



What is the mission of the Canadian Armed Forces Transition Group? (CAF TG)

In coordination with our valued partners, CAF TG will deliver personalized, professional, and standardized casualty support and transition services to CAF members and their families to enable seamless transition and enhanced well-being with special attention provided to ill and injured personnel, their families and the families of the deceased.

What are the CAF TG and VAC Going to Achieve?

The role of the new Transition Group is to ensure that CAF members and their families begin to think about transition early in their careers, to provide education and training on what transition comprises, and to deliver services, based on recognized domains of wellbeing. The end goal is to have all members and their families informed, prepared, and empowered for a successful transition when the time comes, in order to give them the opportunity to maximize their potential.

The CAF is committed to working with Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC), and our other key partners, to ensure that the transition from life in the CAF to life after service is as seamless as possible, and that Veterans continue their enduring affiliation as part of the larger military family.

What is Transition?

Transition is the period of reintegration from military to life after service and the corresponding process of change that a serving member, Veteran and their family go through when their service is completed. It encompasses much more than completing the administrative aspects of release and leaving the Forces, which is our current process. Transition requires thorough preparation and often social, emotional, and psychological adjustments as a person and as a family.

Transition will happen to every member of the CAF at some point and every member will experience transition differently. Their families, who have been supporting these CAF members are also affected. It is important to note that transition does not automatically mean leaving the Forces. The CAF wants to retain its skilled, experienced and well-trained members and will work towards doing so whenever possible.

What are Transition Centres?

Transition Centres are the local face of the CAF TG, providing an integrated, one-stop centre where ill and injured CAF members and their families are offered professional, personalized, and standardized transition services and casualty support. The goal for these Transition Centres, manned by staff from CAF, VAC and our numerous partners is to support all CAF members, Veterans, and their families.

Where is the CAF TG Located?

CAF TG headquarters is located in Ottawa, with 9 regional Transition Units and 32 Transition Centres located across the country (see map on reverse).

Approximately 1500 ill and injured personnel are currently posted to the CAF TG for periods of six months or more. Personnel posted to the CAF TG are supervised and assigned duties directly related to their recovery and continued CAF service or transition to civilian life, based on their medical treatment plan and prognosis. The CAF TG also directly supports approximately 3500 additional ill and injured personnel and their families providing information, advocacy, referrals, and the delivery of numerous services and programs. CAF TG will also become the organization that supports members and their families undertaking military to civilian transition.

What is the meaning behind the CAF TG logo?

The maple leaf as our national symbol reminding us that service to Canada has been central to the lives of serving members and Veterans. The three projections of the leaf symbolize that transitions occur throughout a person's life—in the past, present and future. The bars on the left of each leaf symbolize the resilience instilled through training and experience, which enables members and their families to navigate through transition. The left to right flow symbolizes the unique transition experience that members and their family undergo while guided and supported towards future opportunities by the Transition Group.

