



# MANAGING YOUR TRANSITION TIMELINE (MYTT)

Transition activities must begin **NLT 365 DAYS** before transition and may begin as early as **24 MONTHS** prior to retirement

Access [Transition Online Learning \(TOL\)](#) for self-paced online courses

## 24 - 18 MONTHS

- Make an appt with your local TAP Counselor to begin the TAP process
- Retiring: Schedule and attend Individualized Initial Counseling and Pre-Separation Counseling
- Identify a [mentor](#)
- Create a [LinkedIn](#) account and start to build your network
- Review your Joint Service Transcript (JST), [Verification of Military Experience and Training \(VMET\)](#), CG-4082, and other Service specific documents for accuracy
- Use [MilGears](#) to conduct career exploration
- Update your spending plan; review your emergency savings fund

## 18-12 MONTHS

- Separating: Schedule and attend Individualized Initial Counseling and Pre-Separation Counseling
- Explore [SkillBridge](#) opportunities or credentialing opportunities through [COOL](#)
- Schedule TAP workshops and tracks through your TAP Counselor/Office
- Create a [master resume](#)
- Consider taking [CLEP](#) exams

## 12-6 MONTHS

- Begin and refine your job search
- Use your master resume to begin drafting targeted resume
- Arrange for household goods (HHG) [transportation counseling](#) if necessary
- Review and update your will and other legal documents
- Retiring: meet with your Service Retirement Office
- Start attending [career fairs](#)
- Obtain copies of medical records and attend appointments to prepare to submit for [Benefits Delivery at Discharge \(BDD\)](#) or [Fully Developed VA Disability claim](#)

## 6-4 MONTHS

- Start your SHPE and SHA, visit [TRICARE](#) online for information
- Schedule final dental checkups
- Consider whether to take [terminal leave](#) or [sell back your leave balance](#)
- Determine if you are eligible for separation pay or early retirement
- Submit a BDD claim using a [vetted VSO](#)
- Connect with an [American Job Center \(AJC\)](#) near you
- Register on [VA.gov](#)
- Sign up for a free year of [LinkedIn Premium](#)
- Make an appointment with a financial counselor

## 3 MONTHS

- Review your DD 2648 and DD 214
- Research your health insurance options
- Retiring: Register for [TRICARE](#)
- Contact your medical treatment facility to get copies of your health and dental records
- Complete [VA Healthcare registration](#)
- Set up a one-on-one session with a VA Benefits Advisor
- Obtain a [Veterans' Preference letter](#) from VA
- Apply for [Personalized Career Planning and Guidance](#)

## 90 DAYS OR LESS

- Begin applying and interviewing for positions
- Submit fully developed VA Disability claim through a [vetted VSO](#)
- Retiring: Make a [Survivor Benefit Plan](#) election
- Retiring: Review and complete DD 2656 with a retirement services office or counselor
- Review [Military OneSource](#) for resources available first-year post-transition
- Retiring: Sign up for dental and vision insurance
- Schedule Capstone with a TAP Counselor and Commander/designee

## DAY OF SEPARATION

- Have multiple certified copies of your DD 214 and 2656
- Update VA.gov with personal phone number, email, and address
- Apply for [VA Dental Insurance](#)
- Apply for VA [Veteran's Health Identification Card](#), if using VA healthcare
- Apply for [Veteran ID card](#) to receive Veteran discounts
- Resources available post-transition:
  - [Military OneSource](#)
  - [AJC](#) for employment needs
  - [TOL](#) for TAP courses and resources