

## PROWORD (PROcedure WORD)

There are many users of ProWords, Armed Forces, Aviation, Commercial & Recreational boat traffic & Amateur Radio

In addition to the obvious list of environments you will find “codes”, that are used to convey special meanings, in private (business) nets or Policing (10-? codes).

The following is a list of sources that have been used .

This list is not all encompassing but comprises a list of prowords that will be understood by most of the radio operators you will encounter.

Be flexible when DX-ing. English-Canadian may not be their first language. The goal is to communicate.

### Source Documents

1. Generally I like the US Coastguard Radiotelephone Handbook Appendix B

[https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/CGTTP\\_6-01\\_1A\\_Radiotelephone\\_Handbook-%20508%20compliant%20v2.pdf](https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/CGTTP_6-01_1A_Radiotelephone_Handbook-%20508%20compliant%20v2.pdf)

2. The RAC-ARES Operations Training manual is “reasonable” but contains prowords with duplicate meanings.

[http://wp.rac.ca/wp-content/uploads/files/ares/ARES%20Complete\\_manual\\_revised%20Aug%202015.pdf](http://wp.rac.ca/wp-content/uploads/files/ares/ARES%20Complete_manual_revised%20Aug%202015.pdf)

3. Wikipedia

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Procedure\\_word](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Procedure_word)

4. Maritime Mobile Service Network

Has some great examples

<http://www.mmsn.org/about-us/prowords.html>

5. International Telecommunication Union - A valuable document

<https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Emergency-Telecommunications/Documents/ET-OnlineToolkit/tools/019%20A%20Guide%20To%20Radio%20Communications%20Standards%20For%20Emergency%20Responders.pdf>

ACKNOWLEDGE - Let me know you have received and understood this message

AFFIRMATIVE/YES - Permission granted, or I agree

ALL STATIONS - This message is for all stations

BREAK - I hereby indicate the separation between portions of the message

CONFIRM - My version is ... is that correct?

CORRECTION or WRONG - An error has been made in this transmission (message indicated). The correct version is...

DISREGARD - Consider this transmission as not sent

FIGURES - The following characters are numbers

GO AHEAD - Proceed with your message

GROUP - The following characters are a mix of numbers and letters. See USCG protocol PREFERRED

I SAY AGAIN - USE "I SAY AGAIN", NOT "REPEAT"

I SPELL - I am going to spell a word/name

MAYDAY - spoken word, repeated three times, for distress communications (LIFE IS IN IMMEDIATE DANGER)

MAYDAY RELAY - The relaying of a distress call

MIXED GROUP - The following characters are a mix of numbers and letters. See USCG protocol

MONITOR - Listen on channel/frequency....

NEGATIVE/NO - Permission not granted or I do not agree

OUT - I am finished and do not expect a reply

OUT TO YOU - I am finished talking to you and wish to talk to another station

OVER - I am finished and require an answer

PAN PAN - The spoken word, repeated three times, for an urgency communication

RADIO CHECK - I am testing my radio. Use Call Sign. See SIGNALS

READ BACK - Read back the entire message as received

ROGER - I have received your last transmission

SAY AGAIN - Send your last transmission. DO NOT USE "REPEAT"

SAY AGAIN ALL AFTER/BEFORE - Re-send part of message after or before

SECURITY - Spoken word, repeated three times, for safety communications

RADIO SILENCE - Spoken words to impose radio silence to keep frequency clear for emergency traffic

SIGNALS / SIGNAL CHECK - Use Call Sign

THAT IS CORRECT - Self explanatory.

VERIFY - Check coding, check text with originator and re-send

WAIT - I must pause for a few seconds, maximum of 15 sec.

WAIT OUT - I can not receive your message at this time the net may continue (more than 15 sec. delay)

WORDS TWICE - Communications are difficult, I am sending or send each word twice

A	ALFA	M	MIKE	Y	YANKEE
B	BRAVO	N	NOVEMBER	Z	ZULU
C	CHARLIE	O	OSCAR	1	ONE
D	DELTA	P	PAPA	2	TWO
E	ECHO	Q	QUEBEC	3	THREE
F	FOXTROT	R	ROMEO	4	FOUR
G	GOLF	S	SIERRA	5	FIVE
H	HOTEL	T	TANGO	6	SIX
I	INDIA	U	UNIFORM	7	SEVEN
J	JULIETTE	V	VICTOR	8	EIGHT
K	KILO	W	WHISKEY	9	NINE
L	LIMA	X	X-RAY	0	ZERO

See CoaxPubs manual Sec.12.3 for hints on verbal emphasis that may help communication when signals are weak or otherwise impaired.

## Things you'll hear on the radio that aren't part of the formal Voice Procedure

Many short cuts have been adopted into "voice" transmission from Telegraph & CW.

73 is very common. Meaning "best wishes" Used at termination of contact.

More than you want to know @

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Morse\\_code\\_abbreviations](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Morse_code_abbreviations)

CQ Calling any station, respond with your call sign

YL Young Lady, Originally Female Operator

XYL Wife

OM Old Man, British greeting

Q Codes Section 12.2 of Coax Pubs manual but may have morphed into other uses

QRP a low power station. Under 5W

QRM Interference, man made

QRN interference, natural (lightning)

QSY change frequency

QRZ who is calling me. Repeat your call sign

QSL Did you receive my transmission. Respond, if affirmative QSL

QTH Where do you live, i.e. Welland Ontario