

## COMMON MILITARY TERMINOLOGY

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<p>This document gives some of the common abbreviations, acronyms and military terms that new entry personnel will likely encounter in the recruiting process and early in their service.</p> <p>For clarity of understanding, the Oxford Dictionary gives the following definitions:</p> <p><b>abbreviation</b>    noun. A shortened form of a word or phrase</p> <p><b>acronym</b>        noun. An abbreviation formed from the initial letters of other words and pronounced as a word (e.g. NATO)</p> <p>Abbreviations and acronyms are in common use in militaries as concise means of expressing terms that can be lengthy. Brevity in communications is particularly desirable during military operations. Military forces have also created special meanings for many commonly used words, creating a unique military jargon.</p> <p>It is quite normal for new military personnel to adopt military abbreviations, acronyms and jargon into their everyday speech, and this can lead to significant confusion when talking with ordinary civilians. In addition, the militaries of different nations and the various branches of the Canadian Armed Forces can have different meanings for the same abbreviations and acronyms; raising significant potential for misunderstanding. The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) has created glossaries of terms and abbreviations in an order to provide a measure of standardization, e.g. <i>Allied Administrative Publication 06 (AAP-06) NATO Glossary of Terms and Definitions (English and French)</i>. Military people need to be cognizant of their audience and adapt their language accordingly.</p>	<p>Ce document donne quelques-unes des abréviations, acronymes et termes militaires communs que le personnel de nouvelle entrée sera probablement rencontrer dans le processus de recrutement et au début de leur service.</p> <p>Pour plus de clarté, le Oxford Dictionary donne les définitions suivantes:</p> <p><b>abréviation</b>    nom. Une forme abrégée d'un mot ou d'une expression</p> <p><b>acronyme</b>        nom. Une abréviation formée à partir des lettres initiales d'autres mots et prononcée comme un mot (OTAN par exemple)</p> <p>Les abréviations et les acronymes sont couramment utilisés dans les armées comme moyen concis d'exprimer des termes qui peuvent être longs. La brièveté des communications est particulièrement souhaitable lors des opérations militaires. Les forces militaires ont également créé des significations spéciales pour de nombreux mots couramment utilisés, créant ainsi un jargon militaire unique.</p> <p>Il est tout à fait normal que de nouveaux militaires adoptent des abréviations militaires, des acronymes et du jargon dans leur discours de tous les jours, ce qui peut entraîner une confusion importante lorsqu'ils parlent avec des civils ordinaires. En outre, les militaires des différentes nations et les diverses branches des forces armées canadiennes peuvent avoir des significations différentes pour les mêmes abréviations et acronymes; susciter un fort potentiel d'incompréhension. L'Organisation du Traité de l'Atlantique Nord (OTAN) a créé des glossaires de termes et d'abréviations dans le but de fournir une mesure de normalisation, par exemple Publication administrative alliée 06 (AAP-06) Glossaire de termes et définitions de l'OTAN (anglais et français). Les militaires doivent être conscients de leur auditoire et adapter la langue appropriée en conséquence.</p>
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Term/Terme	Definition / Définition
Some acronyms and abbreviations can be found on the Canadian Army website <a href="https://army.ca/wiki/index.php/Canadian_Military_Acronyms">https://army.ca/wiki/index.php/Canadian_Military_Acronyms</a> Certains acronymes et abréviations sont disponibles sur le site Web de l'armée canadienne	
<b>ASAP</b>	As soon as possible
<b>BMOQ</b>	Basic Military Officer Qualifying Course. This is the basic training given to all new entries into the Canadian Armed Forces and provides the knowledge that is common to all trades and elements, and



<b>RCAF</b>	Royal Canadian Air Force. The official name of Canada's air force. This was a term that was dropped for some forty years from Unification in 1968 of the separate elements of Canada's armed forces until 2013.
<b>RCN</b>	Royal Canadian Navy. The official name of Canada's Navy. This was a term that was dropped for some forty years from Unification in 1968 of the separate elements of Canada's armed forces until 2013.
<b>Regular Force</b>	Members of the Regular Force serve full time under conditions of unlimited liability.
<b>Reserve Force</b>	Members of the Reserve Force serve part time and can volunteer to participate in Canadian Armed Forces operations under conditions of unlimited liability.
<b>RMC</b>	Royal Military College. While usually referring to the military college in Kingston, Ontario, it may also be applied to the Collège Militaire Royal in Saint Jean, Quebec when referring to it in English
<b>RMCC</b>	Royal Military College of Canada
<b>RMCCC</b>	Royal Military Colleges Club of Canada
<b>ROTP</b>	Regular Officer Training Plan. This is Department of National Defence program that provides undergraduate university education to selected individuals in return for a specified period of service in the Canadian Armed Forces. This program applies to cadets at military colleges as well as to individuals selected to go to civilian university.
<b>Service</b>	Generic name given to a specific branch of the military, e.g. naval service.
<b>Unification</b>	Under the <i>Canadian Forces Reorganization Act</i> 1968, the previously separate armed services of Canada were unified and reorganized.
<b>Unlimited liability</b>	Unlimited liability is a concept derived strictly from a professional understanding of the military function, is integral to the military ethos, and lies at the heart of the military professional's understanding of duty. While safety is always an important consideration in any military activity, military members can legitimately be ordered to undertake actions that would reasonably place their lives and health at risk. Unlimited liability is what sets members of the Canadian Armed Forces apart from other Canadians.