

## How the Codes Work

The codes have two parts for provincial patches, and three parts for area, division, or district patches.

### ***First Part: Province Identification***

A code starts with a 2- or 3-letter abbreviation of the patch's province or territory. These abbreviations are as follows:

Alberta	AB
British Columbia	BC
Manitoba	MB
New Brunswick	NB
Newfoundland & Labrador	NL
Northwest Territories &/or Nunavut *	NT
Nova Scotia	NS
Ontario	ON
Quebec	QC
Prince Edward Island	PEI
Saskatchewan	SK
Yukon Territory	YT

*\* The territory of Nunavut split off from the Northwest Territories in 1999. Before that, the Northwest Territories covered its current land plus the land that is now Nunavut. Any patch from this combined geographical area all gets lumped into the NT code.*

### ***Second Part (if applicable): Area/Division/District Name***

The next part of the code depends on whether this is a provincial patch or an area/division/district (A/D/D). If it's an A/D/D, the next part of the code will be the name of the A/D/D. If there is more than one A/D/D in a particular province with the same name, they are numbered to distinguish one from the other.

Example: Ontario has two Evergreen Districts and an Evergreen Division. So we have:

ON.EVERGREEN1.1 – Evergreen District (the one in Ottawa Area)

ON.EVERGREEN2.1 – Evergreen District (the one in Silver Birch Area)

ON.EVERGREEN3.1 – Evergreen Division (the one in White Oaks Area)

In general, the code name is the same as the A/D/D name minus any spaces and punctuation. Once in a while, the name of the A/D/D is so long that an abbreviation is used. For example, BC.SOUTHERNVANCOUVERISLAND.x has been shortened to BC.SVI.x.

### ***Third Part: Patch Number***

All catalogued patches have a patch number. A provincial patch will have this following the provincial abbreviation (see First Part); an A/D/D will have this following the A/D/D name.

An official A/D/D patch (i.e., not an anniversary, event, camp, etc) will have a plain number (1, 2, 3, etc...). Sometimes, if two patches are quite similar and probably need to be compared side by side to see the difference, they will be given the same number, but followed with different letters (e.g., 1a, 1b, etc).

A special patch, such as an anniversary patch, starts with letter(s) and is followed by a number. There are a few possibilities, described below.

#### ***Provincial Patches***

Start with either F or P.

F = Floral

P = general Provincial patch

e.g., BC.P2

#### ***A/D/D Special Patches***

These are more complex. ☺

A	The A/D/D's anniversary; the following number indicates <i>which anniversary</i> . For example, BC.CHEAM.A25 indicates a patch for Cheam Area's 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
GA	A patch issued by an A/D/D to celebrate a general Girl Guides of Canada anniversary; the following number indicates which <i>guiding anniversary</i> . For example, BC.CHEAM.GA95 indicates a patch to celebrate 95 years of Girl Guides in Canada.
Y	A patch issued by the A/D/D for a particular year. The number that follows is the year of issue. The year 2000 is shortened to "2k", so any year 2000 patch has the code Y2k. For example, BC.CHEAM.Y2k is a patch issued by Cheam Area for the year 2000. For other years, the full four digits are used. e.g., ON.MISSISSAUGA.Y2004.