The U.S. Uniformed Services Blended Retirement System Education Strategy

At a Glance

Saving with the new Blended Retirement System

The military's new retirement system, the Blended Retirement System (BRS), goes into effect January 1, 2018. With this new retirement plan, eligible Service members will receive automatic and matching Thrift Savings Plan contributions and mid-career compensation incentive. This is in addition to monthly annuities for life after 20 years of service. Active Component members with fewer than 12 years of service and Reserve Component members with fewer than 4,320 retirement points will be eligible to opt-in to BRS or remain under the current retirement system. Eligible members must opt-in to the new system during calendar year 2018. The DoD has initiated an 18 month long multiple-stage financial education training curriculum to fully prepare Active and Reserve component members and their families for the implementation of BRS. All courses will be located on DoD's online training management system: Joint Knowledge Online found at https://jkodirect.jten.mil.

Leaders

Leader Training to Introduce the Blended Retirement System for the Uniformed Services Course

June 2016

Provides leaders a working knowledge of the BRS and the DoD plan to educate the force prior to the date of implementation on January 1, 2018. This course is also available to family members on Military One Source at www.militaryonesource.mil/.

Personal Financial Managers

Blended Retirement System Financial Counselor/Educator Course

September 2016

Offers training and resources to equip financial and retirement advisors with the training and resources they need to support commanders, Service members, and families. Additional information will be available to prepare these experts to counsel Service members regarding their options.

Active and Reserve Components

Opt-In Course

January 2017

Fully educate BRS Opt-In eligible members on the benefits of both the current military retirement system and the BRS. This course allows members to make informed decisions on which retirement plan best suits their financial needs. It will include financial calculators to aid in evaluating financial options.

New Accession

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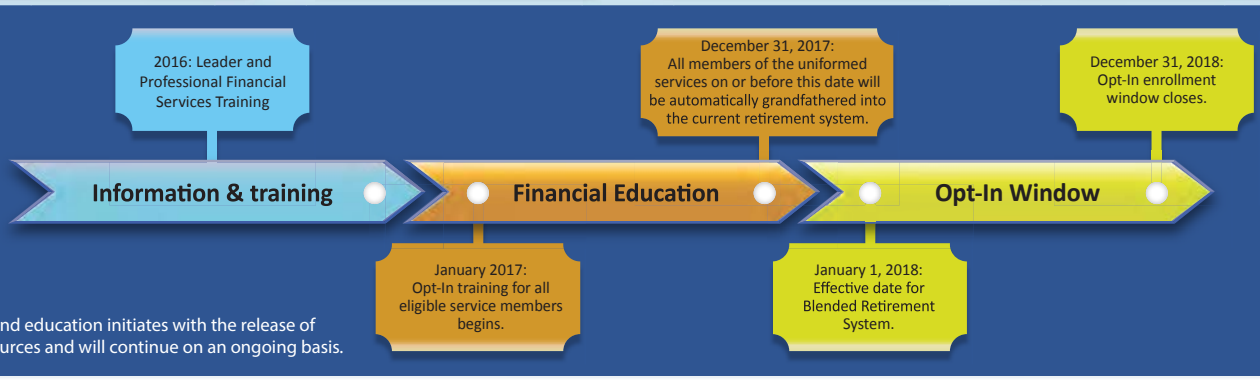
January 2018

All members who enter the Uniformed Services after January 1, 2018 will be educated on the options available under BRS. These members will receive this training during their first year.



*All training and education initiates with the release of training resources and will continue on an ongoing basis.

JKO is the DoD online training management system. BRS courses can be found on JKO at https://jkodirect.jten.mil.
For more information on BRS go to www.militaryonesource.mil.