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Scouts Canada Acronyms Guide

Acronym	Full Name / Phrase	Definition
AAF	Adventure Application Form	A required form completed by Section Scouters for some Section outings and adventures and approved by Group Commissioners prior to the activity
Acc	Accessibility Training	A part of all Scouters' required eLearning
AGM	Annual General Meeting	Members meet to hear organization reports and updates on the charity, review of the accounts, and other administrative business
ANYC	Assistant National Youth Commissioner	Youth volunteers per region that directly supports the Council Youth Commissioners (CYCs)
AODA	Accessibility for Ontarians with Disability Act (<i>Ontario only</i>)	
APL	Assistant Patrol Leader	A Section youth that helps the Patrol Leader and with planning activities
BFC	Battlefields Council	A Council in Southwestern Ontario
BMGS	Bar to the Medal of Good Service	Our second medal in our Recognition Program for volunteers
BMM	Bar to the Medal of Merit	Our fourth medal in our Recognition Program for volunteers
BOAS	Basic Outdoor Adventure Skills	Stages 1-4 of the Outdoor Adventure Skills
BOG	Board of Governors	Senior decision-making body in Scouts Canada who is responsible for ensuring that the organization adheres to its Mission and Principles and has a strong strategic direction to guide its activities
BP (or B-P)	Baden-Powell	Lord Robert Baden-Powell was the founder of Scouting.
BP&P	Bylaws Policies & Procedures	An old term that is now called Policies, Procedures and Standards. Members still often refer to it as BP&P.
BSA	Bar to the Silver Acorn (or "Boy Scouts of America")	Our sixth medal in our Recognition Program for volunteers and staff, awarded by National Recognition Team
CAP	Council Approval	Final approval granted to new Scouters once their required screening and training is complete and they are ready to be made active in MyScouts. CAPs provided on Wednesdays by our Council Registrar Team who reviews all screening/training elements.
CAR	Child Abuse Registry (<i>only in Nova Scotia & Manitoba</i>)	A part of the required screening process



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CAS	Cascadia Council	A Council in BC
CC	Council Commissioner	The volunteer member of the Council Key 3 team
CEC	Central Escarpment Council	A Council in Ontario
CEO	Chief Executive Officer	A paid staff member of the NK3; our NK3 Team can be found on scouts.ca under Executive Leadership Team.
CHIN	Chinook Council	Council in Alberta
CK3	Council Key 3	3-Member Council Management Team
CLT	Council Leadership Team	The team of all Council SRMs & GSs supported by the CK3.
CoC	Code of Conduct	A document required to be signed annually by youth and adult volunteers that outlines Scouts Canada Membership expectations. Sections often create youth Section Code of Conducts.
COC	Certificate of Commendation	The certificate awarded from the "Thank You Button" submission by parents, youth and Scouters
CP	Canadian Path	The Scouting program offered by Scouts Canada
CP Navigator	Canadian Path Navigator	Tool for supporting Sections with implementing quality programming
CRC	Criminal Record Check	Required volunteer screening. Also referred to as "Police Record Check" (PRC) or "Police Information Check" (PIC)
CRM	Council Relationship Manager	The paid staff member of the Council Key 3 team
CST	Council Service Team	A team of support Scouters that look after supporting activities within the Council including Events, Communication, Safety, Recognition, etc.
CYC	Council Youth Commissioner	The youth member of the Council Key 3 team
DEIR	Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Reconciliation	The department at Scouts Canada that supports DEIR efforts.
DOE	Duke of Edinburgh's International Award	A challenge program of activities for youth between the ages of 14 and 24.
ED	Executive Director	A high-level leadership position responsible for day-to-day operations, strategic direction, and overall management of the organization. Reporting to the Board of Governors.
ERP	Emergency Response Plan	An action plan that states the actions to be carried out in case of potential emergency situations.



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FK3	Functional Key 3	The managing body of a Functional Team; A three-member team - Staff Member, Commissioner and Youth Commissioner
FVC	Fraser Valley Council	A Council in BC
GC	Group Commissioner	A volunteer that is accountable for the management of a Scout Group
GCap	Group Commissioner Approval	Approval granted to new Scouters by GCs once their required screening and training is complete and they are ready to be made active in MyScouts.
GFC	Group Fundraising Coordinator	Group Committee Member that oversees Group Fundraising events.
GH Navigator	Group Health Navigator	A Group health support tool that is completed quarterly with action plans shared with Council.
GSC	Group Support Centre	The Scouts Canada department that runs the Help Centre, supports hundreds of virtual-supported Groups, and develops Scouts Canada support tools resources. Member Services fall under the GSC.
GSS	Group Support Scouter	A Scouter that directly supports 1-2 Groups
GTC	Greater Toronto Council	A Council in Ontario
GYC	Group Youth Commissioner	The lead youth Scouter on a Group Committee
INT	Interview	Required part of the volunteer screening process
KISC	Kandersteg International Scout Centre	Permanent Mini Jamboree located in Switzerland https://www.kisc.ch/
KVA	King's Venturer Award	Formerly QVA (Queen's Venturer Award). The highest Scouting proficiency award presented to Venturer Scouts who have acquired competence and skills that will be of considerable use to themselves, their Company, and their community.
MBC	Manitoba Council	The Council in Manitoba
MoGS	Medal of Good Service	Our first medal in our Recognition Program for volunteers and staff.
MoP	Medal of the Maple	Top Youth Award for outstanding achievement; adjudicated Nationally
MM	Medal of Merit	Our third medal in our Recognition Program for volunteers
MSA	Member Services Associates	Within the GSC branch, the team behind the email registration@scouts.ca
NBC	New Brunswick Council	The Council in New Brunswick



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NC	National Commissioner	The volunteer member of the NK3; our NK3 Team can be found on scouts.ca under Executive Leadership Team.
NED	National Executive Director	The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Scouts Canada
NFLC	Newfoundland and Labrador Council	The Council in Newfoundland and Labrador
NK3	National Key 3	3-Member National Management Team
NLC	Northern Lights Council	A Council in Alberta
NHQ	National Headquarters	National Head Office located at: 1345 Baseline Road, Ottawa
NOLB	No One Left Behind	A subsidy program strives to ensure every child has the opportunity to participate as a Scouting member without financial barriers.
NSC	Nova Scotia Council	The Council in Nova Scotia
NST	National Service Team	The NST is made of employees and volunteers who support the Scouts Canada organization.
NYC	National Youth Commissioner	The volunteer youth member of the National Key 3; Our NK3 Team can be found on scouts.ca under Executive Leadership Team.
OAS	Outdoor Adventure Skills	Badges earned by Scouting youth and worn on their uniform shirts in 9 Outdoor-based categories.
OOS	Offer of Service	A volunteer role at major events/meetings/activities designed to help organize and run activities.
OSA	Outstanding Service Awards	Awards that recognize Volunteers and Staff for above-average commitment. OSA range from a Certificate of Commendation to the Bar to the Silver Acorn. Most OSA are based upon commendations received through MyScouts.ca or the Thanks Button for an individual's contribution to Scouting.
PAB	Personal Achievement Badge	Badges for personal areas of interest individual youth may choose to pursue. Placed for display on their campfire blanket.
PAP	Public Appointment Procedure	An open call for applications for leadership positions, followed by a review process by a nominating committee and the Council Key 3. It's used for roles like Council Commissioners, Group Commissioners, and other positions within the Council Leadership/Management Team.
PCC	Pacific Coast Council	A Council in BC



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PEIC (or just "PEI")	Prince Edward Island Council	The Council in Prince Edward Island
PIC	Police Information Check	Required volunteer screening. Also referred to as a "Police Record Check" (PRC) or "Criminal Record Check" (CRC)
PJ	Pacific Jamboree (or Provincial Jamboree)	A large-scale event hosted by BC-Yukon Councils held every four years in BC. It is open to all Scout-age youth who are registered members of Scouts Canada, L'Association des Scouts du Canada, and Scout Units.
PL	Patrol Leader	An older youth that leads the Patrol and helps plan activities. Think of them as the team captain.
POM	Property Operations Manager	A staff member that focuses on Scouting properties
PQA	Program Quality Assessment (& Awards)	An opportunity to assess program quality each program cycle with youth input.
PQS	Program Quality Standards	The program standards framework includes objective criteria to aid in the planning process, and to serve as a set of self-assessment tools to assist youth and Scouters in the evaluation and improvement of their programs.
PRC	Police Record Check	Required volunteer screening. Also referred to as "Criminal Record Check" (CRC) or "Police Information Check" (PIC)
PSS	Program Support Scouter or Property Support Scouter	Program Support Scouters provide support to Scouters and Sections to ensure a high-quality and engaging Scouting experience for youth. Property Support Scouters are volunteer members that focus on Scouting properties.
QC	Quebec Council	The Council in Quebec.
QM	Quartermaster	Responsible for the Group's equipment inventory. This can include food and preparation of food.
RA	Risk Assessment	A process to identify potential emergency risk scenarios
RD	Regional Director	A paid staff member that manages employees in one of three Regions within Canada: West, Central, East.
REF	Reference Check	A screening requirement. All new volunteers must provide 5 references (name, email, phone number) that can't be family members or related (including common-law and stepfamily members).



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RIS	Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders	A screening requirement third-party course offered by the Respect Group that highlights how to spot, stop and prevent bullying. The course cost is \$30 and accessed through the David Huestis Learning Centre.
SA	Silver Acorn	Our fifth medal in our recognition program for volunteers and staff, awarded by National Recognition Team.
SDG	Sustainable Development Goals	United Nations commitment to improving the world through 17 identified areas.
SF	Scouting Fundamentals	A requirement of volunteer screening. An introductory set of training courses offered through the David Huestis Learning Centre.
SFA	Standard First Aid	Standard First Aid offered by approved provincial authorities.
SKC	Saskatchewan Council	The Council in Saskatchewan
SPICES	Social, Physical, Intellectual, Character, Emotional, Spiritual	The six dimensions of personal development that are embedded within our Canadian Path Program.
SME	Subject Matter Expert	Identified experts of specific Scouting topics/skills.
SSC	Section Support Coordinator	Part-time staff member that supports new Section Scouters in New Sections
SSP	Safe Scouting for Parents	For parents to assist in activities, they must complete the "Safe Scouting for Parents" training in MyScouts and adhere to the Code of Conduct. This ensures a safe environment for all youth. Parents also need to be linked to their child's MyScouts account and have the appropriate volunteer role assigned.
SWC	Shining Waters Council	A Council in Central Ontario
TL	Troop Leader (Scouts youth Section)	The Troop Leadership Team is made up of Patrol Leaders and Scouters, and is led by a Troop Scouter
TSC	Tri-Shores Council	A Council in Southwestern Ontario
VC	Voyageur Council	A Council in Eastern Ontario and the Outaouais
VSS	Vulnerable Sector Search	A screening requirement along with a PRC that lists any concerns with a person working with vulnerable persons.



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WAFA	Wilderness Advanced First Aid	Builds upon WFA, offering more in-depth training and advanced techniques for handling complex situations and managing serious injuries.
WB I	Wood Badge I	Required e-training in a Scouter's first year.
WB II	Wood Badge II	Optional Scouter skills development in-person training.
WFA	Wilderness First Aid	A course that provides foundational medical skills for managing injuries and illnesses in remote environments, focusing on basic life support, patient assessment, and field care.
WFR	Wilderness First Responder	A medical certification for both outdoor enthusiasts and professionals. The standard minimum for outdoor leaders like guides, search and rescue professionals and educators.
WJ/WSJ	World Jamboree / World Scout Jamboree	A Scouting jamboree of the World Organization of the Scout Movement, typically attended by several tens of thousands of Scouts from around the world, aged 14 to 17
WOSM	World Organization of the Scout Movement	Scouting is the world's leading educational youth movement empowering 57 million young people and volunteers to be active global citizens and agents of change in their communities
WPC	White Pine Council	A Council in Central Ontario
YiS	Yours in Scouting	A common Scouting sign-off in correspondence
YLT	Youth Leadership Training	Youth participants create a unique collection of adventures to explore five leadership knowledge areas, including Becoming a Leader, Communication, Plan-Do-Review, Problem Solving and Teamwork. Youth from older Sections facilitate/lead the adventures—while adult Scouters support.
YN	Youth Network	Groups that connect Scouting youth (ages 14-26) to share Scouting interests, experiences, and news.
YSP	Youth Spokesperson	A youth volunteer that promotes Scouting activities for the Council/ Region/Country from a youth's perspective.