

## Individual Transition Plan (ITP BLOCK 1)

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated Separation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Date attended Pre-separation Counseling: \_\_\_\_\_ (attach copy of DD Form 2648 / 2648-1)

List your top 3 Military Occupation Code(s) and Title(s):

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### TRANSITION PLANNING OVERVIEW

The key to a successful transition is planning, which requires a carefully thought out Individual Transition Plan (ITP). The ITP provides a framework to achieve realistic career goals based upon an assessment of your personal and family needs as well as your unique skills, knowledge, experience, interests and abilities. You create and maintain your ITP with assistance from your Transition Counselor<sup>1</sup> using the following template. The ITP coincides with the Transition GPS (Goals, Plans, Success) outcome-based curriculum and provides a means to discover and explore your skills and interests which may lead to potential post-transition career paths. The ITP helps you identify critical activities associated with your transition and your Transition Counselor will assist you through the process of organizing your transition into manageable tasks. The ITP also helps you to establish a timeline for completing all required activities prior to separation – it is a living document and can be modified at any time. The ITP is the road map for attaining your employment, education, technical training, and entrepreneurial objectives and can help you make a successful transition to civilian life. To develop a successful ITP you must consider the following critical elements in your planning process:

**I. Identify Post-transition Personal/Family Requirements (ITP Block 1)**

- Taking Care of Individual/Family Needs
- Assessing Benefits and Entitlements
- Getting Financially Ready

**II. Evaluate Military and Civilian Experience and Training (ITP Block 1)**

- Documenting Job Related Training
- Verifying Eligibility for Licensure, Certification

**III. Determine Post-transition Career Path**

- Finding a New Job (ITP Block 2)
- Continuing Your Education (ITP Block 3)
- Pursuing Technical Training (ITP Block 4)
- Starting a Business (ITP Block 5)

**IV. Create a Transition Timeline (ITP Block 6)**

- Identifying Planning Milestones
- Synchronizing Specific Activities

<sup>1</sup> *Transition Counselor* is a term used by the Army & Air Force; *Advisor* (Marine Corps); *Command Career Counselor* (Navy); *State Transition Assistance Advisor* (National Guard); *Transition & Relocation Manager* (Coast Guard).

## CAREER READINESS STANDARDS

Prior to completing your Individual Transition Plan (ITP), it is important to note that there are Career Readiness Standards you will be expected to meet. You will be required to provide documentation of meeting the following readiness standards to your Transition Counselor and Command representative prior to separation. These standards are designed to increase your ability to successfully overcome any challenges you may face in pursuit of your chosen career path. Some Career Readiness Standards apply to all career paths (Employment, Education, Technical Training and Entrepreneurship) while others only apply to a specific career path.

### Career Readiness Standards Applicable to all Career Paths \*\*\*

- Attend Pre-Separation Counseling
- Complete Pre-Separation Counseling Checklist DD Form 2648 / DD Form 2648-1
- Register for VA Benefits (eBenefits)
- Prepare a Post-Separation 12-month budget reflecting personal and family goals and obligations
- Evaluate opportunities presented by continuing military service in a Reserve Component
- Crosswalk military skill set to civilian skills (MOS crosswalk) to include an evaluation of the demand for those civilian skills within the potential relocation destinations
- Identify and document requirements and eligibility for licensure, certification and apprenticeships at the potential relocation destinations
- Complete the Individual Transition Plan and provide documentation of meeting the Career Readiness Standards for the chosen career path

### Employment Career Readiness Standards \*\*\*

- Complete the employment readiness assessment prior to and after attending the Department of Labor Employment Workshop
- Prepare and submit the Job Application Package (e.g., create resume, identify references, submit at least two employment applications, and/or provide a job acceptance letter)
- Obtain a "Gold Card" Certificate from the Department of Labor

### Education Career Readiness Standards \*\*\*

- Complete an education needs assessment
- Identify, compare, and select academic institutions based on specific selection criteria
- Prepare and submit an Education Application Package (e.g., submit application to academic institution and/or provide an acceptance letter)
- Schedule one-on-one counseling with the academic advisor from the institution you will attend
- Connect with the Student Veteran Organization at your chosen institution

### Technical Training Career Readiness Standards \*\*\*

- Complete an education needs assessment
- Identify, compare, and select technical training institutions based on specific selection criteria
- Prepare and submit a Technical Training Application Package (e.g., submit application to technical training institution and/or provide an acceptance letter)
- Schedule one-on-one counseling with the academic advisor from the institution you will attend
- Connect with the Student Veteran Organization at your chosen institution

\*\*\* Career Readiness Standards are noted by 3 asterisks throughout the Individual Transition Plan

## PERSONAL ASSESSMENT

### Section I. Identify Post-transition Personal/Family Requirements

#### A. Taking Care of Individual/Family Member Needs

- ❖ Identify individual/family needs such as medical care, expenses, and location of potential providers.

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- ❖ Identify extenuating individual/family circumstances (e.g. need to provide care for elderly parents, family business, exceptional family member needs, etc.).

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- ❖ Assess impact of individual/family requirements on relocation options (e.g. quality of local schools, availability of medical care, spouse employment opportunities, etc.).

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- ❖ Evaluate your immediate post-transition housing requirements. Determine how much living space you will require to safely house yourself, dependents, and personal items. Consider whether you may need to make more than one move or need to utilize temporary storage. Contact the housing referral office to identify local and remote housing options. The installation transportation office can provide detailed information about planning the movement and storage of your household goods. Visit the VA website: <http://www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/> to get information on the VA home loan program.

Notes:

- ❖ Consider your post-transition transportation requirements. Determine if you have adequate reliable personal transportation to take you to and from your place of employment or school. Evaluate your commuting options and whether you need to purchase another vehicle(s) for your spouse and/or dependents. Identify your post-transition transportation expenses to include: purchase costs, vehicle registration, insurance, maintenance, fuel, etc. If you are disabled, determine if you are eligible for assistance in purchasing a vehicle and/or automotive adaptive equipment by visiting [http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/regs/38CFR/BOOKB/PART3/S3\\_808.DOC](http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/regs/38CFR/BOOKB/PART3/S3_808.DOC)

Notes:

- What person or persons do you go to for advice, personal counsel and/or mentoring when facing a difficult challenge or decision? Will you still have access to those persons after you separate from active duty? Consider what steps you need to take now to maintain contact.

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- With whom do you spend your leisure time now? Who is a part of your social network? How did you meet them? Determine the steps you need to take to continue these relationships or establish this type of support in the community where you will live post-separation.

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**B. Assessing Benefits and Entitlements**

- ❖ \*\*\* Evaluate the benefits (e.g. additional income, promotions, leadership and professional development opportunities, travel) associated with continuing your military service in either the Reserves or National Guard (if applicable). Consider the financial impact of continued entitlements such as medical and dental coverage, life insurance, military exchange, commissary, club privileges, recreational and athletic facilities. Contact the installation/ local recruiter to schedule an informational counseling session and identify potential units/positions.

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Recruiter counseling date: \_\_\_\_\_ Financial impact: \_\_\_\_\_

- ❖ \*\*\* Register for your VA Benefits and assess their impact on future financial obligations:  
[www.ebenefits.va.gov](http://www.ebenefits.va.gov)

Notes:

Date applied for eBenefits: \_\_\_\_\_

### C. Getting Financially Ready

- ❖ Identify anticipated financial obligations such as dependent college savings plan, retirement savings plan, utility security deposits, and additional commuting/transportation expenses (e.g., additional car payment, fuel, maintenance, insurance).

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- ❖ List required new civilian workforce wardrobe items and estimate expenses.

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- ❖ Develop and attach a plan to reduce/eliminate current debt: <https://powerpay.org/>

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Date you reviewed your free credit report ( <http://www.annualcreditreport.com/> ): \_\_\_\_\_

- ❖ \*\*\* Develop a 12-month budget based on your current financial obligations (e.g., living expenses and indebtedness) as well as anticipated post-transition expenses. Determine if your expected post-transition income will adequately address anticipated financial obligations (e.g. housing, medical, food, insurance, transportation, costs of establishing a home, utility security deposits, etc.). Use the TurboTAP Financial Planning Worksheet for Career Transition at:  
[http://www.turbotap.org/export/sites/default/transition/resources/PDF/financial\\_planning\\_worksheet\\_fi llable.pdf](http://www.turbotap.org/export/sites/default/transition/resources/PDF/financial_planning_worksheet_fi llable.pdf)
- ❖ Attach a copy of your TurboTAP Financial Planning Worksheet for Career Transition and bring a copy to the Core Curriculum TAP workshop.
- ❖ Estimate your annual salary/income requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

## Section II. Evaluate Military and Civilian Experience and Training

### A. Documenting Job Related Training

❖ Check all that apply:

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|--|---|---|
| <input type="radio"/> High School Graduate/GED | <input type="radio"/> Training Certificates/ Licenses | <input type="radio"/> Baccalaureate Degree  |
| <input type="radio"/> Vocational School        | <input type="radio"/> Apprenticeship                  | <input type="radio"/> Post Graduate Studies |
| <input type="radio"/> Relevant Training        | <input type="radio"/> Some College                    | <input type="radio"/> Master's Degree       |
| <input type="radio"/> Technical Training       | <input type="radio"/> Associates Degree               | <input type="radio"/> Doctorate             |

❖ Gather documentation of your civilian and military experience/training (e.g., certifications, diplomas, transcripts, licenses, etc.) and list them below. This may require research on your behalf to contact former technical training and academic institutions to identify their specific procedures and any applicable fees for providing this service.

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❖ \*\*\* Verify your military experience and training at: <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/vmet/index.jsp>.

Assistance is available by meeting with an Education Counselor and instruction is available by attending the Transition GPS Core Curriculum training. Review the list of schools documented on the VMET site. If necessary, gather documentation and list below all military professional development schools you completed that are missing from the VMET site:

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❖ Calculate American Council on Education (ACE) credits earned for military training (if applicable): <http://www.acenet.edu/Content/NavigationMenu/ProgramsServices/MilitaryPrograms/index.htm>

Number of ACE credits earned: \_\_\_\_\_

### B. Verify Eligibility for Licensure and Credentialing.

❖ \*\*\* Crosswalk your military skill set to the corresponding civilian skills (MOC Crosswalk) at: [www.online.onetcenter.org/crosswalk](http://www.online.onetcenter.org/crosswalk). Assistance is also available by meeting with an Education Counselor and instruction is available by attending the Transition GPS Core Curriculum.

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- ❖ \*\*\* Identify and document transferable credits earned through your military experience and training and verify your eligibility for licensure, certification and apprenticeship programs:

Department of Labor Workforce Credentials Information Resource Center	<a href="http://www.careeronestop.org/CREDENTIALING/CredentialingHome.asp">www.careeronestop.org/CREDENTIALING/CredentialingHome.asp</a>
U.S. Army Credentialing Opportunities On-Line (COOL)	<a href="https://www.cool.army.mil">https://www.cool.army.mil</a>
Army/American Council on Education Registry Transcript System (AARTS)	<a href="http://aarts.army.mil/">http://aarts.army.mil/</a>
United Services Military Apprenticeship Program (USMAP)	<a href="https://usmap.cnet.navy.mil/usmapss/static/usmap.jsp">https://usmap.cnet.navy.mil/usmapss/static/usmap.jsp</a>
Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES)	<a href="http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/danteshome.asp">www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/danteshome.asp</a>
Navy Credentialing Opportunities On-Line (COOL)	<a href="https://www.cool.navy.mil">https://www.cool.navy.mil</a>
Sailor/Marine American Council on Education Registry Transcript (SMART)	<a href="https://smart.navy.mil/smart/signIn.do">https://smart.navy.mil/smart/signIn.do</a>
Community College of Air Force (CCAF)	<a href="http://www.au.af.mil/au/ccaf/index.asp">http://www.au.af.mil/au/ccaf/index.asp</a>
Air Force Credentialing and Education Research Tool (CERT)	<a href="https://augateway.maxwell.af.mil/ccaf/certifications/programs/">https://augateway.maxwell.af.mil/ccaf/certifications/programs/</a>

**C. Identify career field(s) you are qualified to enter.**

- ❖ Conduct personal research to explore and evaluate potential career field options.

Note: Any Guard or Reserve member facing employment difficulty prior to or after an active duty tour can contact Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve ([ESGR.org](http://ESGR.org)) to learn their legal rights. ESGR will work to resolve conflicts or misunderstandings between the member and their employer.

DoD and VA Employment Search Tools & Job Listings	<a href="https://h2h.jobs">https://h2h.jobs</a> <a href="http://www.vetsuccess.gov/jobs">http://www.vetsuccess.gov/jobs</a>
Employment Hub	<a href="http://www.turboTAP.org/portal/transition/resources/Employment_Hub">www.turboTAP.org/portal/transition/resources/Employment_Hub</a>
State Job Boards	<a href="http://www.careeronestop.org/jobsearch/cos_jobsites.aspx">www.careeronestop.org/jobsearch/cos_jobsites.aspx</a>
Public and Community Service Opportunities	<a href="http://www.turbotap.org/portal/transition/lifestyles/Employment/Public_and_Community_Service_PACS_Registry_Program">http://www.turbotap.org/portal/transition/lifestyles/Employment/Public_and_Community_Service_PACS_Registry_Program</a>
Department of Labor	<a href="http://mynextmove.dol.gov/">http://mynextmove.dol.gov/</a>
Teaching Opportunities/Troops to Teachers	<a href="http://www.proudtoserveagain.com">www.proudtoserveagain.com</a>

Federal Employment Opportunities	<a href="http://www.usajobs.gov/">http://www.usajobs.gov/</a> <a href="http://www.go-defense.com">www.go-defense.com</a>
Veterans Preference in Federal Employment	<a href="http://www.opm.gov/staffingPortal/Vetguide.asp">http://www.opm.gov/staffingPortal/Vetguide.asp</a> <a href="http://www.fedshirevets.gov/">http://www.fedshirevets.gov/</a>
Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Special Hiring Authorities	<a href="http://www.opm.gov/hr_practitioners/lawsregulations/appointingauthorities/index.asp">http://www.opm.gov/hr_practitioners/lawsregulations/appointingauthorities/index.asp</a>
Hiring Preference in Non-Appropriated Funds (NAF) Jobs	<a href="http://www.turbotap.org/portal/transition/lifestyles/Employment/Federal_Jobs_Through_the_Non-Appropriated_Fund_and_the_Veterans_Readjustment_Act">http://www.turbotap.org/portal/transition/lifestyles/Employment/Federal_Jobs_Through_the_Non-Appropriated_Fund_and_the_Veterans_Readjustment_Act</a>
State Employment Agencies	<a href="http://www.careeronestop.org/jobsearch/cos_jobsites.aspx">www.careeronestop.org/jobsearch/cos_jobsites.aspx</a>

- ❖ Refine your research to identify desired industries, careers, jobs and salaries. Consider jobs in the public and private sectors. Identify any prerequisites you would have to complete (e.g., education, training, certification, licensure, security clearance) before being fully qualified to seek employment in a chosen career field. Assistance is also available by meeting with a VA Career Counselor and instruction is available by attending Transition GPS.

Notes:

- ❖ Now that you identified potential careers, evaluate your ease to relocate and find new employment. Find where opportunities exist by researching employment websites such as <http://www.usajobs.gov/>, and the Veterans Job Bank: [https://www.nationalresourcedirectory.gov/home/veterans\\_job\\_bank](https://www.nationalresourcedirectory.gov/home/veterans_job_bank).

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- ❖ Now that you know where potential jobs exist, research those locations to determine if they meet your personal/family requirements. Explore state, city and county websites to evaluate demographics, school ratings, tax rates, cost of living, availability of housing, home prices, etc. Assistance is also available through your Transition Counselor and installation relocation assistance office and through the U.S. Census Bureau: <http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml>.

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**Section III. Determine Post-transition Career Path**

**A. Designate the career field you wish to pursue based on your personal, family and financial obligations and desires.**

Desired Career Field: \_\_\_\_\_

Desired Relocation Destination: \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Designate your transition career path.**

❖ Select the transition career path you wish to pursue. Use the statements below each path to help you determine the appropriate transition career path.

- Employment (refer to ITP Block 2, Employment, Sec. IV; and Block 6, Milestones, Sec. VIII)
  - I am qualified to seek immediate employment in my desired career field or I plan to explore future employment opportunities.
  
- Education (refer to ITP Block 3, Education, Sec. V; and Block 6, Milestones, Sec. VIII)
  - I require additional education in my desired career field.
  
- Technical Training (refer to ITP Block 4, Technical Training, Sec. VI; and Block 6, Milestones, Sec. VIII)
  - I require additional technical training in my desired career field.
  
- Entrepreneurship (refer to ITP Block 5, Entrepreneurship, Sec. VII; and Block 6, Milestones, Sec. VIII)
  - I desire to start my own business.