

Financial Assistance. Financial assistance to the trainee depends on the form of training, as follows: COURSES AT EDUCATIONAL OR TRAINING INSTITUTIONS. Women attending approved full-time or part-time courses at an approved educational or training institution -

will have their tuition, examination and certificate fees paid by the Commonwealth; can claim a refund of fares to and from the place of training, can apply for a supply of essential books and training equipment to a maximum value of \$80.

Women attending full-time courses (20 hours or more weekly) can also claim an INCIDENTAL EXPENSES allowance of \$4 weekly. (Where it is necessary for the trainee to live away from her normal place of residence in order to attend a full-time training course at an approved educational institution, a contribution of \$5.00 weekly may be claimed towards extra living costs away from home)

CORRESPONDENCE COURSES: Women enrolled in approved correspondence courses -

will have their tuition, examination and certificate fees paid by the Commonwealth; can claim a refund of postage costs in submitting assignments to the correspondence school; can apply for a supply of essential books and equipment to a maximum value of \$80.

ON-THE-JOB TRAINING: Women placed in an approved programme of on-the-job training will be paid the appropriate wage for the job by the employer during training.

Maintenance Allowance: Some women may qualify for a MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE during the training period. This allowance is available to those women who, but for their attendance at an approved course of full-time training at an educational or training institution under this Scheme, would be eligible to claim Unemployment Benefit. This allowance is \$10 weekly plus \$2.50 weekly for the first dependent child and \$3.50 for each additional dependent child, the whole being subject to a means test.

For further details of this training scheme please contact the Regional Director of the Department of Labour and National Service in your State

TRAINING SCHEME FOR WIDOW PENSIONERS
(Commonwealth Department of Social Services)

Purpose of the Training Scheme: The Commonwealth Government has introduced the scheme to help widow pensioners to acquire a vocational skill which will enable them to undertake gainful employment.

Eligibility: Widows eligible to enter the training scheme are those in receipt of Class A or Class B pensions:

Class A - A widow with one or more children in her care

Class B - A widow at least 50 years of age or a widow at least 45 years of age whose Class A pension ceases because she no longer has a child in her care.

The Type of Training Provided. This may be either full-time or part-time

The training may take the form of a refresher course aimed at restoring confidence and bringing up to date a former skill or qualification. Again it may involve training for a new skill or a different occupation for which there are employment opportunities.

Training in approved courses will generally be provided by way of class instruction at a business or technical college. In special circumstances training by correspondence may be arranged. Approval may be given to training if it is likely to lead to suitable full-time or part-time employment.

Continuation of Pension: During training a widow will continue to receive her pension so long as she remains eligible.

Allowances and Cost of Tuition Fees: In addition to her Widows Pension a training allowance of four dollars per week will be paid. A living-away-from-home allowance of five dollars a week may also be paid where it is necessary for the widow to live away from her normal place of residence during training.

The cost of tuition fees and fares to and from the place of training will be met by the Department.

Books and Equipment: Books, equipment, appliances and tools of trade necessary for the training provided, may be supplied by the Department without cost to the individual. The cost of these items shall not exceed eighty dollars in any period of twelve months.

Similar items may also be issued to enable a widow to engage in employment, but in these circumstances the cost of the items has to be repaid to the Commonwealth.

Loans for Home Employment: An amount of up to \$400 may be made available as a loan to a widow who has undergone training and wishes to acquire equipment to enable her to engage in employment at her home.

For further details of this training scheme please contact the Department of Social Services in your State.

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T.P.N.G. APPOINTMENT

Members who have had the pleasure of meeting Mr. John Purcell at Canberra and Perth Conferences will be pleased to hear of his recent appointment as Controller of Corrective Services in the Territory.

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