

**Will the Coast Guard follow the Department of Defense timeline for implementation of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” training? When will the training begin?**

The Coast Guard Repeal Implementation Team (CGRIT), led by the Assistant Commandant for Human Resources, (CG-1), has been working closely with the Department of Defense in actively preparing for implementation. The CGRIT is ensuring close alignment with the guidance promulgated by the Secretary of Defense outlining expectations for the military services as we move toward repeal.

Training for tiers 1 and 2, which includes subject matter experts and unit leadership, will be available beginning 1 March, with a goal of 100 percent completed training no later than 15 May. Depending on operational commitments, training for tier 3, which includes all active duty and select reserve members, should be underway across the Coast Guard beginning 1 April, with a goal of completing training by 30 June.