

# Activision's Call of Duty: Black Ops 4 Available Now Worldwide

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Best-Selling Series in Call of Duty Returns with Deepest, Most Engaging Title From Award-Winning Developer Treyarch

Blockbuster Features New Level of Tactical Multiplayer; Biggest Zombies Co-op Experience Ever; and Blackout, Call of Duty's All-New Battle Royale Mode

Day One is the Beginning, with Massive Support Plans Delivering Steady Stream of Post-Launch Content with Robust Calendar of Events and Variety of Free Content Across all Modes Coming to Community

First Call of Duty PC Title Launched in Partnership with Blizzard Entertainment on Battle.net

#CODNATION Challenge is Live; Brings together an Array of Video Game Personalities in Gaming Marathon Fundraiser Livestream

Call of Duty Esports Season Kicks Off with CWL Las Vegas, Dec. 7–9, Largest Season Overall Prize Purse in CWL History

SANTA MONICA, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Oct. 12, 2018-- **Black Ops4** is here! The best-selling series in Call of Duty® returns with **Call of Duty**: **Black Ops 4** available now, digitally and at global retailers worldwide. The most anticipated multi-platform game of this holiday according to Nielsen Game Rank<sup>™</sup>, **Call of Duty**: **Black Ops 4** delivers a game-changing experience with more ways to play together with friends than ever before.

"*Call of Duty: Black Ops 4* is packed with an amazing array and a massive amount of content across Multiplayer, Zombies and Blackout, and the launch marks just the beginning of an incredible journey ahead," said Rob Kostich, EVP and GM, Call of Duty. "When you pick up a *Black Ops* game, you know you have something you are going to play for a really long time, but *Black Ops 4* takes that to an entirely new level. The team's commitment is clear – no matter what kind of player you are, there is a ton of content to be enjoyed, and there is even more to come for everyone in the community. *Black Ops 4* is unlike anything Treyarch has ever created and we think fans are going to have a blast."

"We revealed playable Multiplayer earlier than ever, put in more Zombies available on day one than any other game, held two Betas, and along the way the response from the *Black Ops* community has been nothing short of incredible," said Dan Bunting, Co-Studio Head, Treyarch. "Our mission was to build a game from the ground up that allowed fans to have fun together and play with one another in new ways – that's just what we did, and the launch of **Black Ops 4** is just the start. This is a game that we plan to support for the long haul."

"The ambition driving the studio's efforts doesn't end there, however; in fact, it's been a colossal endeavor: from creating a signature take on battle royale with Blackout, to going all-out on PC with Beenox and working with Blizzard to bring the game to Battle.net for the first time, we pushed ourselves more than any game we've ever made. We feel that says something and we believe that it shows," said Mark Gordon, Co-Studio Head, Treyarch. "We've been developing *Black Ops* games for ten years now, and I've never seen the studio create anything on this scale before."

*Call of Duty: Black Ops 4* features three distinct modes of play: Multiplayer, Zombies and Blackout. Multiplayer features gritty, grounded combat in the most tactical, team-based experience in the *Black Ops* series to date. It features the return of the iconic Pick 10 system, along with a series of innovations in weapon controls, combat flow, health regeneration, and player movement. *Black Ops 4* also features a combination of new and returning Specialists, each with their own unique equipment and playstyles, allowing players to not only be powerful alone, but devastating as a team working together.

Celebrating the 10-year anniversary of the original *Call of Duty Zombies*, *Call of Duty:Black Ops 4* debuts an entirely new Zombies experience that is the biggest Day One offering in franchise history, with three fully-featured Zombies experiences at launch – *IX, Voyage of Despair* and *Blood of the Dead.* With the most customizable action to date, the mode introduces new systems for creating and completing community challenges, and social systems designed to connect players.

*Call of Duty:Black Ops 4* introduces Blackout, an all-new Battle Royale mode that brings together characters, locations, weapons and gear from across the series in all-out survival combat, all with *Black Ops* signature gameplay. Blackout features land, sea and air vehicles, and offersa variety of new and classic playable characters, including campaign characters like *Mason, Reznov* and *Woods;* Zombies characters like *Richtofen* and *Takeo;* and Specialists like *Crash, Battery* and *Seraph*, to name a few. Across the sprawling Blackout map – the largest in *Call of Duty* history – players will fight in locations inspired by fan-favorite maps like *Nuketown, Firing Range, Raid, Cargo* and more.

The release of *Call of Duty: Black Ops 4* also heralds the biggest season to date in Call of Duty esports with \$6 million in total season prizing on the line. The Call of Duty World League will get underway with the first open LAN event of the new season, Dec. 7–9, in Las Vegas. For more information, visit <u>CallofDuty.com/CWL</u>.

In conjunction with the release of *Call of Duty: Black Ops 4*, the Call of Duty<sup>™</sup> Endowment has kicked off the#CODNATION Challenge, a live three-day charity event featuring *Black Ops 4*. Formerly known as the Race to Prestige, the annual stream brings together an array of video game personalities in a relay-style, fundraising gaming marathon. Across its nine-year history, the *Call of Duty* community has been instrumental in supporting the Endowment's drive to place 50,000 veterans in high-quality jobs. The *#CODNATION Challenge* kicked off yesterday and continues through tomorrow. Fans can watch all the action live on <u>Twitch.tv/TheRace</u> and follow @CODE4Vets for the latest updates and information for the *#CODNATION Challenge*.

Additionally, launch is just the beginning for *Call of Duty:Black Ops 4*, which will feature a steady stream of post-release content across all modes, and a variety of free content for the entire community through a robust calendar of events, playable first on PlayStation 4.

Call of Duty: Black Ops 4 comes in the following editions:

- Standard and Digital Standard Edition Suggested Retail Price, SRP \$59.99.
- Digital Deluxe Edition Black Ops Pass\* and more, SRP \$99.99
- ProEdition Black Ops Pass and more, SRP \$119.99
- Digital Deluxe Enhanced Edition Black Ops Pass and more, SRP \$129.99
- Mystery Box Collector's Edition SRP \$199.99

Check local retailers for availability of all Call of Duty: Black Ops 4 editions. Black Ops Pass content is available first on PlayStation®4.

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Activision Blizzard Consumer Products Group (ABCPG) is offering the *Call of Duty* community exciting new ways to interact with the brand through new global partnerships. Fans can celebrate the return of *Black Ops* with new premier collaborations with <u>Supra</u>, <u>BAIT</u>, and <u>Hype</u>, and an exclusive in-store only program with retailer <u>Primark</u>, in addition to existing collaborations with <u>McFarlane</u> and ABCPG's first-ever line of <u>Activision Collectibles</u>. Enthusiasts can also purchase exclusive apparel, collectibles and footwear from major and select retailers globally.

*Call of Duty: Black Ops 4* is published by Activision and developed by Treyarch with additional development support from Raven Software and PC development with Beenox. For the latest intel check out: <a href="http://www.callofduty.com">www.callofduty.com</a>, <a href="http://www.callofduty.com"/>www.call

## **About Treyarch**

Treyarch is an award-winning video game studio, driven by the desire to create epic gameplay experiences that are enjoyed by as many video game fans as possible. It is an approach that has helped to make the studio behind the *Call of Duty®: Black Ops* series of games an industry-leading developer. *Call of Duty: Black Ops* set an entertainment launch opening record upon its release in 2010 and continues to be one of the best-selling games of all time, according to NPD and GfK Chart-Track; *Call of Duty®: Black Ops II* set worldwide launch day records; and the studio's most recent *Call of Duty®: Black Ops III* held the biggest entertainment opening weekend of 2015, and was the #1 console game globally for the calendar year. Additionally, Treyarch is the birthplace of Call of Duty's Zombies. Treyarch is wholly owned by Activision.

## About the Call of Duty Endowment:

The Call of Duty Endowment is a non-profit foundation co-founded by Bobby Kotick, CEO of Activision Blizzard. The Endowment helps veterans find high quality careers by supporting groups that prepare them for the job market and by raising awareness of the value vets bring to the workplace. For more information about the Call of Duty Endowment, please visit <u>www.callofdutyendowment.org</u>.

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