

ORDER OF PRECEDENCE FOR FLAGS—QUICK REFERENCE

This is a reference tool on the order of precedence of flags. The order of precedence is under the authority of the Department of Canadian Heritage. It must be respected by all Federal departments and institutions and can serve as a guideline for individuals and private institutions and companies.

THE ORDER OF PRECEDENCE FOR FLAGS IN CANADA

1. The National Flag of Canada; (*Note A*)
2. The flags of other sovereign nations, in alphabetical order;
3. The flags of the provinces of Canada, in order in which they joined Confederation;
4. The flags of the territories of Canada, in order in which they joined Confederation;
5. The flags of municipalities/cities;
6. The flags and banners of organizations; (*Note B*)
7. Historical flags.

Note A: The Queen's Personal Canadian Flag, as well as the Personal Canadian Flags of members of the Royal Family and the personal flags of the Governor General and Lieutenant Governors (in their province of jurisdiction) when assuming the duties of the representative of the Queen, all take precedence over the National Flag on the buildings where these dignitaries are in residence or attending a function.

For example, when the Queen arrives on Parliament Hill, the National Flag on the Peace Tower is replaced by Her Majesty's Personal Canadian Flag for the duration of her visit on Parliament Hill.

It should also be noted that the Government of Quebec has decreed that on all buildings under its authority within the province of Quebec, whether it be those of government departments, boards, schools or others, as well as on city halls, the provincial flag of Quebec is given precedence over the National Flag of Canada and must occupy the place of honour. This does not apply to the Federal government's properties in Quebec, where the National Flag of Canada retains precedence.

Note B: If multiple organizational flags are displayed, they should respect the following order of precedence: international, national, provincial, territorial, regional, municipal and commercial or private organizations.

THE ORDER OF PRECEDENCE FOR PROVINCIAL AND TERRITORIAL FLAGS

The order of precedence for the flying of the provincial flags is according to the date of entry of the province into Confederation, by population at the time of entry. The three Territories are displayed in order of creation and follow those of the provinces.

1. Canada	6. Manitoba	11. Newfoundland and Labrador
2. Ontario	7. British Columbia	12. Northwest Territories
3. Quebec	8. Prince Edward Island	13. Yukon
4. Nova Scotia	9. Saskatchewan	14. Nunavut
5. New Brunswick	10. Alberta	

ALONG A WALL

Flags displayed along a wall start with the National Flag on the left, in the place of honour, followed by the provinces, in order of precedence, followed by the territories. If desired, another National Flag may be placed at the end.



FLANKING AN ENTRANCE

Flags displayed flanking an entrance start with the National Flag on the left, in the place of honour, followed by the provinces, in order of precedence, followed by the territories. The order alternates sides, starting from the left, then right, then left and so on.



“V” DISPLAY FOR VISUAL EFFECT

Flags displayed in a “V” shape start with the National Flag in the centre, in the place of honour, followed by the provinces, in order of precedence, followed by the territories. The order alternates sides, starting from the left, then right, then left and so on.

