Wellness Wednesday Financial Education Series

QUESTION 1: What is the Wellness Wednesday Financial Education series?

ANSWER 1: A partnership between the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and Prudential Financial that offers transitioning Service members (TSMs), Veterans, spouses, their family members, and caregivers (henceforth referred to as participants) actionable steps to improve and take control of their financial future. This series is a key economic initiative within Outreach, Transition and Economic Development (OTED) that was cultivated to address the financial literacy gaps across the Veteran community. It is comprised of two distinct programs, 1) An online website portal which contains a roster of financial literacy information and resources available at <u>prudential.com/vbaoted</u> and 2) The Wellness Wednesday Financial Education series, offered on the 3rd Wednesday of every month, that focuses on a variety of topics such as 1) Purchasing a home, 2) Paying for college, 3) Planning for retirement, and 4) Learning the building blocks of how to save, budget, and make a return on investments.

Frequently Asked

- QUESTION 2: Who is eligible to participate in the Wellness Wednesday Financial Education series?
- **ANSWER 2:** TSMs, Veterans, spouses, their family members, and caregivers are welcome to attend.
- QUESTION 3: Can I forward a Wellness Wednesday Financial Education series invitation to a friend or family member?
- **ANSWER 3**: Please feel free to share the invitation with others. You may also "add a guest" when you register for a class.
- QUESTION 4: Is there a cost to participate in a Wellness Wednesday Financial Education course?
- ANSWER 4: No. There is no cost to participate in the Wellness Wednesday Financial Education series or to have a one-on-one discussion and/or personalized financial wellness assessment with a Prudential Financial services advisor.
- QUESTION 5: Will I be able to have my personal financial questions addressed by an expert?
- **ANSWER 5:** Yes. When you register for a Wellness Wednesday Financial Education class, you may request a complimentary oneon-one session with a Prudential Financial advisor to address your financial concerns.
- QUESTION 6: Does VA endorse or recommend that participants use Prudential Financial services or products?
- **ANSWER 6:** No. These classes are offered for informational purposes only. VA neither endorses nor officially sanctions Prudential or their products, nor has it performed due diligence concerning Prudential or their products.
- QUESTION 7: How can I register for a Wellness Wednesday Financial Education class?
 - ANSWER 7: You can register at http://www.prudential.com/VBAOTED or call us at 844-592-8993. When registering at least 24 hours before a class, you will receive a confirmation email with the event details, including the date, time, and class presentation slides.
- QUESTION 8: Am I limited in the number of Wellness Wednesday Financial Education classes I can participate in?
- **ANSWER 8:** No. We encourage you to join our classes as much as needed to steadily build your financial wellness knowledge.
- QUESTION 9: If I am unable to participate in a class, will I be able to watch the presentation at another time?
- ANSWER 9: Unfortunately, no. Requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission do not allow us to record the classes for future viewing. We highly encourage you to visit the Financial Wellness website, register for a class that fits your schedule, and review all the financial management resources available to you. <u>Click here to visit the Financial Wellness website</u>.

QUESTION 10: What other financial wellness resources does the VA offer?

ANSWER 10: The VA's Financial Literacy website provides additional resources to help improve your financial health, protect against identity theft, and determine eligibility for VA benefits. <u>Click here to visit the Financial Literacy website</u>.

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