

The regulations provide for a maximum training period of 12 months subject to extension up to, but not exceeding, the period of active service. Those who served less than 12 months may receive training allowances for only as many months as they served on active rates of pay.

The average length of vocational training courses is approximately six months. In the case of highly skilled trades, veterans approved for advanced technical courses and those indentured as apprentices may receive assistance by way of grants or subsidies for two years or more provided they have served the necessary period to establish entitlement. Where veterans are trained on the job, the employer is expected to pay wages on a graduated scale commensurate with the earning capacity of the trainee and subject to the limitations of the Act. The Department of Veterans Affairs subsidizes these wage rates up to approximately 80 p.c. of the amount the trainee will receive from the employer on completion of the subsidized training period.

From the inception of the Vocational Training Scheme until January, 1947, some 67,890 veterans had been granted allowances to enable them to take advantage of the training:—

<i>Year and Month</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Year and Month</i>	<i>No.</i>
Nov. 1941—Mar. 1942.....	238	Apr. 1945—Mar. 1946.....	17,929
Apr. 1942—Mar. 1943.....	783	Apr. 1946—Jan. 1947.....	42,458
Apr. 1943—Mar. 1944.....	1,497		
Apr. 1944—Mar. 1945.....	4,985	TOTALS.....	67,890

The following subdivision of veterans according to the province in which the application for training was approved, is based upon Department of Veterans Affairs districts (applications approved at Head Office were for training outside Canada) and is liable to minor errors where D.V.A. district boundaries and provincial boundaries do not coincide:—

<i>Province</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Province</i>	<i>No.</i>
Prince Edward Island.....	350	Saskatchewan.....	4,504
Nova Scotia.....	3,149	Alberta.....	5,715
New Brunswick.....	2,357	British Columbia.....	7,374
Quebec.....	10,570	Head Office.....	559
Ontario.....	26,272		
Manitoba.....	7,040	TOTALS.....	67,890

The status of the 32,788 veterans actually in receipt of allowances on Jan. 31, 1947, was as follows:—

<i>Nature of Training</i>	<i>Men</i>		<i>Women</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>No.</i>	<i>No.</i>		
In schools and training centres.....	18,364	2,966		21,330
Training-on-the-job.....	7,028	156		7,184
Prematriculation prior to vocational training.....	1,065	216		1,281
Semi-professional training.....	1,615	277		1,892
Correspondence courses: Employed persons.....	933	11		944
Correspondence courses: In hospitals and institutions..	155	2		157
TOTALS.....	29,160	3,628		32,788

In addition to the above there were 1,986 men who were training-on-the-job without allowances, due to the fact that employer-trainers pay self-sustaining wages prior to the expiration of the training period.