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SUBJECT: Blended Retirement System Lump Sum Discount Rate for 2026

Members of the Uniformed Services enrolled in the Blended Retirement System may elect to receive a lump sum of a portion of their retired pay upon retirement or reaching the age of eligibility for retired pay. In accordance with Section 1415 of Title 10, United States Code, 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 memorandum "Implementation of the Blended Retirement System" dated January 27, 2017.

According to the published formula, the Lump Sum Discount Rate (LSDR) for lump-sum elections occurring in calendar year 2025 is **6.46 percent**, 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, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

The next update to the LSDR will be published in June 2026 to be applied to lump-sum elections occurring in calendar year 2027.

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