



ACRONYMS 'R US

How many do you know?

Within the labour movement we are bombarded by acronyms – so to help you along, we have compiled a list of some of the ones that you may run in to on a day-to-day basis and some you may not.

AAMD&C Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Councils
AAWEI Alberta Average Weekly Earning Index
ABGWU Aluminum Brick & Glass Workers Union
ACCEX Air Canada Component Executive
ACPA Air Canada Pilots Association
ACTWU Amalgamated Clothing & Textiles Workers Union
AEEC Alberta Education Employees Committee
AFL Alberta Federation of Labour
AIT Agreement on Internal Trade
AHEC Alberta Healthcare Employees Committee
AHS Alberta Health Services
ALRB Alberta Labour Relations Board
AMEC Alberta Municipal Employees Committee
ASBA Alberta School Board Association
ASPA Administrative and Supervisory Personnel Association
ATA Alberta Teachers Association
ATU Amalgamated Transit Union
AUCC Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada
AUMA Alberta Urban Municipalities Association
AUPE Alberta Union of Provincial Employees
BAC International Union of Bricklayers & Allied Craftsmen
BCTWU Bakery, Confectionery & Tobacco Workers Union

BG&PWU Brewery, General & Professional Workers Union
BLE Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers
BMWE Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees
BOG Board of Governors
BWU Brewery Workers Union
CAFF Canadian Association of Firefighters
CAIS Collective Agreement Information System
CALM Canadian Association of Labour Media
CAMA Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators
CAW Canadian Auto Workers
CBO Community Based Organization sector
CCPA Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives
CCU Council of Canadian Unions
CDC Calgary District Council
CDLC Calgary & District Labour Council
CEP Communications, Energy and Paper Workers Union
CEU Confidential Employee Union
CFS Canadian Federation of Students
CFU Canadian Farmworkers' Union
CIRB Canadian Industrial Relations board
CLAC Christian Labour Association of Canada
CLC Canadian Labour Congress
CNW Canadian News Wire
COCP Coalition of Component Presidents

COPE Canadian Office and Professional Employees Union
CPAA Canadian Postmasters and Assistants Association
CPP Canada Pension Plan
CSU Canadian Staff Union
CTEA Canadian Telephone Employees Association
CUPE Canadian Union of Public Employees
CUPW Canadian Union of Postal Workers
CWA Communications Workers of America
DGC Directors' Guild of Canada
EDLC Edmonton & District Labour Council
FLS Flex Spending Act
EMS Emergency Medical Services
ESA Employment Standards Act
EWSC Education Workers' Steering Committee
FCM Federation of Canadian Municipalities
FTA Free Trade Agreement
FWT Federation of Women Teachers
GCIU Graphic Communications International Union
GVP General Vice-President
HEU Hospital Employees' Union
HSA Health Spending Account
HSAA Health Sciences Association of Alberta
IAFF International Association of Fire Fighters
IAM International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers
IATSE International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees
IBEW International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
IBN Interest Based Negotiations
ICTU Independent Canadian Transit Union
IEP Individual Education Plan
ILGWU International Ladies' Garment Workers Union
ILO International Labour Organization
IUOE International Union of Operating Engineers
IWA International Woodworkers Association
IWG Injured Workers Group
LAPP Local Authorities Pension Plan
LRB Labour Relations Board
MLA Member of the Legislative Assembly
MP Member of Parliament
MWSC Municipal Workers' Steering Committee
NAFTA North American Free Trade Agreement
NASA Non-Academic Staff Association

NEB National Executive Board
NDP New Democratic Party
NG Newspaper Guild
NRCC National Research Council of Canada
OH&S Occupational Health and Safety
PAC Political Action Committee
PCA Personal Care Attendants
PIA Public Interest Alberta
PSAC Public Services Alliance of Canada
RVP Regional Vice-President
SADC Southern Alberta District Council
SALAD System for the Analysis of Labour Agreement Data
SEIU Service Employees International Union
SFL Saskatchewan Federation of Labour
SGEU Saskatchewan Government & General Employees Union
SMW Sheet Metal Workers
SUN Saskatchewan Union of Nurses
TCU Transportation Communications International Union
TILMA Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement
TNG The Newspaper Guild
TSA Taxable Spending Account
UAW United Autoworkers
UFCW United Food and Commercial Workers
UGWA United Garment Workers of America
USW United Steelworkers
UIW Union of Injured Workers
UNA United Nurses of Alberta
UNITE HERE Union of Needletrades, Industrial and Textile Employees, Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees
UPGWA International Union, United Plant Guard Workers of America
UPIU United Paperworkers International Union
UTU United Transportation Union
WCB Workers' Compensation Board
WHMIS Workplace Hazardous Material Information System
WTO World Trade Organization

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