

## Transition Resources *Making the Connection*

DoD has created an on-line Preseparation Guide for transitioning active duty Service members and their families.

Topics include:

- Employment Assistance and One-Stop Career Centers
- Entrepreneurship
- Relocation Assistance
- Education and Training
- Health Care
- Personal Finances
- Guard and Reserve Affiliation
- Veterans Benefits
- Disabled Veterans

To access this guide visit the Transition Assistance Program website at [www.TurboTAP.org](http://www.TurboTAP.org).



Transitioning Service members can find a number of valuable on-line resources:

Transition Assistance Program  
[www.TurboTAP.org](http://www.TurboTAP.org)

DOL Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS)  
[www.dol.gov/vets](http://www.dol.gov/vets)

One-Stop Career Centers  
[www.doleta.gov/usworkforce/onestop/onestopmap.cfm](http://www.doleta.gov/usworkforce/onestop/onestopmap.cfm)

Department of Veterans Affairs  
[www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)



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# DoD Transition Assistance Program



The **Transition Assistance Program** website provides information and resources designed to assist Service members leaving active duty. The website includes detailed information about the Transition Assistance Program, a Preseparation Guide, and contact information for Transition Assistance Offices.

**DOL Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS)** provides veterans and transitioning Service members with the resources and services necessary to maximize their employment opportunities and to protect their employment rights.



DOL-sponsored **One-Stop Career Centers** are designed to provide a full range of assistance to job seekers under one roof. Located at state employment offices, they offer training referrals, career counseling, job listings, and similar employment-related services.

The **Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)** provides a wealth of information on benefits and services for those leaving military service:

**Education (GI Bill)**  
1-888-442-4551

**Health Care Benefits**  
1-877-222-8387

**Life Insurance**  
1-800-669-8477

**All Other VA Benefits**  
1-800-827-1000

The Transition Assistance Program (TAP) is a partnership among the Department of Defense (DoD), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and the Department of Labor Veterans' Employment and Training Service (DOL VETS). The primary goal of TAP is to ease the transition for Service members from a military career back to the civilian sector by connecting them to necessary services and resources.

There are four primary components of the TAP program:

- 1. Preseparation Counseling** provides members with an overview of TAP, including benefits to which they may be entitled, their rights upon separation, and services and resources that will be available to them. Transition Assistance Office personnel also help members complete the Preseparation Counseling Checklist to help identify TAP services that will benefit them.
- 2. DOL Employment Workshops** are designed to help Service members plan and execute successful job searches. Workshops focus on assessing skills, preferences, and experiences; defining career objectives; and succeeding in job searches and interviews through development of effective resume writing, focused employment opportunities research, and interviewing skills.

**3. VA Benefits Briefings** provide information to members regarding veterans' benefits, including medical care, disability compensation, education, insurance options, loan guaranties, and other programs and benefits for certain qualified family members. VA Service Representatives work with separating members to help ensure they are aware of their options and of eligibility requirements.

**4. Disabled Transition Assistance Program (DTAP)** helps members who may be released from Service because of a disability or who believe they have a disability qualifying them for vocational rehabilitation and employment-related services. DTAP assists eligible Service members in making informed decisions about VA's Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Program and facilitates the expeditious delivery of vocational rehabilitation services to eligible persons by assisting them in filing necessary applications.

Service members and eligible spouses can access TAP services up to 180 days following separation. Visit the local Transition Assistance Office for more information about services, resources, and eligibility requirements. For more comprehensive information on TAP services, visit [www.TurboTAP.org](http://www.TurboTAP.org).

