

“ B ” class trainees—*i.e.*, those who are trained by means of a subsidized contract of engagement with a private employer for a maximum period of three years—are paid at the same rate as “ A ” class trainees, but subsidy as follows is paid by the Rehabilitation Board, with an additional subsidy of 10s. per week where time off to the extent of one full day per week to attend technical classes is given :—

Period.	Employer's Share.	Board's Share.	Gross Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
First eight months	2 12 6	2 12 6	5 5 0
Next four months	3 4 6	2 3 0	5 7 6
Third six months	3 17 0	1 13 0	5 10 0
Fourth six months	4 10 0	1 2 6	5 12 6
Fifth six months	5 15 0	Nil	5 15 0
Sixth six months	6 0 0	Nil	6 0 0

Local Supervisory Committees. The Board has made provision for the setting-up of local Trade Training Supervisory Committees. These Committees, comprising a member of the local Rehabilitation Committee as Chairman, and representatives of employers' and workers' organizations, with the Rehabilitation Officer as Secretary, are authorized to discharge the following functions in connection with “ B ” class trainees :—

- (i) To determine the suitability of trainees for continued training in a trade for which they have been selected, and subject to the approval of the Board to terminate such training where necessary.
- (ii) To determine, before commencement of training, wage and subsidy rates in the light of the above scales and of any previous experience possessed by trainees.
- (iii) To supervise the training of ex-servicemen and to ensure that trainees receive adequate tuition from their employers.

Statistical Results.—Table VI of the Appendix gives details of “ A ” class—*i.e.*, training centre—trainees who had completed training as at 31st March, 1943, as well as details of those who were then undergoing training and those who had broken down during training.

“ B ” class trainees actually placed with private employers as at 31st March numbered only 47, but this form of training has only recently been made available, and there was in process of negotiation a considerable number of “ B ” class traineeships as at 31st March, 1943. “ B ” class trainees at present undergoing training are almost all building or engineering trainees.

In addition to men trained or undergoing training in trades, a special full-time course of instruction in wool-classing has been made available to ten ex-servicemen at Massey Agricultural College.

Under this scheme the ex-servicemen are undergoing full-time intensive training for a period of five months, after which they are to be placed at this calling by Rehabilitation Officers. During training, the ex-servicemen in question are being paid living-allowance by the Rehabilitation Service at the rate of £5 5s. weekly.

✓ (10) EDUCATION ✓

Not long after its establishment the Rehabilitation Board set up an Education Committee to assist it in the formulation of measures to provide educational facilities to ex-servicemen and ex-servicewomen as well as to the dependants of deceased servicemen.

The Committee includes a member of the Board as Chairman, the Director of Education, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of New Zealand, the Director of Army Education, and the Director of Air Force Education. Following on the deliberations of the Committee, the Board has made arrangements for various facilities to be extended to ex-servicemen who have suffered interruption of their studies by war service or who wish to embark on a course for the first time.

Previous to the arrangement made by the Board, the Education Department anticipated the need for some provision for ex-servicemen and made available to them free of cost all existing technical and high school courses in any way under the Department's control. This arrangement extended to the courses prepared by the Correspondence School of the Education Department.

The facilities formerly available have been extended, and now include—

- (i) Free places in technical, secondary, and combined schools.
- (ii) Free correspondence tuition via the Correspondence School of the Education Department.
- (iii) Ordinary University bursaries—*i.e.*, extending only to course, &c., fees.
- (iv) Special University bursaries—*i.e.*, extending to course fees and involving allowance at a rate of up to £5 5s. weekly during college terms.
- (v) Free correspondence tuition with private correspondence schools where adequate services are not available under (i) to (iv) above.
- (vi) Free books, instruments, and materials to men/women receiving tuition under (i) to (v) above.

There are also to be made available post-graduate scholarships to the value of £250 per annum, tenable for periods of up to three years either in New Zealand or abroad.

The conditions of eligibility in respect of the various educational facilities are—

- (i) That the ex-serviceman/woman has served for at least twelve months.
- (ii) That the ex-serviceman/woman makes application within three years of discharge.
- (iii) That the ex-serviceman/woman has received discharge.

In special circumstances any of these qualifications may be waived.

Special provision is made for any of the above facilities to be made available where necessary.

An important condition is that discharged servicemen who have held special bursaries or post-graduate scholarships under this scheme may be required to serve in the New Zealand Government Service for a period of three years from the date of termination of their training.

At the present time a wide range of tuition has been made available through correspondence courses, including those controlled by the Army Education Welfare Service.