

Veteran's Wives, Widows, Children Eligible VA Says

Veteran's wives, widows and children who are eligible for VA educational assistance may now take on-the-job training or apprenticeships in lieu of going to college.

H. D. Anders, Veterans Administration Director in Alaska pointed out a new law has increased allowances for this type of training by nearly 48 per cent and broadened the types of training available under the Dependent's Educational Assistance Program.

"In addition to training wages paid by employers, VA now pays trainees a starting stipend of \$160 per month," Anders explained. "The old rate was \$108."

The new public law also changed the rules on correspondence training to open this form of training to eligible wives and children.

VA educational benefits, including apprenticeship and other on-job training, are available to veterans who served at least 180 days, and part of it after Jan. 31, 1955.

Also entitled to those benefits are wives, widows and children of veterans whose deaths or permanent, total disabilities were service-connected; wives and children of servicemen who are prisoners of war or missing in action for more than 90 days.