



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.

Commonly Used:

AFL - Alberta Federation of Labour
ALRB - Alberta Labour Relations Board
CALM - The Canadian Association of Labour Media
CCPA - Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives
CCU - Council of Canadian Unions
CCDC – CUPE Calgary District Council
CDLC - Calgary & District Labour Council
DB - Defined Benefit (Pension Plan)
DC - Defined Contribution (Pension Plan)
EDLC - Edmonton District Labour Council
EMS - Emergency Medical Services
ESA - Employment Standards Act
FTA - Free Trade Agreement
GVP - General Vice-President of CUPE
IBN - Interest Based Negotiations
ILO - International Labour Organization
LAPP - Local Authorities Pension Plan
MLA - Member of the Legislative Assembly
MP - Member of Parliament

NAFTA - North American Free Trade Agreement
NDP - New Democratic Party
NEB - National Executive Board of CUPE
NRC - National Research Council of Canada
OH&S - Occupational Health and Safety Committee
PAC - Political Action Committee
PCAA - Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta
RVP - Regional Vice-President of CUPE
SADC - Southern Alberta District Council
TILMA - Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement
WCB - Workers' Compensation Board
WRP - Wildrose Party
WTO - World Trade Organization
UNIFOR - Merger of CAW & CEP
WHMIS - Workplace Hazardous Material Information System

Additional Acronyms:

ABGWU - Aluminum Brick & Glass Workers
ACTWU - Amalgamated Clothing & Textiles Workers Union
AFGM - American Federation of Grain Millers
AIT - Agreement on Internal Trade
ASPA - The Administrative and Supervisory Personnel Association
ATSU - Administrative and Technical Staff Union
ATU - Amalgamated Transit Union
AUCC - Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada
BAC - International Union of Bricklayers & Allied Craftsmen
BCTWU - Bakery, Confectionery & Tobacco Workers International 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
CAMA - Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators
CBO - Community Based Organization sector
CEU - Confidential Employee Union
CFS - Canadian Federation of Students
CFU - Canadian Farmworkers' Union
CLAC - Christian Labour Association of Canada
CLC - Canadian Labour Congress
CNW - Canadian NewsWire
COPE - Canadian Office and Professional Employees Union
CPAA - Canadian Postmasters and Assistants Association
CSU - Canadian Staff Union
CSU 52 - Civic Staff Union
CTEA - Canadian Telephone Employees Association
CUPE - Canadian Union of Public Employees
CUPW - Canadian Union of Postal Workers
CURRE - Canadian Union of Restaurant and Related Employees
CWA - Communications Workers of America
DG - Directors' Guild of Canada
EWSC - Education Workers' Steering Committee
FWT - Federation of Women Teachers
GCIU - Graphic Communications International Union
HEU - Hospital Employees' Union

HRCEBU - Hotel, Restaurant & Culinary Employees and Bartenders Union
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 and Moving Pictures Machine Operators of United States and Canada
IBEW - International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
IBFO - International Brotherhood of Fireman and Oilers
ILGWU - International Ladies' Garment Workers Union
IUOE - International Union of Operating Engineers
IWA - International Woodworkers Association of Canada
IWG - Injured Workers Group
NABET - National Association of Broadcast Employees and Technicians
NG - Newspaper Guild
OPEIU - Office and Professional Employees International Union
PSAC - Public Services Alliance of Canada
SEIU - Service Employees International Union
SGEU - Saskatchewan Government and General Employees Union
SMW - Sheet Metal Workers
TCU - Transportation Communications International Union
Teamsters - International Brotherhood of Teamsters
TNG - The Newspaper Guild
UAW - International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America
UFCW - United Food and Commercial Workers Union
UGWA - United Garment Workers of America
UIW - Union of Injured Workers
UNA - United Nurses of Alberta
UNITE HERE - Union of Needletrades, Industrial, Textile, Hotel Employees, Restaurant Employees
UPGWA - International Union, United Plant Guard Workers of America
UPIU - United Paperworkers International Union
URW - United Rubber, Cork, Linoleum and Plastic Workers of America
USW - United Steelworkers
UTU - United Transportation Union
UTW - United Transportation Union
UTWA - United Textiles Workers of America