycling plants.
Prior to work commencing at new or existing industries not listed above, the parties to this Agreement, through the Labour Management Committee, shall meet and agree to the terms under which the work will be carried out.
- 2.15 Commercial work** is all work as described in Article 3.01 which is not covered under the definition of industrial work found in Article 2.14 including, but not limited to installation, service and repair work in apartments, houses, churches, schools, hospitals, institutional buildings, commercial buildings, existing sawmills, factories, light industries, stores, shopping centres and for buildings which would normally be occupied for domestic, commercial and institutional purposes.

Article 3 Scope of Work

- 3.01** The terms of this Agreement are hereby recognized and accepted as binding on both parties hereto, and shall apply in the manner under the conditions specified herein, of, the manufacturing, fabrication, assembling, handling, erecting, dismantling, reconditioning, adjustment, alteration, installation, repairing and servicing of all Sheet Metal Work of 10 U.S. gauge, or its equivalent or lighter gauge, and all other work in connection with or incidental thereto included in the Jurisdictional claims of the Sheet Metal Workers' International Association, Journeyperson and Registered Apprentices recognized by the Union shall be used on said work of the Employer.

Article 4 Recognition

- 4.01** The Employer recognizes the Sheet Metal Workers' International Association, Local 437, the Union, as the sole and exclusive collective bargaining agent for all Journey person Sheet Metal Workers and Registered Apprentices of Local Union 437 in the counties of Kent, Westmorland and Albert, Gloucester, Northumberland, Restigouche, Sunbury, York, Carleton, Victoria, and Madawaska.

The Local Union recognizes Mechanical Contractors Association of N.B. Inc. and certain Sheet Metal Companies engaged in Sheet Metal work, as the sole and exclusive bargaining agents for all Sheet Metal Contractors or Sub-Contractors. No conditions of work separate and apart from the conditions set out in this Agreement will be sought or condoned by any Local Union.

Article 5 Union Security

5.01. Industrial Work

On request of the signatory Sheet Metal Companies, Local 437 of Sheet Metal Workers International Association will furnish Journeypersons, Apprentices and Welders. All workers so furnished will be recruited from the jurisdiction of Local 437 of Sheet Metal Workers International Association. If after a period of two (2) full working days (forty-eight hours) from the time the request is made and Local 437 cannot supply the quantity and/or the skill required, the signatory Sheet Metal Company may procure such people as are available. All new employees so hired shall be cleared through the Shop Steward, as to Union membership before employment commences and shall become members of Local Union 437 within seven (7) calendar days.

Notwithstanding the procedure noted above it is agreed that the hiring process for all geographic regions will be as follows.

The Employer may hire the first person for a project from any geographic region.

The second person hired for the project will be selected by the Union and shall be from the geographic region where the project is located. The third person for the project will be selected by the Employer from any geographic region. Subsequent hires will be from the geographic region on the basis of one selected by the Employer, then one selected by the Union.

When all members of the geographic region are dispatched, and members are to be dispatched from other geographic regions the hiring sequence as above will continue to apply.

5.02 Commercial Work

The Employer, when requiring members, shall consult with the Local Union with respect to qualified union members available to work, and the Union shall supply to the Employer, or make available with a list of qualified, and currently available for work, union members with the address of their current principal permanent residence. The Employer may select any

union member they desire provided that no more than two (2) employees per job site are from outside the geographic region. The two (2) employees from outside the geographic region may be the first two employees hired. When the Employer has made their selection, they shall contact the Union Office who shall immediately contact the member to ask them to report to work as per the Employer's instructions. If Local 437 cannot supply the quantity and/or the skill required, the signatory Sheet Metal Company may procure such people as are available. All employees so hired shall be cleared through the Shop Steward, as to Union membership before employment commences and shall become members of Local Union 437 within seven (7) calendar days.

- 5.03** Forms authorizing the check-off of union dues will be supplied by Local Union 437 of the Sheet Metal Workers International Association who in turn will have their Employee sign the same.

The Employer agrees that no union member shall be hired without a work referral slip from the union office or designated union official and the Union agrees to give a work referral slip to anyone hired under the terms of this agreement. The work referral slip shall contain the permanent address of the employee as well as the current status of the Employee's safety training certifications and if the Employee is an Apprentice, up to date and accurate information with respect to their hours worked and block release training level achieved.

Each member hired shall be in possession of certificates of qualification, licenses and a NBCSA passport with current stickers for safety training and any other training deemed necessary and mutually agreed to by the Mechanical Contractors Association of NB and Local Union 437 for the work required.

- 5.04** Any Employee who refuses or neglects to sign the appropriate forms or who revokes the authorization or who resigns their membership in the Union will be deemed to have voluntarily separated and their employment will be terminated.
- 5.05** Empowered by the authorization forms signed by each employee the signatory Sheet Metal Companies agree to deduct from the first pay period of each month the amount certified by the Union as dues.
- 5.06** The amount so deducted shall be remitted by the signatory Sheet Metal Companies to the Union at the address on file, during the third week of the month together with a list of all Employees on whose behalf such deductions have been made as well as social insurance numbers for new Employees.
- 5.07** Employees working on metal siding, metal decking and kitchen equipment that are members of Local 437 can work anywhere within Local 437 jurisdiction.
- 5.08** All sheet metal work carried out at a job site within the geographic region shall be carried out under the terms of the article applicable to the geographic region where the job is located.

Article 6 Union Representation

- 6.01** The Union has the right to appoint a job or shop steward, as the case may be, and the Employer shall be advised of the name in writing before they are recognized by the Employer. It is understood that the Steward has the responsibility of performing their work as any other employee. Such Stewards will not be discriminated against for expressing the views of the employees they represent.

Article 7 Business Manager

- 7.01** The Business Manager or Business Agent of the Union shall have access to all work on application to the Employer or their representative, but in no case shall their visits interfere with the progress of the work. Such Business Manager or Agent may discuss with the Steward any matters that are in dispute with respect to the particular work. This clause shall not be interpreted as a license to discuss general Union Business, but reasonable opportunity or provision to discuss Union business shall be given to the Employee on request and on their own time. Should security regulations and/or owner-client regulations prevent access to any job or project, the Employer will assist the Business Representative in trying to obtain a necessary pass or permission to visit the job or project.
- 7.02** The Business Manager or Business Agent must carry accident insurance to cover them in the event of an accident on jobs or projects that they have access to in the course of their duties.

Article 8 Jurisdiction

- 8.01** In the event that a jurisdictional dispute arises as to the assignment of any work on the project the Employer will make an assignment of such work. Should any Union or Unions, parties to this Agreement, disagree with the work assignment then the parties hereto agree to settle such jurisdictional dispute in accordance with the procedure as outlined below.
- 8.02** In the event such jurisdictional dispute cannot be settled on a local basis by the Unions involved, such dispute shall be submitted to the International Unions involved for settlement without permitting it to interfere in any way with the progress of the work at the time. In the event the dispute is not settled by the International Unions involved, it shall then be referred to the Labour and Employment Board of the Province of New Brunswick for a final decision. It is understood and agreed, however, that if the dispute causes any delay in the progress of the work or given rise to an apprehended delay, any of the parties hereto may apply to the New Brunswick Labour and Employment Board for an order under the New Brunswick Industrial Relations Act.

Article 9 Apprentices

9.01 The employment of Apprentices shall be in accordance with the New Brunswick Apprenticeship & Occupational Certification Act and any new amendments which may be proclaimed thereof.

9.02 The ratio of employment on commercial work shall be one Apprentice to every two (2) Journeypersons. Notwithstanding the above, the first two employees hired for a job site may be one (1) journeyperson and one (1) apprentice. It is further agreed that in the calculation of the above ratio, apprentices in their fourth year **will be counted as a journeyperson**. A fourth-year apprentice is deemed to be one who has accumulated 5400 hours in the trade and has successfully completed the third year of school. The ratio of employment on industrial work shall be one Apprentice to every three (3) journeyperson. It is further agreed that the ratio shall be altered by the Labour Management Committee depending on local conditions.

9.03 No Journeyperson shall be dispatched from the Union, hired by the Employer or continue to be employed by the Employer, who has not complied with the Apprenticeship and Occupational Certification Act and who cannot show an Exemption or Certificate of Qualification, or who refuses to apply for the Tradesmen's Qualification Exam from the provincial department having jurisdiction.

9.04 Any Apprentice receiving a higher rate of pay than specified in the Agreement will not suffer any loss of pay due to the signing of this Agreement.

9.05 Apprentices attending Trade School must pass their period examination to be eligible for their period increase, and **the Apprentices will** be notified by the provincial department having jurisdiction of the results of such examination.

All Apprentices will carry progress records signed by provincial departments having jurisdiction that they have passed each period examination and have worked the required hours.

9.06 All Apprentices shall give their progress book to the Employer when hired. It will be made available to the Apprentice at any time upon their request. The Employer shall give the progress book to the Apprentice when their employment is terminated.

9.07 Once the geographic hiring list has been exhausted workers may be hired from outside the list and geographic **region** shall be hired at seventy per cent (70%) of the current Journeyperson Sheet Metal Worker's rate. Those so hired who have completed pre-employment training shall be hired at seventy-five per cent (75%) of the current journeyperson Sheet Metal Worker's rate. These rates shall be increased in the following manner:

1800 hours worked and first year of school successfully completed	75%
3600 hours worked and second year of school successfully completed	80%
5400 hours worked and third year of school successfully completed	85%

7200 hours worked and fourth year of school successfully completed	90%
Certificate of Qualification successfully completed	100%

Article 10 Hours of Work and Overtime

10.01 The working hours throughout all geographic regions covered by this Agreement shall be Forty (40) hours per week Monday to Friday inclusive. The regular work day shall be from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., with one-half hour off for lunch from 12:00 Noon to 12:30 P.M. The lunch break is to be taken as close to mid-shift as possible. It is agreed by both parties that Employees shall have one ten (10) minute rest break each half shift as close as possible to midway point of said half shift, it is agreed that the Union or Employer, or both, shall discipline Employees abusing or violating this clause. For Health and Safety reasons all breaks are to be taken at the appropriate times.

10.02 All work done in excess of these hours shall be paid at the rate of double time. Double time rates shall also apply Saturdays, Sundays and all legal Holidays.

10.03 Industrial Work - Where special circumstances make it necessary to work other than the regular hours (exclusive of overtime and holidays) and in the case of two or more shifts being employed, for the second shift, the rate shall be sixteen percent (16%) above the regular rate of pay for eight (8) hours worked. The third shift, if employed, shall be paid at the rate of twenty-five percent (25%) above the regular rate of pay for eight (8) hours worked.

Commercial Work - Where special circumstances make it necessary to work other than the regular hours (exclusive of overtime and holidays) and in the case of two shifts being employed, for the first shift, the rate shall be the regular rate of pay for eight (8) hours worked. The second shift, if employed, shall be paid at the rate of sixteen percent (16%) above the regular rate of pay for eight (8) hours worked.

10.04 For the purpose of this Agreement the starting point at starting time of all shifts shall be at their work area, either on site or in the shop, as the case may be. All tradesperson and other Employees shall pick up and store tools at the end of shift. Other end of shift activities such as handwashing is also to occur once the shift is complete.

10.05 All overtime shall be on a voluntary basis and shall be distributed equally among Employees wishing said overtime.

10.06 Employees required to work more than two (2) hours overtime beyond their regular shift or in the case of shift work shall be given a hot meal at no cost to the employee. The hot meal is to be supplied not later than ten (10) minutes beyond the one (1) hour. Sufficient time not to exceed twenty (20) minutes shall be granted to the Employees to consume said meal with no loss of pay. No meal will be provided where twelve (12) hours notice of said overtime has been given. If, after having given a twelve (12) hour notice of overtime, said overtime is cancelled, one hour pay at straight time in lieu of a meal shall be paid. Where any additional overtime

shift consists of not less than six (6) hours, a hot meal shall be supplied every four (4) hours at no cost to the Employee. In lieu of a hot meal, the Employee shall be given one (1) hour pay at straight time.

- 10.07** Suitable lunchroom will be supplied on Sheet Metal jobs over \$200,000.00. On Sheet Metal jobs between \$100,000.00 and \$200,000.00 lunchrooms will be provided where conditions warrant. In the event of a dispute, the matter is to be resolved by the Business Agent and the Association.
- 10.08** **Call out after regular hours:** An Employee called out after regular working hours shall be paid at their applicable hourly rate for a minimum of two (2) hours pay.
- 10.09** **Report time:** Employees who report to the job site or shop without having been told in advance not to report, shall be given work or pay equivalent to two (2) hours pay at regular rates except where work is unavailable due to circumstances such as strikes or work stoppages.

Article 11 Wages

- 11.01** Payment of wages by cheque, direct deposit or cash at the option of the Employer shall be made once a week during working hours not later than Thursday at 2:30 in the afternoon. If cheques fail to arrive on time, the Employee must be provided two (2) hours, or some suitable arrangement, to cash the cheque at no expense to the Employee.
- 11.02** An earnings statement shall accompany each payment of wages giving the name of the Employer, the name of the Employee, the date of the payment, and the work period corresponding to the payment. The statement shall show particulars of the number of hours worked at the regular rate, overtime premium, and other rates such as the gross amount of wages, the amount of vacation pay, the amount of deductions for pension. Also, to be shown on the statement, are the amount of deductions for Union Dues and the amount of Room & Board and Travel allowances. The Statement shall also show the net pay amount of said Employee and any other remittances or deductions.
- 11.03** Employees leaving the Employer's service will be paid on the regular pay day for the period during which the Employee leaves.
- 11.04** It is agreed that employees who are laid-off or whose employment is terminated by the Employer for just cause or otherwise quits will receive their wages on the next regular pay date following their termination either by cheque or by direct deposit. Record of Employment are prepared electronically immediately, or at the latest, within twenty-four (24) hours following such lay-off or termination. Failing this, Employees shall be paid waiting time (in excess of two regular working days) at the current rate of wages applicable to regular working hours. It is agreed that Employees who are laid off shall be given twenty-four hours (24) notice

of such lay off, unless such layoff occurs at the end of the work week where the notice shall be two (2) hours.

**11.05 Effective on signing, the increases will be as follow for the duration of the contract
(Refer to Appendix A – Wages for distribution of such increases)**

	Increase
Signing	\$1.50
January 1, 2026	\$1.25
July 1, 2026	\$1.25
January 1 2027	\$1.25
July 1, 2027	\$1.25
January 1, 2028	\$1.00

11.06 On sites when there are one (1) but less than five (5) employed, the first qualified Sheet Metal Worker must be appointed as a Lead Hand by the Employer. On sites when there are five (5) but less than nine (9) employed including the foreperson, a qualified Sheet Metal Worker must be appointed as a Working Foreperson by the Employer. On sites when there are nine (9), but less than thirteen (13) including the foreperson, a qualified Sheet Metal Worker must be appointed as a Non-working Foreperson. On sites when there are three (3) Non-working Foreperson employed, a qualified Sheet Metal Worker must be appointed as a General Foreperson.

11.07 Lead Hand and Foreperson Premiums

Effective with the first pay period following signing of this collective agreement, where a Journeyperson is employed as per Article 11.06, they shall be paid the Base Premium which is specified in the table below (11.06 Positions) above the regular hourly rate of pay of a journeyperson for the position they are appointed. Following the implementation of a training program being approved by the parties, those completing the program and working as the appointed position shall be paid the Trained Premium in the table below (11.06 Positions) above the regular hourly rate of pay of a journeyperson.

11.06 Positions	Base Premium	Trained Premium
Lead Hand	\$4.00	\$4.50
Foreperson	\$5.00	\$5.50
Non-Working Foreperson	\$6.00	\$6.50

Where a General Foreperson is employed, they shall be paid a **seven-dollar (\$7.00) premium** above the regular hourly rate of pay of a journeyperson.

Grandparenting provision: Employees employed as a Lead Hand, Working Foreperson, or Nonworking Foreperson who have successfully completed a supervisory training program offered by the Union prior to agreement of the parties to the applicable future training program shall be entitled, effective with the first pay period following ratification of this

collective agreement, to the rate applicable to persons in that position who have completed a training program approved by the parties. Such persons may be required to take additional instruction at a later date if necessary to ensure they can meet their legal obligations as supervisors.

Article 12 Holiday Pay

12.01 The following days shall be classed as holidays and any new Statutory Holidays which may be proclaimed.

- New Years Day
- Family Day
- Good Friday
- Victoria Day
- Canada Day
- New Brunswick Day
- Labour Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Remembrance Day
- Christmas Day
- Boxing Day

If any of these days fall on Saturday or Sunday, the following Monday shall be the holiday

12.02 Payment of Vacation Pay and Holiday Pay shall be paid weekly in accordance with the New Brunswick Employment Standards Act and shall be **twelve percent (12%)** of the hourly rate.

12.03 The Employee will be granted two (2) weeks' vacation per year. The Employee has the option of a third week with the Employer's consent. The vacation period and the time shall be arranged between the Employer and the Employee concerned.

Article 13 Room Board & Travel

13.01 Travel from home to job site

- a) Travel time between an employee's home and job site is unpaid, with the exception of:
 - i. Where an employee drives their personal vehicle to a job site more than fifty (50) kilometres from their personal residence, they shall receive a commuting allowance of **forty (\$40)** per day worked.
- b) Where employees are transported daily to and from work sites beyond eighty (80) kilometres from their principal residence or the employers' permanent facility to the job site using the employer's vehicles, they shall be paid travelling time at the straight time hourly rate and shall be paid the applicable hourly rate for time worked at the work site.

This article is meant to cover one-day situations, and should the travel extend beyond the one day, then Article 13.03 shall apply.

13.02 Travel from job site A to job site B

- a) Where employees are requested to use their own vehicle and are moved from one job site to another during the same day, they shall be paid mileage at the rate of fifty cents (\$0.50) per kilometre for the second or consecutive move.
- b) Where employees are transported to and from job sites during the same day using employer's vehicles, they shall be paid travelling time at the straight time hourly rate and shall be paid the applicable hourly rate for time worked at the work site.

13.03 Travel and Room and board allowance

- a) **Where an employee is required to travel to a job site situated more than eighty (80) kilometres from their personal residence, they shall be paid travelling time for a one-way trip at the straight time hourly rate and shall be paid the applicable hourly rate, conditional on having accumulated at least 40 hours of work at the job site. Should the employer not be able to provide 40 hours of work despite having planned 40 hours of work, the employee will be entitled to the paid traveling time in accordance with this article.**
- b) Where an employee requires paid overnight accommodation near a job site situated more than eighty (80) kilometres from their personal residence, they shall be entitled to a room and board allowance of one hundred and **sixty dollars (\$160.00)** per day worked.
 - i. **Effective July 1st, 2026, room and board allowance will increase to \$170 per day worked.**
 - ii. **Effective July 1st, 2027, room and board allowance will increase to \$180 per day worked.**
- c) **When an employee is assigned to a compressed work schedule consisting of four (4) ten-hour shifts per week and resides more than two hundred (200) kilometres from the job site, the employee shall be entitled to claim an additional and fifth room and board allowance, provided that valid proof of accommodation expenses is submitted.**
- d) Room and board allowance will be paid on days not worked due to inclement weather to those employees who would otherwise qualify for such allowance.
- e) Room and board allowance will also be paid on statutory holidays that fall on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday for those employees who would otherwise qualify for such allowance.
- f) **Travel and** Room and board allowance will not apply to residential work or where an employee's place of employment is the employer's facility.

13.04 Proof of payment - Procedure and deadlines

- a) If an Employee does not pay for overnight accommodation or does not submit the required receipt by Friday of the week for which room and board allowance is claimed, room and board allowance shall not be paid but commuting allowance shall be allowed if the employee is entitled to it under (a) above.
- b) A clear photographic image of the receipt sent to such address will meet the requirements of this provision.
- c) In cases where an Employee pays for overnight accommodation for a period longer than a week (for example, where accommodation is rented for a month), the employee may submit a receipt for the entire period by Friday of the first week in that period and such receipt will satisfy this requirement for the entire period covered.
- d) An Employee must provide proof of address of their principal residence.
- e) Employees claiming room and board allowance must sign a Canada Revenue Agency TD 4 Declaration of Exemption - Employment at a Special Worksite. If the conditions of this TD 4 form are not met, accommodation allowance is subject to taxation as income. Falsification of address or obtaining any payment under this Article under false pretenses shall be cause for immediate dismissal.
- f) Each employer shall designate the address to which copies of the receipt shall be sent.

13.05 Commuting allowance under 13.01 shall not be paid for any day on which travel, room and board allowance is paid as per article 13.03.

13.06 For the purposes of this article, the parties agree that the distance will be calculated from the employee's residence to the job site, or as per Google Maps, whichever route is the shortest.

13.07 Parking expenses

When an employee is required by the Employer to travel to perform work-related duties at a location where parking is available at a chargeable rate, reasonable and justified parking expenses incurred by the employee will be reimbursed by the Employer, subject to the following conditions:

- a) **Prior approval of the expense must be obtained from the immediate manager, except in cases of emergency or unforeseen circumstances;**
- b) **An original receipt or valid proof of payment must be provided with the request for reimbursement;**
- c) **Reimbursement is limited to parking expenses incurred during working hours or for employer-approved activities;**
- d) **No reimbursement will be made for parking expenses incurred unless specifically required by the employer and approved in advance.**

13.08 The Employer reserves the right to refuse reimbursement of expenses deemed excessive, unjustified or not in accordance with the provisions of this Article.

Article 14 No Strike or Lock-out

14.01 There shall be no strikes or stoppage of work by the Union and no lockout declared by the Employers during the time of this Agreement. If any work stoppages or lockouts occur as a result of an illegal strike, then this Agreement becomes immediately thereby null and void.

14.02 No union members shall be required to cross any legal picket lines

Article 15 Injury Pay & Compassionate Leave

15.01 When an Employee covered by this Agreement is injured in the shop or on the job and is sent to a Doctor or to a Hospital by their Employer or foreperson, they shall be paid for the remainder of the day on which they were injured.

15.02 Bereavement; Three (3) days bereavement pay shall be paid to an Employee for lost time from work, up to and including the day of the funeral, due to the death of any member of their or spouse's immediate family which includes the following: spouse, children, grandchildren, mother, father, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother, sister or grandparents.

Article 16 Work After Hours

16.01 No employee shall be required or permitted to work at the Sheet Metal Trade after their regular working hours for another Employer and/or for monetary gain.

16.02 The Union agrees there shall be no limitations or restrictions placed upon the individual working efforts of the Employees.

Article 17 Discrimination

17.01 The Employer and the Union agree there will be no discrimination, restriction or coercion exercised or practiced with the respect to any employee by reason of age, marital status, family status, creed or religion, physical disability, mental disability, race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, national origin, social condition, political belief or activity, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, and sex (including pregnancy) or membership in a trade union.

Article 18 Mutual Co-operation

18.01 It is mutually agreed that the Officers of Local 437 and the Employer would hold twice yearly meetings of the Labour Management Committee during the life of this Agreement to discuss the problems applicable to the Sheet Metal industry and to discuss any grievances that may be referred to it. Additional meetings of the Labour Management Committee may be scheduled at the request of either party not more frequently than one meeting a month.

Each meeting agenda will include, but not limited to, the following:

- Review of Training Fund;
- Review of Safety Fund;
- Update of strategy to ensure non-signatory companies are following the New Brunswick Apprenticeship & Occupational Certification Act; Review of Conditions Under Article 16.01 & 16.02;
- Recruitment of apprentices and promotion of the trade; and
- Any other relevant subject of concern to the Parties to this Agreement.

18.02 The parties to this Agreement agree that from time-to-time particular clauses of this Agreement may cause hardship for signatory contractors in securing a share of the marketplace. Such being the case, the parties further agree that such clauses may be modified by mutual consent where it is deemed prudent to do so. The mechanism for making such changes will be through the Labour Management Committee as found in this Agreement.

18.03 The Parties to this Agreement have agree to the Standard of Excellence and Disciplinary process.

Article 19 Tools

19.01 Sheet Metal Workers and Apprentices shall provide their own hand tools, save and except power tools. Items supplied by the Employer, including safety items like hard hats, vests, glasses, and harnesses, shall be charged against the Employees and credited to them on their return in the same condition as when issued, reasonable wear and tear or accidental breakage excepted. Employers to supply aviation snips or whatever required for stainless work.

19.02 Tools and equipment supplied by the employer shall be the Employee's responsibility. Company tools, materials, and equipment can be unloaded or moved away by the Employer during any strike or work stoppage and the necessary arrangements in the opinion of the Employer made for the protection thereof.

19.03 Minimum set of tools required by Journeyperson:

Toolbox Journeyperson

- 2 pair Snips 18" and Bull Dog
- 2 Tinnners Hammers
- 2 Pair Metal Masters
- 1 Measuring Tape 25'
- 3 Assorted Screw Drivers (Robertson and slotted)
- 1 Crescent Wrench 12"
- 1 Cold Chisel 12"
- 1 Hacksaw
- 2 Drift Pins
- 1 Centre Punch
- 2 Set Allen Wrenches

- 1 Pair Folding Pliers
- 2 Pair Vice Grips
- 1 Scratch Awl & Scriber
- 1 Set Flat Wrenches Standard & Metric
- 2 Pair Metal Masters - Right & Left (1 each)
- 1 Sheet Metal Hammer
- Drywall Saw
- Crimper
- Level
- Pliers
- Side Cutters
- Socket Set
- Tie Wrap Gun
- Utility Knife
- Toolbox or Bag

19.04 It shall be the responsibility of the Employer in conjunction with the Shop Steward to check the Sheet Metal Workers' tools to be sure they have and maintain the required tools as per the basic tool list. After notification by the shop steward and the Employer, the Employee shall have a maximum of seven (7) days in which to replace those tools on the above list. This shall be a condition of employment.

19.05 The Employer agrees to provide insurance for fire and theft of Employees' tools to a maximum of \$500.00 less a \$10.00 deductible. It is understood that this coverage applies only to tools that are stored in locked premises and does not cover individual tools lost or stolen on the job or shop. It is further agreed that each Employee shall submit a list of their tools to the Employer, and it shall be the responsibility of each Employee to keep the list up to date.

Article 20 Sub Contractors

20.01 The Employer shall not sub-contract or assign any of the work covered by this Agreement to any person, contract or sub-contractor unless said person, contractor or sub contractor is a party to this Agreement or is under Agreement to another affiliate local Union of Sheet Metal Workers' International Association. The exception to this Article would be shop fabricated skid packages.

Article 21 Fabrication

21.01 All sheet metal duct and fittings 26 gauge or heavier shall be Union made by members in good standing of S.M.W.I.A. Any sheet metal duct or fittings fabricated by members who are not members of local 437 shall arrive on site in broken down form.

21.02 Spiral duct may arrive on site in lengths to be determined by the Employer.

21.03 Article 21.01 shall not include items normally considered manufactured items.

Article 22 Grievance Procedure

22.01 The principle of the arbitration of all grievances without involving any stoppage of work is agreed to by both parties. The parties agree that every effort should be made to resolve any grievance by the employee concerned and his immediate foreperson. Failing that, should any difference then arise between the Employer and the Employees covered by this Agreement, or the Union that represents them, as to the interpretation, application, administration or alleged violation of the provisions of this Agreement, an earnest effort shall be made to settle the same in the following manner.

22.02 Where there is a grievance by an Employee, the same shall be made in writing to the Steward within two (2) working days of the occurrence. The Steward shall take the grievance up with the Employer's representative of the aggrieved Employee.

22.03 An answer shall be given not later than twenty-four (24) hours following presentation of the grievance by the Steward.

22.04 If the decision has not been given within the prescribed time, or if the decision is not acceptable, then the grievance shall be submitted in writing to the Local Labor-Management Committee within one further working day.

22.05 The Local Labor-Management Committee shall render their decision no later than four (4) working days after being presented with the grievance.

22.06 The Local Union shall be entitled to submit a grievance in writing directly to the Employer within fifteen days (15) from the date there is evidence of a violation having occurred. The Employer shall render a decision not later than two (2) working days following the presentation of the grievance to them.

22.07 The Employer shall be entitled to submit a grievance in writing directly to the Local Union within fifteen days (15) from the date there is evidence of a violation having occurred. The Union shall render their decision not later than two (2) working days following the presentation of the grievance to them.

22.08 Failing settlement, any grievance shall be subject to arbitration in accordance with the following clauses.

22.09 The Union and the Employer shall agree upon an arbitrator who is willing to arbitrate the grievance. Failure of the Union and the Employer to agree upon an Arbitrator within three (3) working days, the matter will be referred to the Department of Post-secondary Education Training & Labour for the appointment of the Arbitrator.

22.10 The party initiating the grievance shall file the grievance with the first arbitrator named above, and if the arbitrator is not available or unable to serve for any reason, the grievance shall then

be filed with the arbitrator named second on the list above, and so on until an arbitrator is found. The arbitrators, after each arbitration, shall rotate in their placement on the list.

- 22.11** The arbitrator shall hold a hearing within fourteen (14) days after the grievance is submitted to them and shall render his decision to the parties within seventy-two (72) hours after the completion of the hearing, provided that a failure to make an award within the time prescribed or as extended by the parties shall not invalidate the proceedings or terminate the authority of the arbitrator.
- 22.12** It is understood and agreed in the application of this article that there is no power in the participants to a settlement to add to, subtract from or modify the terms of this Agreement. The sole function of an arbitrator shall be to interpret the meaning of the articles of this Agreement and to render a decision which shall be binding on both parties. The arbitrator shall have no power to add, to subtract from or modify the terms of this Agreement.
- 22.13** When an Employee has been discharged or disciplined unjustly or unreasonably, the Employee shall be reinstated and shall receive compensation in such amount as they would have earned had they been working, or in such amount as is just and reasonable in the circumstances. If an arbitrator determines that an Employee has been discharged or otherwise disciplined for cause, the arbitrator may substitute such other penalty for the discharge or discipline, as the arbitrator deems just and reasonable in all circumstances. The burden of establishing that a different penalty should be imposed, shall be on the Employee concerned.
- 22.14** The times fixed by the Article are mandatory, but may be extended by mutual agreement, in writing. If a grievance or arbitration is not processed within the time allowed, the grievance or arbitration shall be deemed to have been abandoned. Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays shall be excluded in computing the time allowed.
- 22.15** The cost of the arbitrator shall be borne equally by the parties hereto.

Article 23 Trust Funds

- 23.01** The Employer and the Union confirm the establishment of the New Brunswick Sheet Metal Industry Employer/Employee Trust Fund (the "Trust Fund") in accordance with a Trust Agreement between the Union and the Employer, and their designated Trustees. The purpose of the Trust Fund is to provide health and other insurance benefits, the Trustees, in their sole discretion, determine (the "insured Benefits") for Union Members to the extent that funds are available in the Trust Fund. The Trust Fund is administered by Trustees appointed by the Union and the Employer in accordance with the Trust Agreement.

The Trustees may, in their discretion, in accordance with the Trust Agreement:

- (i) establish programs to permit employees of the Union and employees of the Employer (including the Association) to participate in one or more of the insured Benefits;

(ii) establish self-payment programs for retired members of the Union to participate in one or more of the Insured Benefits; and

(iii) permit members of another Local of the Sheet Metal Workers International Association ("Affiliated Unions") to participate in one or more of the insured Benefits.

Non-union employees employed under Article 5 of this collective agreement are not entitled to any of the insured Benefits or to participate in the Sheet Metal Workers' Retirement Savings Plans.

Employees do not have any interest in the trust fund or in monies contributed by them or an Employer, other than a Union member's interest in their Sheet Metal Workers' Retirement Savings Plan. Union members are only entitled to insured Benefits for which they are eligible in accordance with the plan or plans purchased by the Trustees to provide insured Benefits and are not entitled to a refund or payment of any amount from the Trust Fund at any time or for any reason.

23.02 Commercial Work & Industrial Work

The Employer shall pay to the Trust Fund as stated in Appendix A – Wages and as described below. The Trustees shall pay:

- (i) to the Mechanical Contractors Association of NB Inc. as a contribution to the Employer Administration Fund;
- (ii) to the Union as a contribution to the Union Training Fund;
- (iii) to a jointly monitored Safety Training Fund for the purposes of supplying all Union members with WHMIS, Safety Orientation, Fall Protection, Confined Space, Man Lift Awareness, Forklift Awareness, First Aid Training, and additional safety training courses as required;
- (iv) for the purchase of pension benefits; however, if such contribution is made for overtime hours **such contribution should be doubled**; and
- (v) The remaining amount shall be applied to the purchase of Insured Benefits for Union members and to the cost of administering the Trust (including the education of the Trustees with respect to their obligations as Trustees). If further funds are required to maintain the present plan, such costs shall be deducted by the Employer from each Employee's hourly rate. The Trustees shall give a thirty (30) day notice to the Employer and Employee of such increase in cost.

The Employer shall remit the amount paid under this Article in accordance with terms found in Article 23.05.

23.03 It is a condition of employment and compulsory that all Employees pay **the amount described in Appendix A under "Employee Contributions" to the Trust Fund**. Trustees shall pay:

- (i) to the Sheet Metal Workers' Registered Retirement Savings Plan established for that Union member;

- (ii) to the Union as a contribution to the Union Administration Fund;
- (iii) to the Union as a contribution to the Union Promotion Fund; and
- (iv) The remaining amount, if any, shall be applied to the purchase of insured Benefits for Union Members.

The Employer shall remit the amount paid under article 23.03 in accordance with terms found in Article 23.05.

23.04 If directed by the Union, the Trustees shall remit (net of reasonable administrative expenses if considered appropriate by the Trustees) all contributions made by or on behalf of a member of an Affiliated Local who is performing work within the jurisdiction of the Union under the provisions of this collective agreement to the Trustees or Administration of a benefits plan established by the Affiliated Local of which they are a member.

23.05 The Employer shall remit all contributions and payments each month by cheque or other means of payment on or before the fifteenth (15th) day of the month following that in which the hours were worked to the Union and the New Brunswick Sheet Metal Industry Employer/Employee Trust Fund c/o Belmont Health & Wealth., S-110, 580 Main Street, Saint John, NB, E2K 1J5 with each employee's name, Social Insurance Number and total hours worked during the month.

Article 24 Safety

24.01 On all projects, provisions of the New Brunswick Occupational Health and Safety Act will be adhered to. The Employer is responsible under the Act to provide personal protective equipment where necessary.

Article 25 Special Conditions

Moncton

25.01 Any work forty (40) feet or more above ground, permanent or temporary floor, shall be paid eighty-five (\$0.85) cents over the basic rate of pay.

Fredericton

25.02 Any person working on a swing stage, catwalk, scaffold, ladder or bosun's chair, shall be paid as follows:

- From 40 feet to 80 feet One Dollar (\$1.00) per hour above the regular rate.
- From 81 feet to 100 feet One Dollar and Twenty-Five Cents (\$1.25) per hour above the regular rate, In Excess of 100 feet One Dollar and Fifty Cents (\$1.50) per hour above the regular rate.

This clause shall only be applied where the members affected are working forty (40) feet or more above the ground, permanent or temporary floor. Temporary floor shall mean a substantial and safe working surface and does not mean steel staging.

- 25.03** A premium of ten percent (10%) of the basic hourly rate shall be paid for all work performed in extreme heat, 90 degrees **Fahrenheit (32.2 degrees Celsius)** or more, when working on boilers and precipitators in pulp and paper mills and power plants.

Article 26 Management Rights

- 26.01** The Union recognizes the right of the Employer to operate and manage its business in all respects subject to the terms of this Agreement.

Article 27 Duration

- 27.01** This Agreement is to become effective on signing and is to continue in force until **June 30, 2028**, and is to continue thereafter from year to year unless notice in writing is given by either party no less than (60) days prior to the expiration date, and until negotiations related to such requested changes have been terminated by the execution of the new Agreement or otherwise, this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect. The Employer and the Union agree that all funds specified in this Agreement shall remain in full effect after the expiry date of this Agreement and will become part and parcel of any future agreement between the Employer and the Union which may from time to time be entered into.

Signatures

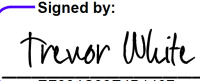
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On behalf of Sheet Metal Workers International Association Local 437

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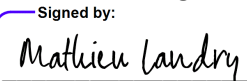
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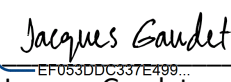
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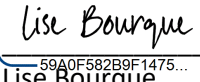
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Appendix A - Wages

Effective following signature of the collective agreement

Employer's Contributions

	Commercial	Industrial
Basic Hourly Rate	\$34.93	\$39.55
Vacation Pay (12%)	\$4.19	\$4.75
Total Wage	\$39.12	\$44.30
Health & Welfare	\$2.73	\$2.73
Pension	\$6.04	\$6.04
Training	\$0.14	\$0.14
Safety Training	\$0.25	\$0.25
MCANB Administration	\$0.18	\$0.18
Total to Trust	\$9.34	\$9.34
Total Package	\$48.46	\$53.64

Employee Contributions

RRSP	\$1.00
Union Administration	\$1.20
Union Promotion	\$0.10
Total Employee	\$2.30

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1ST 2026

Employer's contributions

	Commercial	Industrial
Basic Hourly Rate	\$35.93	\$40.55
Vacation Pay (12%)	\$4.31	\$4.87
Total Wage	\$40.24	\$45.42
Health & Welfare	\$2.73	\$2.73
Pension	\$6.29	\$6.29
Training	\$0.14	\$0.14
Safety Training	\$0.25	\$0.25
MCANB Administration	\$0.18	\$0.18
Total to Trust	\$9.59	\$9.59
Total Package	\$49.83	\$55.01

Employee Contributions

RRSP	\$1.00
Union Administration	\$1.20
Union Promotion	\$0.10
Total Employee	\$2.30

EFFECTIVE JULY 1ST 2026

Employer's contributions

	Commercial	Industrial
Basic Hourly Rate	\$36.93	\$41.55
Vacation Pay (12%)	\$4.43	\$4.99
Total Wage	\$41.36	\$46.54
Health & Welfare	\$2.73	\$2.73
Pension	\$6.54	\$6.54
Training	\$0.14	\$0.14
Safety Training	\$0.25	\$0.25
MCANB Administration	\$0.18	\$0.18
Total to Trust	\$9.84	\$9.84
Total Package	\$51.20	\$56.38

Employee Contributions

RRSP	\$1.00
Union Administration	\$1.20
Union Promotion	\$0.10
Total Employee	\$2.30

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1ST 2027

Employer's contributions

	Commercial	Industrial
Basic Hourly Rate	\$37.93	\$42.55
Vacation Pay (12%)	\$4.55	\$5.11
Total Wage	\$42.48	\$47.66
Health & Welfare	\$2.73	\$2.73
Pension	\$6.79	\$6.79
Training	\$0.14	\$0.14
Safety Training	\$0.25	\$0.25
MCANB Administration	\$0.18	\$0.18
Total to Trust	\$10.09	\$10.09
Total Package	\$52.57	\$57.75

Employee Contributions

RRSP	\$1.00
Union Administration	\$1.20
Union Promotion	\$0.10
Total Employee	\$2.30

EFFECTIVE JULY 1ST 2027

Employer's contributions

	Commercial	Industrial
Basic Hourly Rate	\$38.93	\$43.55
Vacation Pay (12%)	\$4.67	\$5.23
Total Wage	\$43.60	\$48.78
Health & Welfare	\$2.73	\$2.73
Pension	\$7.04	\$7.04
Training	\$0.14	\$0.14
Safety Training	\$0.25	\$0.25
MCANB Administration	\$0.18	\$0.18
Total to Trust	\$10.34	\$10.34
Total Package	\$53.94	\$59.12

Employee Contributions

RRSP	\$1.00
Union Administration	\$1.20
Union Promotion	\$0.10
Total Employee	\$2.30

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1ST 2028

Employer's contributions

	Commercial	Industrial
Basic Hourly Rate	\$39.93	\$44.55
Vacation Pay (12%)	\$4.79	\$5.35
Total Wage	\$44.72	\$49.90
Health & Welfare	\$2.73	\$2.73
Pension	\$7.04	\$7.04
Training	\$0.14	\$0.14
Safety Training	\$0.25	\$0.25
MCANB Administration	\$0.18	\$0.18
Total to Trust	\$10.34	\$10.34
Total Package	\$55.06	\$60.24

Employee Contributions

RRSP	\$1.00
Union Administration	\$1.20
Union Promotion	\$0.10
Total Employee	\$2.30