

*Awards are granted entirely at the discretion of the Legion, which may refuse applications from eligible applicants; there is no appeals procedure*

## Chapter 1

### Eligibility

**About your UK Armed Forces Service Connection:** To be eligible to apply for one or more of these schemes you must have served in the UK Armed Forces (Regular or Reserves) or be an eligible working age dependant of someone who has served in the UK Armed Forces.

**About where you live:** You must be a full time resident (or have leave to remain indefinitely) in the UK except Scotland (Poppyscotland manage a similar service for Scottish residents visit [www.civvystreet.org](http://www.civvystreet.org) for more details).

**About your employment status:** You must be unemployed and registered with the UK unemployment services as available and actively seeking work. Consideration will be given to those who are employed but in receipt of means tested employment support benefits e.g. working tax credit or those who are in receipt of a compulsory redundancy notice or confirmation of discharge from the UK Armed Forces and you are also within your last 13 weeks before your final discharge date.

**About your current financial circumstances:** You must be able to show that you are in financial need and that you do not have the means to pay or have access to the means to pay from statutory funded employment support programmes, grants or loan schemes inc MoD resettlement schemes or your own personal means.

**About the job outcome:** You must be able to provide documentary evidence to support that assistance from the scheme you are applying for will result in a sustainable employment outcome. For those applicants with low skills you must provide evidence from a statutory support agency to confirm the assistance requested will enhance your employability skills or assist you into employment.

**Retrospective Funding:** You cannot apply for an award if you have already started or enrolled on a course and paid or agreed to pay for the course from your own means or other payment agreements. You cannot apply for an award for anything that has already been paid for or you have made a commitment to pay e.g. HP agreements. Please contact Legionline 08457 725 725 to talk to the Legion's money advice team if you are experiencing financial difficulty because of a debt