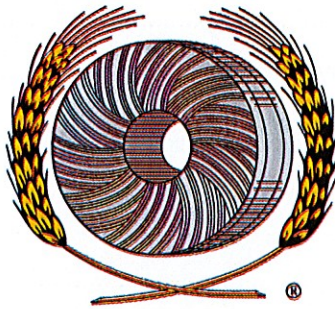


# Collective Agreement

between

Grain Millers Canada Corporation  
Hereinafter called THE COMPANY



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## GRAIN MILLERS

and

Grain and General Services Union ILWU • Canada)  
Hereinafter called THE UNION



Duration of Agreement:  
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## ARTICLE 1 - RECOGNITION

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1.1 Scope - The Company recognizes the Union for the duration of this agreement as the sole bargaining agent for the purpose of collective bargaining in respect to wages and all other conditions of employment on behalf of the Company's employees within the following bargaining unit, namely:

*All employees employed by Grain Millers Canada Corporation working at, or in connection with its milling, cleaning, packaging, and warehousing operations in and near the City of Yorkton, in the Province of Saskatchewan, excluding Managers, those above the rank of Managers and the Assistant Office Manager.*

1.2 Spirit and Intention - The spirit and intention of this Agreement is to maintain good and amicable relations between the Company and all of its employees covered by this Agreement, so that the solution of all matters pertaining to conditions of employment may be arrived at by collective bargaining and agreement between the parties hereto. This Agreement is in no sense to be taken as a discouragement to direct negotiations where a solution can be reached by such means without having recourse to the grievance procedure hereinafter provided.

1.3 Access - The Staff Representative(s) of the Union shall in the course of his/her duties have access to the Company premises provided that he/she has received the permission of the Company, such permission not to be unreasonably withheld. Any business between the Staff Representative and an employee shall be conducted during non-working times. All Union Executive Members will obtain permission from the



General Manager or designate before conducting non-grievance related Union business on Company time.

1.4 Non-Discrimination - The Company will not discriminate in its hiring and employment practices against persons within a protected status in accordance with Canadian Human Rights and/or union activity or political affiliation.

1.5 Union Notice Board - The Company agrees to provide, in each of its locations covered by the collective agreement, one bulletin board, in a convenient location, for the use of the Union. The main purpose of the bulletin board shall be for the posting of notices relating to union meetings, union elections, union officers and staff, social and recreational events.

1.6 No Strike/Lockout - The Union, its Agents, and each employee agree that during the term of this Agreement, there shall be no strikes, slowdowns, or withholding of production and the Company agrees that there shall be no lockout.

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## ARTICLE 2 - DEFINITIONS

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2.1 Seniority - No employee shall acquire seniority until he/she has completed satisfactorily a probationary period of ninety (90) calendar days, at which time his/her seniority shall be retroactive to the date of hiring.

Except for seniority as defined above, the terms of this agreement shall apply to all probationary employees excepting that such probationary employees may be terminated for lesser cause. Lesser cause shall mean that, in the Company's opinion, the probationary employee's job performance or suitability to the job is unsatisfactory.

Seniority shall be calculated, on a cumulative basis, to include all service with the Company based on straight time hours paid.

2.2 Service with the Company - If employment with the Company is broken by resignation or termination of employment, service prior to such resignation or termination shall not be included in computing service with the Company.

2.3 Promotion - Shall mean the movement of an employee from a position to a position bearing a higher pay rate.



2.4 Demotion - Shall mean the movement of an employee from a position to a position bearing a lesser pay rate.

2.5 Transfer - Shall mean the movement of an employee from a position to another position bearing an identical pay rate.

2.6 Layoffs - The word "layoff" means a period of time when employees are not required to work due to a shortage of work, or shutdown or discontinuance of all or part of the Company's operations, or a reduction in hours of work.

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### ARTICLE 3 – MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

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3.1 Management Rights - The management of the Company's operations and the direction of the working forces are vested solely and exclusively in the Company. The Company agrees that in the exercise of its management rights, it will not violate any of the terms of this agreement or the law, and shall be subject to the right of any employee or the Union to file a grievance, as provided in Article 5. The enumeration of the management rights listed below shall not be deemed to exclude other rights not enumerated. The Company retains the sole and exclusive right to manage the business, and its rights include the following:

- a. The planning, control, and direction of the Company's operations.
- b. The scheduling of work to be done and how it is to be done.
- c. The assignment of employees to perform work.
- d. The determination of the skills to run the operations.
- e. The determination of the ability of employees as it relates to job performance.
- f. To maintain discipline and efficiency.
- g. The establishment and enforcement of reasonable rules of conduct.
- h. The rights to hire, demote, suspend, discharge, or discipline for cause, and to transfer and lay off employees.
- i. The methods, processes, and means of manufacturing.
- j. The control and regulation of all equipment and other property of the Company.
- k. The determination of production standards.
- l. The determination of the quality and quantity of work to be produced.
- m. The determination of the products to be manufactured and produced.
- n. The location or relocation of plants.
- o. The closing down of plants or any part of a plant.

- p. The work to be assigned to each part of the operation.
- q. The shifts to be worked.
- r. The determination of whether and to what extent the work required in the Company's business shall be performed by employees covered by this agreement.
- s. The determination and establishment of any new or improved production methods or facilities.

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## ARTICLE 4 - UNION SECURITY

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4.1 The Company agrees that as a condition of employment, membership dues or sums in lieu will be deducted from the wages earned by all employees covered by this collective agreement.

4.2 Membership dues or sums in lieu deducted from salaries shall be paid monthly to the General Secretary of the Union within fifteen (15) calendar days following the completion of the last payroll period in the calendar month. The remittance shall contain information with respect to each individual employee including name, home address, wage rate, classification, total straight time earnings for the period, total dues deducted, and the period covered by the remittance for the employee.

4.3 The Company shall furnish the General Secretary of the Union with employee change lists monthly, which shall include the name, location, classification, salary, and effective date of all employee changes, including new hires.

4.4 The Company shall provide a ½ hour Union orientation session with pay for all new employees within two weeks of their hire date. The Union shall notify the Company of the appropriate Union Executive members assigned to provide the orientation.

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## ARTICLE 5 – GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

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5.1 The Company and the Union agree that it is most desirable to resolve misunderstandings and disputes through discussions between the employee and the Manager, and both the Company and the Union shall encourage employees to discuss their complaints with their Manager so as to resolve differences quickly and directly. No employee shall file a grievance until they have first given their **manager** the opportunity to settle the complaint, except for those complaints referred to in article 5.10. **Time spent in such informal settlement discussion shall not reduce the time limit for the filing of a**



**formal grievance as provided in 5.2 below.** If such informal discussion does not result in a satisfactory resolution to the employee's complaint, the complaint may be referred to the grievance procedure as follows:

5.2 Formal grievances, whether individual or executive, shall be raised within fourteen (14) calendar days of the date on which the grievance becomes apparent, or ought to have become apparent. Grievances shall be in writing on the approved grievance form and shall be dealt with in the following manner:

5.3 Step 1 - The grievance shall be taken up with the first line out of scope Manager, or his/her delegate, who shall render a written decision within eight (8) calendar days of the receipt of the grievance.

5.4 Step 2 - Failing a satisfactory settlement of the grievance at Step 1, the General Secretary of the Union or his/her designate shall consult with the General Manager or designate of the Company. If a settlement is not achieved within a further fourteen (14) calendar days, it may be submitted to arbitration as hereinafter provided. Notice of intent to enter into arbitration must be received within a further sixty (60) calendar days subsequent to the Step 2 settlement period. Prior to this time limit's expiry, this time limit may be extended by mutual agreement between the two parties. Such requests shall not be unreasonably denied.

5.5 Arbitration - In the case of any dispute arising between the parties regarding the meaning or alleged violation of this Agreement which the parties are unable to settle between themselves, the matter may be referred to a single Arbitrator. The Arbitrator shall be selected jointly between the Company and the Union. If the two parties fail to agree on the appointment of the Arbitrator, it shall be requested that the Chairperson of the **Canada Industrial Relations Board** shall appoint the Arbitrator.

The request to act shall be made in writing within fourteen (14) calendar days from the date of notice from either party to the other of its desire to refer the matter to Arbitration. The person appointed shall be duly empowered to act as sole Arbitrator.

The Arbitrator shall not have any authority to alter or change any of the provisions of this Agreement, or to substitute any new provisions in lieu thereof, or to give any decision contrary to the terms and provisions of the Agreement, but it is agreed that where disciplinary action is involved, the Arbitrator shall have the power to award a penalty or amend a penalty imposed by the Company. The decision of the Arbitrator shall be final and binding upon the parties and upon any employee or employees concerned.



No costs of any arbitration shall be ordered to or against either party, but each party shall be responsible for one half (½) the expenses and/or fees payable to the Arbitrator.

5.6 All time limits referred to in Article 5 shall be exclusive of statutory holidays.

a. Time limitations in the above articles may be extended by mutual agreement between the two parties. Such requests shall not be unreasonably denied.

b. A grievance not initiated, advanced, or placed in abeyance pending additional information (such notice to be provided to the Company) within the time limits shall be deemed abandoned and all right or recourse to the grievance and arbitration procedure shall be at an end.

5.7 Employees must have benefit of representation by Union officials at any of the steps in the grievance procedure.

5.8 In the event of a grievance, the Company agrees, upon request, to provide the Union with copies of disciplinary and any other documents which the Company intends to use in regard to the specific grievance.

5.9 Employees shall have access to all material in their personal file. Arrangements to view their file, at a mutually agreeable time, must be made by the employee in advance with the appropriate manager.

5.10 A grievance concerning a discharge of an employee shall be initiated at Step 2 of the grievance procedure by a written grievance being submitted to General Manager or designate within seven (7) calendar days of the dismissal. Thereafter the time limits set forth in the grievance procedure outlined above shall be followed.

5.11 The Union shall have the right to submit an executive (policy) grievance within fourteen (14) calendar days of the circumstances giving rise to the executive (policy) grievance. An executive (policy) grievance is a grievance filed by the Union, as opposed to a grievance filed by an individual. Such grievances shall be initially presented in writing at Step 2 of the grievance procedure. Thereafter, the time limits set forth in the grievance procedure outlined above shall be followed.

5.12 The Company agrees that shop stewards shall have the right to perform their duties, investigate disputes and represent employees on grievances. No shop steward will leave his/her work without the permission of his/her Manager. Shop stewards may participate in Articles 5.1, 5.2, 5.3 and 5.4 of the formal grievance process on paid Company time.

Shop Stewards will only investigate grievances on scheduled breaks or after working

hours.

5.13 When an employee is required to attend a discipline investigation meeting and/or a meeting where a disciplinary decision concerning him/her is to be taken by the Company the employee is entitled to have a designated representative of the Union attend the meeting.

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## ARTICLE 6 - LAY OFF AND RECALL PROCEDURE

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6.1 A laid off employee shall be entitled to remain on a lay off list for a period of twelve (12) months. If, at the end of the twelve (12) month period no work is available, the employee shall be so advised and their employment terminated.

6.2 While on lay off an employee shall not earn seniority, but he/she shall retain seniority which he/she had accumulated to the time of his/her lay off.

6.3 Except where the lay off is as a direct result of an accident or disaster requiring the sudden and unforeseen closure of a part or all of any operation, an employee who is laid off is entitled to two (2) weeks written notice of lay off or pay in lieu of notice.

An employee who is terminated without just cause shall be entitled to two (2) weeks written notice or pay in lieu of notice.

6.4 A short term lay off shall be defined as a lay off lasting 30 calendar days or less.

A long term lay off shall be defined as a lay off lasting more than 30 calendar days.

An employee on short term lay off that extends past 30 calendar days shall gain access to the rights set forth in Article 6.5

6.5 Employees given notice of lay off shall exercise seniority rights as follows:

- a. In the case of a short term lay off an employee shall be entitled to exercise seniority to avoid lay off only in his/her regular job classification, provided they possess the necessary skill and ability to perform the duties required of the position.
- b. In the case of a long term lay off, an employee shall be entitled to exercise seniority in their own job classification or to the most junior employee in a



lower job classification, provided they possess the necessary skill and ability to perform the duties required of the position.

6.6 It is understood that exercise of seniority rights under Article 6.5 above will be on a temporary basis until such time as the employee's regular position becomes available again. The employee will then return to his/her regular position.

6.7 When recalling employees from lay off, employees will be recalled to work in order of seniority provided they are qualified to perform the available work.

6.8 When a laid off employee is being recalled he/she must accept recall to his/her previous classification, or equivalent, or to a lower classification, subject to the following terms:

- a. If an employee on a lay off rejects recall to a lower classification, he/she will only be recalled to his/her previous classification unless he/she notifies the Company in writing of his/her willingness to accept a lower classification. The junior employee on lay off in a classification must accept a recall in that classification in accordance with Article 6.9.
- b. It is understood that a return from lay off to a lower classification shall be on a temporary basis until such time as the employee's regular position becomes available again. He/she will then return to his/her regular classification.

6.9 An employee on the lay off list, as specified in Article 6.1, when recalled to work, shall be notified by telephone or other suitable communication to their last known number or address. The employee shall notify the Company within seven (7) calendar days of receiving a recall of their intention to return. Failure to notify the Company may result in termination at the Company's discretion.

6.10 Employees on lay off shall provide the Company with their current address and phone number.

6.11 Employees who bump to a lower classification to maintain employment shall have their wages set according to their current step in the salary range, or to the step they had achieved in the position being filled, whichever is greater. All time served counts towards the employee's next increment in any classification.



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## ARTICLE 7 - JOB POSTING

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7.1 In the matter of promotion, demotion, transfer, temporary performance of higher duties of more than thirty (30) calendar days' duration, seniority shall prevail subject to qualifications.

7.2 When filling vacancies and new positions within the scope of this Agreement, the position shall be posted for a minimum of seven (7) calendar days and such postings shall be placed in all departments. Employees will be required to apply in writing prior to the expiry date indicated on the posting. In the selection process, seniority shall prevail subject to qualifications. An applicant having more seniority than the appointed applicant may request reasons in writing for not receiving the appointment. When filling positions, the Company shall select the candidate who is best qualified for the position, and where two candidates' qualifications are relatively equal, the Company shall select the candidate with the most seniority.

7.3 Employees may select jobs that interest them and have their names placed on a posting list and be automatically considered candidates for the posted positions that interest them. Employees must submit a separate application for each position. The Company shall maintain a posting list and employees on the list shall be considered as applicants for vacancies posted pursuant to Article 7.2.

7.4 It shall be the policy of the Company that in filling any vacancy outside the scope of this agreement, present employees will be given first consideration.

7.5 Seniority lists shall be updated and posted quarterly.

7.6 On promotion or change of position, an employee shall be required to serve a sixty (60) day assessment period. At any time during this period the Company shall determine the employee's suitability for the position, subject to the employee's right to grieve if they are deemed unsuccessful.

7.7 Employees who do not complete the assessment period shall revert to their former position. The employee may choose to revert to their former position at any time during the assessment period. In either case, if the employee's move resulted in successive internal employee move(s), all successive employees will also revert to their former positions, unless otherwise agreed upon by the Company.

7.8 Articles 7.6 and 7.7 shall apply to employees who promote to out of scope positions.

7.9 All postings shall include the pay rate range for the position posted. All employees shall be notified of the successful applicant for all postings.

7.10 Management shall post a list of all staff changes, (new hires, promotions, **transfers** and retirements) as changes occur.

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## ARTICLE 8 - LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITH PAY

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8.1 **Bereavement Leave** - Employees are entitled to up to 10 days of bereavement leave in the event of a death of an immediate family member's death.

Employees with three (3) consecutive months of continuous employment with the Company will receive pay for the first three (3) days of bereavement leave.

Employees can take bereavement leave in one (1) or two (2) periods starting the day on which the death occurs and ending six (6) weeks after the date of the:

- funeral
- burial, or
- memorial service of that immediate family member

Employees shall be entitled to bereavement leave of five (5) consecutive paid working days immediately following the death of their spouse or child.

For bereavement leave purposes only, where major travel or special circumstances are involved, approval may be given by the Company to extend the three (3) day limit to five (5) paid days.

Immediate family shall be defined to include:

- a. the employee's spouse or common-law partner;
- b. the employee's mother and father, and the spouse or common-law partner of the mother and father;
- c. the employee's child(ren) and the child(ren) of the spouse or common-law partner;
- d. the employee's grandchild(ren);
- e. the employee's brothers and sisters;
- f. **the employee's brothers- and sisters-in-law (including common-law);**
- g. the grandmother and grandfather of the employee;



- h. the mother and father of the spouse or common-law partner of the employee and the spouse or common-law partner of the father and mother; and
- i. any relative of the employee who resides permanently with the employee or with whom the employee permanently resides;
- j. or as otherwise modified in accordance with the Canada Labour Code

8.2 Special Leave - Leave of absence with pay at regular straight time hourly rates up to three (3) consecutive working days shall be granted to an employee who has completed their probationary period, for pressing emergency. Pressing emergency shall only include serious accident or serious illness in the immediate family (see Article 8.1) of an employee.

8.3 Jury Leave - In keeping with the policy that an employee not suffer a loss of pay while serving as a juror, leave with pay of up to five (5) working days as provided for in Article 8.1 shall be granted for jury leave. The remuneration to be received by the employee on any working day the employee reports for or serves on the aforementioned shall be the employee's regular rate of pay for the day less jury duty fees received for that day.

8.4 An employee on leave of absence covered by articles 8.1, 8.2 and 8.3 shall continue to accumulate seniority, vacation credits, and other service benefits.

8.5 All other leaves shall be granted in accordance with the Canada Labour Code. Where applicable under the Canada Labour Code, seniority, vacation credits, and other service benefits will continue to accrue. Information regarding these leaves can be found at the Employment Standards website at <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/jobs/workplace/federal-labour-standards/leaves.html>

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## ARTICLE 9 - LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY

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9.1 General Leave of Absence - If circumstances permit, the Company may grant leave of absence with or without pay for a reason acceptable to the Company. Any leave of absence shall be applied for in writing and shall specify the reason for requesting the leave. An employee shall not take employment elsewhere during the period of leave of absence. An employee on a paid leave of absence under this Agreement shall continue to accrue seniority, vacation credits and other benefits. An employee on any leave of absence without pay under this Article shall maintain seniority and benefits accumulated prior to taking the unpaid leave of absence but shall not further accrue seniority and vacation benefits or other service benefits. Employees on LOA subject to



**Article 9.5 (a) and (b)** shall continue to accumulate seniority, vacation and other service benefits.

9.2 Maternity Leave - Female employees shall be entitled to maternity leave in accordance with the Canada Labour Code, **Part III**.

9.3 Parental Leave - Parental Leave shall be granted in accordance with the Canada Labour Code, **Part III**.

9.4 Supplementary Unemployment Benefit (SUB) Plan

An employee, who is in receipt of Employment Insurance (EI) Maternity /Parental benefits pursuant to the Employment Insurance Act, shall be paid a Supplemental Unemployment Benefit (SUB) that is equivalent to the difference between the gross weekly EI benefit the employee is eligible to receive and seventy-five (75%) of the employee's regular gross weekly rate of pay. This SUB payment shall commence following completion of the applicable one (1) week EI waiting period. The SUB payment shall continue while the employee is in receipt of the EI maternity/parental benefits for a maximum of four (4) weeks.

To qualify for the Maternity/Parental SUB benefit, an employee must have successfully completed their probationary period. They must also provide the employer with verification that the employee has applied for, and is in receipt of, EI benefits including dollar amount of EI benefit, prior to any SUB payments being paid.

- The one (1) week waiting period will not be eligible under this SUB program.
- The top-up amounts are not considered as earnings and are not deducted from the employees' EI benefits.
- When the payment is added to the employee's EI weekly benefits, the combined amount does not exceed the employee's normal weekly earnings from employment—100% of gross salary
- Payment of guaranteed annual remuneration, deferred remuneration, severance pay or any other additional monies will not reduce or increase payments received under this SUB plan.

The employee must return to work for the employer for a period of at least 6 months after the maternity/ parental SUB has been paid or the employee agrees to reimburse the employer for the SUB benefit immediately upon end of employment.

9.5 Union Leave

- a. Leave of absence without pay shall be granted to four (4) designated Union representatives for the purpose of collective bargaining.

- b. Leave of absence without pay shall be granted to one (1) designated Union representative for the purpose of attending Annual and Semi-annual meetings for the Union's Joint Executive Council.

9.6 The Company shall continue the regular wages of employees on authorized Union business when so requested by the Union Central. The Company shall bill the Union for regular work hours paid during which the employee was on Union business approved by the General Secretary or his or her designate.

9.7 All other leaves shall be granted in accordance with the Canada Labour Code. Information regarding these leaves can be found at the Employment Standards website at <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/jobs/workplace/federal-labour-standards/leaves.html>

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## ARTICLE 10 - HEALTH AND SAFETY

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10.1 The Company and the Union recognize an employee's right to working conditions which show respect for his/her health, safety, and physical well-being.

10.2 The Company and the Union shall work together to promote a safe, healthy, and injury free workplace and agree to comply with the provisions of the **Canada Labour Code, Part II and Regulations** as outlined in the Canada Labour Code and Company policies.

10.3 The Company and the Union recognize the need for constructive and meaningful consultations on health and safety matters. To this end, a joint safety committee shall be established. All employees covered by this collective agreement will be eligible to let their name stand for election to the Joint Health and Safety Committee.

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## ARTICLE 11 – SICK LEAVE

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### 11.1 Sick Leave Plan

- a. Employees shall earn and accumulate sick leave credits on the basis of **ten (10)** hours per month of continuous service from commencement of employment. Maximum accumulative sick leave credits shall be **two hundred (200) hours**. Casual, temporary and/or part-time employees will earn and accumulate sick leave credits on a pro-rated basis.



- b. Employees who are sick and/or disabled will be entitled to payment of wages commencing with the first day of illness or disability at the rate of pay that would apply if the employee were not absent on sick leave to the limit of his/her accumulated sick leave credits. The Company may require a Doctor's note for absences over two (2) days. If a pattern of excessive use or abuse of the sick leave policy is suspected, the Company may require a Doctor's note for absences of one (1) day, after such notification has been provided to the employee.

- c. Family Medical Leave

In an effort to enhance employee work life and assist in balancing family medical responsibility, permanent full-time employees shall be allowed Family Medical Leave. Family Medical Leave hours will be paid at the employee's regular rate of pay and hours drawn from the employee's accrued sick leave balance.

An employee may be granted this leave to attend to a family member for whom he/she has a reasonable expectation for duty of care. Leave may be granted where the employee has made reasonable efforts to use other available solutions. Family medical days may be granted for cases of illness of members of the employees' immediate family.

Immediate family shall be defined to include:

- i. the employee's spouse or common-law partner;
- ii. the employee's mother and father, and the spouse or common-law partner of the mother and father;
- iii. the employee's child(ren) and the child(ren) of the spouse or common-law partner;
- iv. the employee's grandchild(ren);
- v. the employee's brothers and sisters;
- vi. the grandmother and grandfather of the employee;
- vii. the mother and father of the spouse or common-law partner of the employee and the spouse or common-law partner of the father and mother; and
- viii. any relative of the employee who resides permanently with the employee or with whom the employee permanently resides;
- ix. or as otherwise modified in accordance with the Canada Labour Code.



This may also include transportation of an employee and/or an immediate family member to a medical appointment. An employee that was unable to make the necessary arrangements for appointments for personal health care outside of scheduled work time may utilize this benefit.

Requests for leave will be made to the employee's manager and/or designate. In order to meet the Company's need of running an effective, efficient operations, employees will be required to provide reasonable notice when the day is required and unless there are unusual circumstances, family medical leave days should be utilized one day at a time. The Company reserves the right to request evidence from the employee that the leave is for personal/family medical responsibilities. The individual employees' judgment should be tempered with good faith, reasoning and an understanding that if misused the ability to take time off with pay for important family medical responsibilities may be denied.

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## ARTICLE 12 – RETIREMENT PLAN

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12.1 Retirement Plan - Grain Millers Canada Corp. shall provide employees, who choose to participate in, a Company retirement plan which shall match employee contributions into the Company retirement plan. Participation in the Plan shall be voluntary but strongly recommended.

The Company shall contribute a 100% match up to 5% of employee's contribution. The Company shall contribute a 100% match up to 6% of employee's contribution after 10-years or more of continuous employment.

Employees with ninety (90) days service shall be eligible to participate in the Company retirement plan.

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## ARTICLE 13 - SCALE OF WAGES, JOB CLASSIFICATIONS AND JOB DEFINITIONS

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13.1 The scale of Wages and Job Classifications shall be set forth in Schedule A which shall be attached hereto, and such schedule shall form part of this Agreement.

13.2 If the responsibilities and/or duties of a job change, the position shall be examined

when so requested by the employee. The request by the employee can be made at any time, providing a request respecting the position to be examined has not been processed in the preceding six months of the date of request. The request for examination by the employee shall be submitted in writing to the General Manager or designate. The General Manager or designate shall notify the employee of the result of that examination within fourteen (14) calendar days. The employee may, if not satisfied, enter into the grievance process as outlined in Article 5.

**13.3** The salaries for new positions or revised positions shall be the subject of discussions between the Company and the Union. When a job description for a new position has been submitted to the Union by the Company, negotiations shall commence respecting the scope and salary for the position within fourteen (14) calendar days. Where agreement cannot be reached regarding the rate of pay within seven (7) calendar days of commencement of negotiations, the position may be advertised at the rate proposed by the Company and may be filled on that basis.

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## ARTICLE 14 – SHIFT AND SCHEDULE CHANGE

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**NOTE: "Shift" – refers to the hours worked in a day.**

**"Schedule" – refers to an arrangement of shifts over a specified calendar period.**

**14.1** An employee whose **shift is** changed without two (2) days prior notice shall be paid one and one-half times the regular rate of pay for the first full shift following the change. Subsequent shifts worked on the new schedule shall be paid for at straight time.

**14.2** Provided sufficient advance notice is given and with the approval of the employer, employees may exchange shifts if there is no increase in cost to the employer.

**14.3** The Company shall consult with the Local Union Executive before implementing any **new schedule or modified schedule**. Such consultations shall begin, where possible, at least four (4) weeks before the intended change is to take place. The Company shall consider any alternatives put forward by the Union, and shall endeavor to reach an agreement acceptable to all.

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## ARTICLE 15 - SEVERANCE ALLOWANCE

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**15.1** An employee who has completed their probationary period and who is terminated for other than just cause shall be entitled to severance pay of five (5) days'



pay, or two (2) days' pay per year of service, whichever is the greater.

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## ARTICLE 16 - TEMPORARY PERFORMANCE OF HIGHER DUTY

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**16.1** When an employee is required by the Company to perform the duties and responsibilities of a higher classification level on an acting basis he/she shall be paid temporary performance of higher duty pay, as if he/she has been promoted to the higher classification for the period in which he/she acts.

**16.2** In order to provide training opportunities, employees may be given the opportunity to train at positions other than their own. The employee will continue to earn their current salary. Such training period shall be for a maximum of forty (40) hours in total. All employees will be given equal opportunity to access training. During the training period the company shall ensure that the regular incumbent is in the position on-site at all times.

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## ARTICLE 17 - CONTRACTING OUT

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**17.1** In order to provide job security for the members of the bargaining unit the Company agrees that before contracting out in whole or in part, work or services performed or which could be performed by the employees in the unit, they will notify the Union of the proposed contracting out, and enter into discussions aimed at eliminating, or reducing job loss or lay off.

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## ARTICLE 18 - HOURS OF WORK, OVERTIME, AND STATUTORY HOLIDAYS

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### Shift Options

**18.1** 8 Hour Shift Schedule

#### Hours of Work and Overtime

- a. For those employees working an eight (8) hour shift, the work week shall be forty (40) hours consisting of five (5) eight-hour days. The daily hours are inclusive of rest periods and the lunch break is excluded. On all shifts, the meal period may be scheduled to minimize interruptions to production.
- b. Overtime will be paid for all hours worked in excess of eight (8) hours per

day or forty (40) hours in a week at the rate of time-and-one-half.

- c. Statutory Holidays: All statutory holidays are twenty-four (24) hours in length, on the day the holiday is observed.
  - i. Non-worked Stat holidays shall be paid at eight (8) hours pay per Stat and will reduce the normal threshold in calculating overtime accordingly.
  - ii. Employees who work the Stat holiday will receive, in addition to eight (8) hours of Stat pay, a rate of one-and-one-half times their regular rate of wages for time worked on that day.

### **18.2** Modified Shift Schedule Options:

GMCC utilizes a variety of modified shifts to staff our operations. Below are some of the shifts offered.

#### **10 Hour Shift Schedule**

##### Hours of Work and Overtime

- a. For those employees working a ten (10) hour shift, the work week shall be forty (40) hours consisting of four (4) ten-hour days. The daily hours are inclusive of rest periods and lunch breaks.
  - i. Those employees working on a ten (10) hour modified shift will be paid overtime at the rate of time-and-one-half for all hours worked in excess of ten (10) hours a day or forty (40) hours a week.
- b. Payment for Stat Holidays -10-Hour Shift:
  - i. Non-worked Stat holidays shall be paid at ten (10) hours pay per Stat and will reduce the normal threshold in calculating overtime accordingly.
  - ii. Employees who work the Stat holiday will receive, in addition to ten (10) hours of Stat pay, a rate of one-and-one-half times their regular rate of wages for time worked on that day.



## 12 Hour Shift Schedules

GMCC uses four (4) teams and two (2) twelve-hour shifts to provide 24/7 coverage. These teams rotate off and on according to the schedule. The schedule consists of working the following 12-hour shifts:

Team 1: DDOODDD-ODDDOOO  
Team 2: NNOONNN-OONNOOO  
Team 3: OODDOOO-NNOONNN  
Team 4: OONNOOO-DDOODDD  
D= Day shift, O = Off work, N = Night Shift

Two teams are assigned day shifts while the other two are assigned night shifts. On any given day, one team is on the day shift, one team is on the night shift, and two teams are off duty. Personnel are assigned to either day or night shifts for the 2-week cycle and will rotate every two weeks.

### 12-Hour Shift Schedule (*Process not scheduled to continuously operate*)

- a. Hours of Work and Overtime
  - i. For those employees working an eleven-and-one-half (11.5) hour shift, the work schedule shall be eighty-and-one half (80.5) hours consisting of seven (7) eleven-and-one-half (11.5) hour shifts. The daily hours are inclusive of rest periods and exclude meal breaks.
  - ii. Those employees working on an eleven-and-one-half (11.5) hour modified shift will be paid overtime at the rate of time-and-one-half for all hours worked in excess of eighty (80) hours a pay period.

### 12-Hour Shift Schedule (*Process scheduled to continually operate*)

- a. Hours of Work and Overtime
  - i. For those employees working twelve-hour shift, the work week shall be eighty-four (84) hours consisting of seven (7) twelve (12) hour shifts. The daily hours are inclusive of rest periods and meal breaks if the operation is continuously running.
  - ii. Those employees working on a twelve-hour modified work schedule will be paid overtime at the rate of time-and-one half for all hours worked in excess of eighty (80) hours in the two-week pay period.

### 18.3 Breaks and Meal Breaks

- a. Employees are entitled to paid lunch when their systems are scheduled to continuously operate.
- b. Each employee shall receive a paid 15-minute rest period during each half working day provided more than two hours have been worked in each half day.

### 18.4 Statutory Holidays for Modified Shifts

- a. All statutory holiday days are twenty-four (24) hours in length, on the day the holiday is observed.
  - i. For 12-Hour modified shift employees;
    - a. All Stat holidays will be scheduled working days except for December 25 and December 26 (Christmas and Boxing Day).
    - b. Grain Millers Canada Corp will give 30 days' notice if a Stat Holiday (other than December 25 and 26) is to be recognized and as such the plant operations affecting those employees will be shut down.
  - ii. 12-Hour Shift (*Process not scheduled to operate*):
    - a. Non-worked Stat holidays shall be paid at eight (8) hours pay per Stat and will reduce the normal threshold in calculating overtime accordingly.
    - b. Employees who work the Stat holiday will receive eight (8) hours of Stat pay and will reduce the normal threshold in calculating overtime accordingly.
    - c. Employees who work the Stat holiday will receive eleven-and-one-half (11.5) hours of Stat pay and will reduce the normal threshold in calculating overtime accordingly.
  - iii. 12-Hour Shift (*Process scheduled to continuously operate*):
    - a. Non-worked Stat holidays shall be paid at eight (8) hours pay per Stat and will reduce the normal threshold in calculating overtime accordingly.
    - b. Employees who work the Stat holiday will receive eight (8)



hours of Stat pay and will reduce the normal threshold in calculating overtime accordingly.

- c. Employees who work the Stat holiday will receive twelve (12) hours of Stat pay and will reduce the normal threshold in calculating overtime accordingly.

**18.5** Switching Shifts - Switching shifts can be done as long as;

- a. No additional expense to the company is incurred (increased OT)
- b. The switch does not contravene Article **18.7**
- c. The switch is approved by the employee's supervisor or department manager and appropriate forms completed
- d. The switch takes place in the same pay period

**18.6** Shift Start Time

- a. All employees are required to be at work prior to the start time to allow for proper changing of clothes and prepare for work.
- b. With supervisor or manager approval, certain employees who are required to review production issues etc. may remain on shift more than their regular shift to explain details to the new crew. These employees will be paid for this time. This time must not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. The time is allocated to be ten (10) minutes prior to the shift and five (5) minutes after the shift has completed.

**18.7** Filling Open Shifts

When a shift needs to be filled it must be done first from a list of employees, sorted by seniority, that are in the position. The most senior person on the list is to be called first. If the shift is not filled after going through the list, then the Company may fill the shift from all other qualified candidates.

**Notwithstanding the foregoing, overtime shifts may be arranged for training purposes for specific employees, and specific purposes, regardless of seniority. These shifts will not be used to fill regular open shifts.**

**18.8** Unless receiving special permission from the General Manager, all employees must have one (1) day (24 hours) of rest in every seven (7) day period. This includes back to back shifts, partial shifts and/or call-ins, etc.

**18.9** The workweek shall commence on Monday and end on Sunday each week.

**18.10** The Company shall maintain a bi-weekly pay period system.

**18.11** In the event an employee is going to be absent from a scheduled shift for any reason, he/she shall be required to establish timely two-way verbal or written communication with one of the following people, and shall do so in the following order:

- a. Their Manager(s)
- b. Their immediate Supervisor, if applicable, or designated department representative
- c. The Mill Supervisor on duty, or designate (if absent)

Communication shall be initiated as soon as possible prior to the start of the scheduled work period. The communication will include the employee's name, the reason for the absence, and a number at which they can be reached. Each employee is also required to obtain permission from a Supervisor or Manager before leaving work during paid working hours.

Failure to establish two-way communication as described above or leaving work without permission may result in the absence being treated as unauthorized absenteeism and may subject the employee to discipline.

If an employee is absent from work without an authorized leave of absence for 3 consecutive work days, it may be viewed as termination due to abandonment of position.

**18.12** Each employee is required to request and obtain permission from a Supervisor or Manager before leaving work for any reason during their scheduled work period. Employees must clock out if they are leaving the site at any time during their shift, unless doing so for work-related reasons, or responding to emergency situations.

**18.13** Statutory Holiday Banking

- a. Employee to provide thirty (30) days' notice if they wish to bank a stat day or it will be paid out.
- b. **A banked stat will not be reflected on pay stub information but will be otherwise recorded internally. Such banked stat will not reduce the overtime threshold for the applicable pay period.**
- c. Employee to provide 30-day notice to use any banked stat.
- d. When an employee is scheduling to use his or her stat the threshold before OT will be reduced by the number of stats used in that particular period.
- e. Bank stats are not to exceed a total of two.



- f. Once two (2) stats are banked one must be paid out before banking the next stat as banked stats cannot exceed a total of two.
- g. Banked stats are paid out as straight time by reducing the hours of work as noted in the example above.

**18.14** Vacation and Sick days - During the pay period where vacation is taken, or sick leave is used, this time shall be considered time worked and will be utilized in the calculation of overtime. Hours will be drawn from the employee's vacation or sick accruals.

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## **ARTICLE 19 – REPORTING PAY, CALL-OUT PAY, PREMIUM PAY**

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**19.1** Reporting Pay - An employee who reports for work on his/her scheduled shift shall be paid for the time actually worked, or a minimum of three (3) hours' pay at straight time, whichever is the greater.

**19.2** Call Back - A minimum of three (3) hours' pay will be paid to an employee who is called out for work after the employee has finished his/her regularly scheduled working hours.

**19.3** Evening Shift Premium - Employees who work more than 50 percent of their assigned hours between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. shall be paid a shift differential of \$.75 cents per hour for all hours worked on that shift.

**19.4** Night Shift Premium - Employees who work more than 50 percent of their assigned hours between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. shall be paid a shift differential of **\$1.25** per hour for all hours worked on that shift. Effective **April 1, 2023**, Employees who work more than 50 percent of their assigned hours between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. shall be paid a shift differential of **\$1.75** per hour for all hours worked on that shift.

**19.5** Weekend Shift Premium **Effective the date of signing the final agreement post-ratification** employees shall be paid a premium of **\$1.75** per hour for all hours worked between 7:00 p.m. Friday and 7:00 a.m. Monday.

**19.6** Dual Ticket Premium - Maintenance employees will be eligible for an hourly dual ticket premium based on the following schedule and guidelines:

- a. The employee must possess valid journeyman tickets.
- b. There must be a business need for the dual ticket as determined by

- management.
- c. The employee agrees to utilize both valid journeyman tickets.
- d. Hourly dual ticket premium will be paid on all regular and overtime hours worked.
- e. The hourly dual ticket premium is \$3.00 per hour.

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## ARTICLE 20 - VACATIONS

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**20.1** Employees shall be entitled to vacation on the following basis:

120 hours vacation after 1 year of service.

160 hours vacation after 8 years of service.

**Effective April 1, 2023, 160 hours vacation after 7 years of service.**

200 hours vacation after 15 years of service.

**20.2** Employees will earn vacation at the threshold for each category, starting from their anniversary date of employment.

**20.3** The annual holiday scheduling procedure will be according to service with the Company; i.e. longer service - first choice. Requests for vacation received prior to May 1 of each year, and not denied subject to Article **20.4**, will remain pending through a two-week period during which other members of the department will be made aware of the request, and those more senior given an opportunity to supplant it with a request of their own. After the two-week period, if no other requests supersede the initial request it will be deemed accepted, unless otherwise stated. After May 1, requests will be accepted and approved on a first come first served basis. Employees will schedule vacation in the vacation year.

**20.4** Vacations shall be scheduled at a time mutually agreeable between the employee and the Company except for Vacation Shutdown periods.

**20.5** If the Company schedules a vacation shut down, it must:

- a. Schedule no more than 2 weeks annually.
- b. Schedule the shutdown for a minimum of one week, or a maximum of two consecutive weeks in the months of July or August.
- c. Notice of a shutdown must be given no later than March first of each year. Once scheduled, employees will be given the option of taking the time off, even if the shutdown is canceled. If Management allows employees to



work during a shutdown, employees who are willing to work will have their vacation rescheduled to a time that is mutually agreed on.

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## ARTICLE 21 – STATUTORY HOLIDAYS

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New Year's Day, Family Day, Good Friday, Victoria Day, Canada Day, Civic Holiday, Labour Day, **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**, Thanksgiving Day, Remembrance Day, Christmas Day, and Boxing Day, shall be recognized as General Holidays and employees shall be entitled to the above named General Holidays with full pay.

An employee who does not work on a statutory holiday is not entitled to pay for a statutory holiday that occurs in the first 30 days of employment with the Company.

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## ARTICLE 22 - EFFECTIVE DATE AND DURATION OF AGREEMENT

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A party wishing to revise this Agreement shall notify the other party in writing not less than 60 (sixty) days and not more than 90 (ninety) days prior to the expiry date hereof and on delivery of such notice the parties shall, within 10 (ten) days, or such later time as may be mutually agreed, commence negotiations.

This agreement shall be effective from **April 1, 2022**, and remain in full force and effect until **March 31, 2025**, and shall automatically continue thereafter from year to year until either party serves notice to the other of their desire to negotiate a revision thereof. During the negotiations for the renewal of this agreement or negotiations for a new agreement the terms and conditions of this agreement shall remain in full force and effect without prejudice to any retroactive clause of a new agreement until a new agreement superseding this agreement has been duly executed.

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## ARTICLE 23 - ADMINISTRATION OF SALARY SCHEDULE

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**23.1** Employees shall move to the next step in the salary schedule upon completion of the required time in the classification and subject to achieving a satisfactory performance review. Employees have the right to grieve if they disagree with their performance review.

**23.2** An employee who promotes to a position shall have their salary adjusted to a step

in their new classification which provides them with an increase.

**23.3** An employee who demotes to a position shall have their salary adjusted to the step in their new classification which is equal to the step achieved in their previous classification, or to the top step previously achieved in the new classification, whichever is greater. All time worked shall count towards increment levels.

**23.4** Wages for April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2025 shall be set according to the attached grid. **The wages then in place shall increase by 6.0 percent April 1, 2022, 5.0 percent April 1, 2023 and 4.0 percent April 1, 2024.**

**23.5** An employee who promotes to a new position shall have their pay adjusted to a step in the new classification that shall provide an increase of a minimum of two (2) percent.

**23.6** An employee who successfully bids into a promotion must be paid at the increased rate as soon as they assume the new position, or within sixty (60) days of their appointment, if their placement is delayed, except in the case of newly created or additional positions.

**23.7** In the case of newly created or additional positions, and back-fill positions resulting from employee movement into these, an Effective Start Date will be established at the time of posting. An employee who successfully bids into a promotion under these circumstances must be paid the increased rate as soon as they assume the new position, or within sixty (60) days of the Effective Start Date.

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## ARTICLE 24 - TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE

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The provisions of the Canada Labour Code shall apply to all situations involving Technological Change.

In witness thereof the parties hereto have hereunto subscribed their hands the day and the year first above written.

Dated this 27 day of Sept. 2022

For Grain Millers Canada Corporation

For Grain & General Services Union



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**Effective April 1, 2022 with 6.0 % increase**

Classification		A	B	C	D	E	F
		Sanitation I Warehouse Labourer	Shipper/Turret Truck Operator Packaging Operator Office Clerical I Lab Tech Elevator Assistant Sanitation II Forklift Operator Instant Mfg.	Cleaning Plant Operator Lead Hand Maintenance Office Clerical II Feed Mill Operator Shipper/Receiver II Shipper/Shunt Truck Operator	Assistant Miller	Miller	Supervisors
	Start	\$21.94	\$24.39	\$26.90	\$27.96	\$29.73	\$31.52
	500 hours	\$22.47	\$25.29	\$27.32	\$28.38	\$30.19	\$31.95
	2080 hours	\$23.24	\$26.08	\$28.20	\$29.29	\$31.05	\$32.83
	3120 hours	\$23.81	\$26.79	\$28.73	\$29.81	\$31.60	\$33.35
	4160 hours	\$24.77	\$27.59	\$29.54	\$31.05	\$33.02	\$34.76

Note 1: Labour	
General	\$17.72
Temp/Casual	\$17.72
Students	\$17.72

Power Engineers	
Start	\$33.44
90 days	\$34.32
6 mos	\$35.23
1 year	\$36.10
2 years	\$36.83

Classification	Trades	Trades	Trades Supervisor
	<b>Start apprenticeship</b>		
1st level	1 year experience and with passing grade in school	\$39.73	
2nd level	2 years' experience and with passing grade in school	\$41.96	
3rd level	3 years' experience and with passing grade in school	\$44.17	
Journeyman Status	4 years' experience and with passing grade in school	\$46.38	
		\$48.59	\$51.49



**Effective April 1, 2023 with 5.0 % increase**

Classification		A		B		C		D	E	F
		Sanitation I Warehouse Labourer		Shipper/Turret Truck Operator Packaging Operator Office Clerical I Lab Tech Elevator Assistant Sanitation II Forklift Operator Instant Mfg.		Cleaning Plant Operator Lead Hand Maintenance Office Clerical II Feed Mill Operator Shipper/Receiver II Shipper/Shunt Truck Operator		Assistant Miller	Miller	Supervisors
	Start	\$23.04		\$25.61		\$28.25		\$29.36	\$31.22	\$33.10
	500 hours	\$23.59		\$26.55		\$28.69		\$29.80	\$31.70	\$33.55
	2080 hours	\$24.40		\$27.38		\$29.61		\$30.75	\$32.60	\$34.47
	3120 hours	\$25.00		\$28.13		\$30.17		\$31.30	\$33.18	\$35.02
	4160 hours	\$26.01		\$28.97		\$31.02		\$32.60	\$34.67	\$36.50

Note 1: Labour	
General	\$18.61
Temp/Casual	\$18.61
Students	\$18.61

Power Engineers	
Start	\$35.11
90 days	\$36.04
6 mos	\$36.99
1 year	\$37.91
2 years	\$38.67

Classification	Trades	Trades	Trades Supervisor
	<b>Start apprenticeship</b>		
1st level	1 year experience and with passing grade in school	\$41.72	
2nd level	2 years' experience and with passing grade in school	\$44.06	
3rd level	3 years' experience and with passing grade in school	\$46.38	
Journeyman Status	4 years' experience and with passing grade in school	\$48.70	
		\$51.02	\$54.06

Effective April 1, 2024 with 4.0 % increase

Classification											
A		B		C		D		E		F	
Sanitation I Warehouse Labourer		Shipper/Turret Truck Operator Packaging Operator Office Clerical I Lab Tech Elevator Assistant Sanitation II Forklift Operator Instant Mfg.		Cleaning Plant Operator Lead Hand Maintenance Office Clerical II Feed Mill Operator Shipper/Receiver II Shipper/Shunt Truck Operator		Assistant Miller		Miller		Supervisors	
Start		\$23.96		\$26.63		\$29.37		\$30.53		\$32.47	
500 hours		\$24.54		\$27.62		\$29.83		\$30.99		\$32.97	
2080 hours		\$25.38		\$28.48		\$30.79		\$31.98		\$33.91	
3120 hours		\$26.00		\$29.25		\$31.37		\$32.55		\$34.51	
4160 hours		\$27.05		\$30.13		\$32.26		\$33.91		\$36.06	
										\$34.42	
										\$34.89	
										\$35.85	
										\$36.42	
										\$37.96	

Note 1: Labour	
General	\$19.35
Temp/Casual	\$19.35
Students	\$19.35

Power Engineers	
Start	\$36.52
90 days	\$37.48
6 mos	\$38.47
1 year	\$39.42
2 years	\$40.22

Classification	Trades	Trades	Trades Supervisor
Start apprenticeship			
1st level	1year experience and with passing grade in school	\$43.39	
2nd level	2 years' experience and with passing grade in school	\$45.82	
3rd level	3 years' experience and with passing grade in school	\$48.23	
Journeyman Status	4 years' experience and with passing grade in school	\$50.65	
		\$53.06	\$56.23



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## APPENDIX A - NEW: EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

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(Note: replaces old Articles 11.2 – 11.5 and 11.7 – 8)

Effective October 1, 2022 (\*\*best efforts subject to timely ratification to allow completion)

The Company shall maintain a cost-shared employee benefits program including, at minimum, group life insurance, AD&D, extended health and dental benefits. Costs shall be shared between the Employer and eligible employees with adjustments to provide for the most advantageous tax position for employees. The benefit year is October 1 to September 30.

The plan descriptions below are effective as soon as administratively feasible post-ratification of this Agreement. All claims are subject to the insurance carrier's approval and, in certain cases, market-based maximums. If there is a discrepancy between the plan document and the language in this collective agreement, the plan document will be considered correct.

Participation in the program shall be mandatory for all permanent fulltime employees upon successful completion of their probation period unless satisfactory proof of other coverage is provided to the Employer. Employees must meet the eligibility requirements of the plan and are responsible to complete all required enrolment documents and procedures in a timely manner. Specifics regarding coverage will always be pursuant to the Plan documents, which do not form part of this collective agreement. A summary booklet of the current coverages is provided upon enrolment and again when major changes are implemented. Copies are also available upon request by any participating employee from the Employer's Human Resources Manager or designate.

**Group Life Insurance:** This group term insurance provides a benefit in the amount of two (2) times annual basic salary to a maximum of \$100,000.00. The benefit will reduce to 50% of the above amount when the employee reaches the age of 65. Coverage ends when the employee retires, their employment ends or they reach 71 years, whichever is earlier.

**Accidental Death and Dismemberment:** Accidental death and dismemberment coverage is equal to the amount of life insurance. The amount paid is a percentage of the AD&D coverage and is based on the loss suffered. The percentages used to determine the payment are found in detail in the plan booklet.

**Dental:** eligible employees and dependents covered for dental care benefits will receive at

minimum:

- Preventative Procedures- 100%
- Basic procedures – 100%
- Major procedures– 50%
- Annual Maximum Benefit for each person- \$2,500
- \$0 deductible

**Extended Health:** eligible employees and dependents in this plan are provided the following, non-inclusive list, of coverage levels:

- Approved prescription Drugs – 80%
- Paramedical - \$400/year per specialty including audiology exams
- 100% of the costs for specified medical services and equipment
- Out of Province – Emergency – 100%; Referred – 80%
- Hearing aids to maximum \$2500/5 years per person
- \$0 deductible

**Vision:** eligible employees are provided coverage for eye examinations up to \$200 every two years and coverage for purchase of prescription eyewear up to \$400 every two years.

**Best Doctors:** Best Doctors offers a variety of services that can help if a person suspects or has been diagnosed with a serious medical condition. Please refer to plan document for specifics on this benefit.

**Employee Family Assistance Program:** Provides mental health, family & relationships, legal, and financial services for employees and their dependents.

### Disability

**Short Term Disability:** STD coverage provides a benefit to an eligible employee if they become totally disabled with an illness or injury outside of work. Upon submitting an accepted proof of claim, employees are eligible to receive a percentage of weekly earnings up to a maximum as outlined in the plan document. The maximum benefit period is 120 days. STD eligibility ends on the day the employee retires or reaches age 71, whichever is earlier. Premiums are 100% company paid, therefore any benefit received is taxable.

**Long Term Disability:** LTD coverage provides a benefit to an eligible employee who becomes totally disabled while covered and subject to providing proof of acceptable claim to the carrier. LTD payments begin after an employee has been totally disabled for an uninterrupted period of 120 days or after the last day benefits are payable under STD.



Upon submitting an accepted proof of claim, employees are eligible to receive a percentage of monthly earnings up to a maximum as outlined in the plan document. The plan document outlines specifics about the calculations on the benefit payment.

LTD eligibility ends on the day the employee reaches 65, less the elimination period of 120 days, the day the employee retires, or as specified in the plan document under General Information. Premiums are 100% employee paid, therefore any benefit received is non-taxable.

**Optional Life Insurance:** Employees may choose to purchase additional life insurance coverage through the plan provider for themselves, spouse, child(ren) per the plan document and subject to minimum demand thresholds. Participants must provide suitable evidence of insurability to the carrier.

Premiums are 100% employee paid, therefore any benefit received is non-taxable.

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## LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #1

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Between

**Grain Millers Canada Corporation**

and

**Grain and General Services Union (ILWU • Canada)**

**Re: Hours of Work and Shift Schedules**

1. On December 1 and June 1 of each year of the current agreement, the shift schedule for the next six (6) month period shall be set out and published for all members.
2. Any changes to the shifts as set out will be carried out in accordance with Article 13.3. The Company agrees that changes to any schedule set out above shall be made only when there is urgent and pressing necessity for the change.
3. The Company shall give an employee at least seven (7) calendar days' written notice of shift cancellation.
4. No employee will be called in to replace an employee who has had their shift canceled. If a shift is reinstated after being canceled, the employee regularly assigned to that shift must be given first opportunity to fill the shift.

Casual, Temporary and Part Time Employees

1. The rate of pay for casual, temporary and part-time employees shall be as stipulated in the Wage Grid under Note 1.
2. Casual, temporary and part-time employees shall not be eligible for participation in the benefit plans.
3. Casual, temporary and part-time employees will not be hired to displace, or replace a regular employee. The Company shall not use any system of consecutive employment of casuals to avoid hiring a regular employee.




4. Union dues will be deducted from casual employees after they have worked more than 24 straight-time hours in one pay period. Casual, temporary and part-time employees shall not pay the special assessment of 1 percent to a maximum of \$10 per month paid by regular employees.

5. Casual, temporary and part-time employees will be paid statutory holidays and vacation pay in accordance with the Canada Labour Code.

Dated this 27 day of Sept., 2022

  
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For Grain Millers Canada Corporation

For Grain & General Services Union (ILWU • Canada)

  
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## LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #2

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**Between**

**Grain Millers Canada Corporation**

**and**

**Grain and General Services Union (ILWU • Canada)**

**Re: Out-of-Scope Production Foremen**

The Union agrees that the position of Production Foreman, as established by the Company, will be designated as out-of-scope.

Dated this 27 day of Sept., 2022

  
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For Grain Millers Canada Corporation

  
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For Grain & General Services Union (ILWU • Canada)



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## LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #3

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Between

Grain Millers Canada Corporation

and

Grain and General Services Union (ILWU • Canada)

Re: Maintaining Benefits and Allowances

The Company shall maintain the following benefits and allowances for the life of the agreement. Providers of service may be changed, but benefits and allowances will be maintained at the same, or no less advantageous, level for the employees.

### Employee Uniforms

The Company will pay 100% of the cost of cleaning required Company clothing (i.e. coveralls, smocks, and other clothing currently supplied). Uniforms must not be removed from Company property.

The Company shall provide a safety boot allowance **and a safety eyewear allowance** of 100% of the cost of **such approved equipment** to a maximum Company payment of \$300.00 **each** annually, upon presentation to the Company of a paid receipt. At the discretion of the Company an employee may be eligible to receive an additional allowance for the purchase of a second pair of boots at a frequency less than one (1) year.

The Company may determine that some employees may be eligible to receive a second annual allowance for the purchase of winter weight boots on the same basis. This will be at the sole discretion of the Company.

### Work Gloves

The Company shall supply appropriate work gloves to employees requiring them for the performance of their duties on an as-needed basis to a maximum of two pairs of gloves per month. Old gloves must be turned in before new ones will be issued. Winter- weight gloves will be provided to employees whose duties require them to occasionally work outside.

## Tools

The Company shall supply each maintenance employee with their own set of hand tools and a lockable toolbox. The employee will replace lost or stolen tools. The Company will replace broken or damaged tools. The Company shall supply departmental tools. Employees may move tools between locations, but all tools remain the property of the Company, and must remain on Company property.

## Winter Clothing

The Company shall supply suitable winter clothing for some employees to use while at the plant. Other employees who are required to work outside periodically shall have access to shared winter clothing while performing their duties. Hardhat liners shall be provided to employees who require them and the employee shall be responsible for their cleaning.

The Company will determine which employees require winter clothing and Department Managers will purchase the clothing. Each Department Manager will determine how often winter clothing should be replaced.

All supplied clothing shall remain the property of Grain Millers Canada Corporation. Employees will be responsible for lost or stolen clothing issued to them. Grain Millers Canada Corporation will provide cleaning services as required for all winter weight clothing at no cost to the employee. All supplied clothing (including cost- shared work boots) must remain on company property, and employees must change when reporting to and leaving work.

Dated this 27 day of Sept., 2022

  
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For Grain Millers Canada Corporation

  
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For Grain & General Services Union (ILWU • Canada)



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## LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #4

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**Between**

**Grain Millers Canada Corporation**

**and**

**Grain and General Services Union (ILWU • Canada)**

### **Re: Overtime Thresholds**

The cyclical nature of the business may result in overtime being requested beyond the maximum for any individual employee on occasion.

Employees have the right to choose to work beyond the maximum hours that are required by the Canada Labour Code if they so wish.

If an employee agrees to work overtime past their allowable limit as outlined in the Canada Labour Code, but then determines after they are assigned they do not wish to work above the limit, the following guidelines must be followed,

1. The employee must receive permission from the Manager, or Supervisor/alternate Manager in his/her absence, to leave before the end of their assigned duties, shifts or scheduled hours which the employee has already begun on that particular day.
2. If an employee requests they not work an agreed to shift less than 48 hours from the commencement of the extra shift or scheduled hours, the employee must receive permission from the Manager, or Supervisor/alternate Manager in his/her absence to leave before the end of their assigned duties, shifts or scheduled hours. The Manager, or Supervisor/alternate Manager in his/her absence, shall determine how the impact will affect the operation of the systems directly related to this employee and attempt to reschedule other staff or operation needs in order to accommodate the refusal to work. However, if the schedule cannot be altered then the pre-agreed extra hours must be worked by the employee.
3. If the scheduled extra hours are beyond those outlined in the Canada Labour Code, and the employee has agreed or not disputed the extra shifts/hours but then

is asking permission for refusal to work the extra hours at least 7 calendar days in advance, the Manager, or Supervisor/alternate Manager in his/her absence, will grant permission.

Nothing in the above guidelines is meant to change or challenge an employee's right to their rights under the Health and Safety provisions of the Canada Labour Code. It is encouraged that employees read and understand the Canada Labour Code that deals with the above guidelines.

**For Reference:**

<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/jobs/workplace/federal-labour-standards/work-hours.html#h3.01.01>

Dated this 27 day of Sept., 2022

  
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For Grain Millers Canada Corporation

  
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## LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #5

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Between

Grain Millers Canada Corporation

and

Grain and General Services Union (ILWU • Canada)

**Re: Standby Assignment**

### **Standby Assignment**

Standby assignment shall mean any period of time an employee is not on regular duty but has been assigned to standby assignment and must be available to respond to any request to return to duty.

All decisions and efforts must be made to reduce downtime in production in accordance with the following provisions:

- Standby employees must respond to a phone call made from the plant personnel within twenty (20) minutes of the call being made.
- When an employee on standby is required to report to the plant, they must respond on site without delay, and no later, than one-and-one-half (1.5) hours from receiving the notification.

Employees will be scheduled on standby on a rotational basis from all qualified employees. It shall be the sole and exclusive right of the Company to determine, from time to time, the number of employees, if any, that are designated on standby. This determination will be at the discretion of the Company and therefore the rotation of the system may be flexible.

A standby payment for standby assignment shall be paid to employee(s), so assigned on the following basis:

- Those employees designated as on standby shall be paid 12.5% of their hourly wage for each one (1) hour that they are on standby.



- An employee may elect to either be paid for such standby assignment or be credited with compensatory time off at an amount equal to one (1) hour of regular pay for every eight (8) hour block assigned to be on standby. This compensatory time off must be pre-approved by the Manager, or designate, and taken at a mutually agreeable time. The employee makes such election during the pay period in which the standby assignment is worked and an Employee can only hold an equivalent of one (1) day (8 hours) block of compensatory time at a time.

Provided sufficient notice is given and with the approval of the Company, employees may exchange standby shifts if there is no increase in cost to the Company.

### **Standby Premium**

If the number of standby hours assigned in a two week pay period is thirty-six (36) hours or more, the employee will receive a premium payment of 6.25% of their hourly wage for all hours on standby.

Dated this 27 day of September, 2022



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