

APPENDIX A

Summary of existing provisions in the matter of post-discharge rehabilitation benefits for members of the armed forces.

Any disability arising or heightened during service is pensionable if the applicant saw service in a theatre of actual war, and any disability arising as a direct result of service is pensionable regardless of where the applicant served. Advocates are provided to assist pensioners in presenting their claims.

Free treatment with allowances for family is available as a permanent right at any time in hospitals of the Pensions Department for conditions related to service. Free hospital treatment is also available, with family allowances, for any remediable condition, with one or two exceptions, for a period equal to length of service, with a maximum of one year for conditions not related to service.

Subject to reasonable conditions, this Act provides for loans up to \$4,800; \$3,600 is the maximum for land and buildings, of which a 10% deposit by the settler is required; \$1,200 is the maximum for chattels, with no deposit required. The interest rate is 3½%. Three main types of assistance provide for: (a) full time farming for qualified farmers; (b) small holdings coupled with a wide range of employment; (c) small holdings coupled with commercial fishing. A substantial rebate in the cost of land and chattels may be granted after fulfilment of contract for a given period.

Subject to certain reasonable safeguards, employers are required, with respect to those who have left their employment to enlist in the armed forces, to reinstate them in employment under conditions not less favorable than those which would have been applicable had enlistment not taken place.

Preference in respect of appointments to the public service has been accorded to certain categories of veterans since the end of World War I. This preference has been extended to include veterans of the present war and is a definite statutory provision within the terms of the Civil Service Act.

Preference in employment is provided in all war contracts to those who have served in the armed forces.

Vocational training is available to all discharged persons who have no trade or who need a brush-up course in their trade. Maintenance benefits on married and single scale may be paid during such training.

Maintenance benefits and student fees may be paid to those who resume education interrupted by their enlistment. Students are required to enter a university within 15 months after discharge, and the period for which benefits may be paid is determined by the length of service of the student.

Post-graduate courses may be given, with maintenance, in approved cases.

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