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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY FOR  
MILITARY PERSONNEL AND QUALITY OF LIFE  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY FOR  
MILITARY MANPOWER AND PERSONNEL  
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DIRECTOR, DEFENSE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SERVICE

SUBJECT: Blended Retirement System Lump-sum Government Discount Rate for 2019

Members of the Uniformed Services enrolled in the Blended Retirement System (BRS) may elect to receive a lump sum of a portion of their retired pay upon retirement. In accordance with Section 1415 of Title 10, United States Code (U.S.C.), the amount of the lump sum is to be determined using a discount rate. The formula for determining that discount rate is published in Attachment 2 to the Deputy Secretary of Defense memo "Implementation of the Blended Retirement System" dated January 27, 2017.

According to the published formula, the Government Discount Rate (GDR) for lump-sum elections occurring in calendar year 2019 is **6.81%**, as calculated by the DoD Office of the Actuary. This rate is in effect for any retirement for which a member is eligible to begin receiving retired pay during the period from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

In accordance with the Deputy Secretary of Defense Memorandum, the GDR is promulgated no later than June 1 to go into effect on January 1 of the following year. The next update to the GDR will be published in June 2019 to be applied to lump-sum elections occurring in calendar year 2020.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "L. Hebert".

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