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Training courses that can be offered in the United Kingdom are as follows:

CENTRAL ELECTRICITY BOARD

Offers two courses annually:

- (a) Generation, starting in January for six months;
- (b) Transmission, starting in April for three months.

Formal qualifications, although desirable, are not insisted upon, but applicants should hold a responsible position in an overseas electricity supply organisation. Up to 20 places are available on these courses but there is keen competition for the available places and applications should be received by the Board by the 1 September the previous year.

THE ELECTRICITY COUNCIL

Provide training in distribution at any of their Area Boards throughout the country. These are usually attachments limited to three months duration, and adequate notice is required before placings can be made.

SCOTTISH BOARDS

Can supply training in hydro-electric power which is not obtainable with either the CEB or EC. however, training is somewhat limited by the facilities available. Academic training is of course also available from OND level upwards.

If we are to receive technical assistance applications for training in the field of electricity we should prefer that they were made by the recipient Government as part of the bilateral TA programme as they will be subject to the usual training criteria: the training programme must be for a minimum period of three months, applicants from non-Commonwealth Africa must reach a minimum standard of English and be tested by the local British Council Representative in this respect, applicants must be of "reasonable" age by which we normally mean up to 40 or not more than 45 as the upper limit. Oversea Governments are aware of the form their training applications should take as we receive many from the African territorics for this sort of training.