

Canadian Geographic Area Code Relief History

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1947	416	Ontario	First Area Codes implemented in NANP area		AT&T assignment of 86 area codes (9 Canada, 77 continental USA) in format N(0/1)X-NNX-XXXX (where N = 2 to 9 and X = 0 to 9)
	613	Ontario			
	418	Québec			
	514	Québec			
	902	New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland and Labrador			
	204	Manitoba			
	306	Saskatchewan			
	403	Alberta			
604	British Columbia				
1953	519	Ontario	Split	416 613	new area code 519 for Ontario split from parts of 416 & 613
1955	506	New Brunswick and Newfoundland and Labrador	Split	902	new area code 506 split from 902 for New Brunswick and Newfoundland and Labrador (902 retained for Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island)
1957	705	Ontario	Split	519 613	new area code 705 for Ontario split from parts of 613 and 519
1957	819	Québec	Split	418 514	new area code 819 for Québec split from parts of 514 & 418
1960		Yukon, Northwest Territories and Alberta	Boundary Extension		Yukon & the southern & western parts of the Northwest Territories begin to interconnect and use Alberta 403 area code
1962	709	Newfoundland and Labrador	Split	506	new area code 709 for Newfoundland and Labrador split from 506 (506 retained by New Brunswick)

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1962	807	Ontario	Split and Boundary Realignment	705 416	new area code 807 for Ontario split from 705; 416/705 boundary modified (Peterborough area moves into 705)
1973		NANP Region	NANP CO Code format change		NANP CO Code format changes from NNX to NXX; NANP format becomes N(0 or 1)X – NXX – XXXX (Interchangeable CO Codes); first NPA to change is NPA 213 in California; other NPAs changed gradually until Interchangeable NPA Codes were introduced in 1995
1975		Québec and Northwest Territories	Boundary Extension		Québec's 819 area code extended to include Bell Canada and Sotel parts of the Northwest Territories
1990		Ontario	First Canadian Interchangeable CO Codes		first Canadian Interchangeable CO Codes implemented in NPA 416
1993	905	Ontario	Split	416	new area code 905 splits from 416 : 416 retained for Toronto Ontario; 905 for areas surrounding Toronto
1995		NANP Region	NANP Area Code format change		NANP Area Code format changes from N(0/1)X to NXX (Interchangeable NPA Codes); NANP format becomes NXX – NXX – XXXX
1996 (Oct)	250	British Columbia	Split	604	new area code 250 splits from 604 in BC; 604 for southwestern mainland BC including Vancouver; 250 for Vancouver Island and BC Mainland excluding Lower Mainland
1997 (Oct)	867	Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut Split	Split	403 819	new area code 867 implemented for Yukon and Northwest Territories (including Nunavut) including northern parts of Alberta previously served by 403 and northern parts of Québec previously served by 819; 403 is made exclusive to Alberta ; 819 is made exclusive to Québec

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1998 (June)	450	Québec	Split	514	new area code 450 splits from 514 in Québec; 514 retained for Montreal area, 450 for area surrounding Montréal
1999 (Jan)	780	Alberta	Split	403	new area code 780 splits from 403 in Alberta; 780 for northern Alberta (Edmonton); 403 retained for southern Alberta (Calgary)
2001 (March)	647	Ontario	Distributed Overlay	416	new area code 647 overlay on 416 in Toronto Ontario; mandatory ten-digit local dialling implemented (first Canadian overlay)
2001 (June)	289	Ontario	Distributed Overlay	905	new area code 289 overlay on 905 surrounding Toronto Ontario; mandatory ten-digit local dialling implemented
2001 (Nov)	778	British Columbia	Concentrated Overlay	604	new area code 778 concentrated overlay of Greater Vancouver Regional District, Abbotsford and Mission parts of 604 (Lower Mainland BC including Vancouver); remaining 604 NXXs retained for 604 area outside the concentrated overlay; mandatory ten-digit local dialling implemented in 604 & 778
2006 (Oct)	226	Ontario	Distributed Overlay	519	new area code 226 overlay of 519 southwest Ontario; mandatory ten-digit local dialling implemented in 226 & 519
2006 (Oct)		Ontario and Québec	Mandatory ten-digit local dialling	613, 819	mandatory ten-digit local dialling implemented in area codes 613 & 819, eliminating the need for CO Code protection as it was previously required to allow seven-digit local dialling between area codes 613 and 819
2006 (Nov)	438	Québec	Distributed Overlay	514	new area code 438 overlay of 514 Montréal area; mandatory ten-digit local dialling implemented in area codes 438, 450 and 514

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2007 (July)	778*	British Columbia	Boundary Extension Overlay	250, 604	area code 778 concentrated overlay of 604 is extended to cover all of British Columbia (province-wide overlay) to provide relief for area code 250; remaining 604 CO Codes become assignable throughout 604 region
2008 (Sept)	581	Québec	Distributed Overlay	418	new area code 581 overlay of 418 northeast Québec area including Québec City; mandatory ten-digit local dialling implemented (mandatory ten-digit local dialling becomes universal in the Province of Québec)
2008 (Sept)	587	Alberta	Distributed Overlay over two NPAs	403 780	new area code 587 overlay of 403 and 780 to serve all of Alberta (province-wide overlay); mandatory ten-digit local dialling implemented (mandatory ten-digit local dialling becomes universal in the Province of Alberta)
2008 (Sept)		British Columbia	Mandatory ten digit local dialling	250	mandatory ten-digit local dialling implemented in 250 area in British Columbia (mandatory ten-digit local dialling becomes universal in the Province of British Columbia)
2010 (May)	343	Ontario	Distributed Overlay	613	new area code 343 overlay of 613 eastern Ontario area including Ottawa
2010 (Aug)	579	Québec	Distributed Overlay	450	new area code 579 overlay of 450 southern Québec area
2011 (Mar)	249	Ontario	Distributed Overlay	705	new area code 249 overlay of 705 northern Ontario area
2012 (Sept)	873	Québec	Distributed Overlay	819	new area code 873 to overlay 819 in north western Québec
2012 (Nov)	431	Manitoba	Distributed Overlay	204	new area code 431 to overlay 204 in Manitoba (province-wide overlay)

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2013 (Mar)	365	Ontario	Distributed Overlay	289/905	new area code 365 to overlay 289/905 surrounding Toronto Ontario
2013 (Mar)	437	Ontario	Distributed Overlay	416/647	new area code 437 to overlay 416/647 in Toronto Ontario
2013 (May)	639	Saskatchewan	Distributed Overlay	306	new area code 639 to overlay 306 in Saskatchewan (province-wide overlay)
2013 (June)	236	British Columbia	Distributed Overlay	250/604/778	new area code 236 to overlay 250/604/778 in British Columbia (province-wide overlay)
Nov (2014)	782	Nova Scotia & PEI	Distributed Overlay	902	new area code 782 to overlay 902 in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
April (2016)	825	Alberta	Distributed Overlay	403/587/780	new area code 825 overlay of 403, 587 and 780 to serve all of Alberta (province-wide overlay)
June (2016)	548	Ontario	Distributed Overlay	226/519	new area code 548 to overlay 226/519 in southern Ontario

Total quantity of Canadian Geographic NPAs in-service as of June 2017 is 39.

* Note NPA 778 is not a new NPA but was used as a relief NPA in British Columbia.

Entered into Relief Planning

Proposed Date	New NPA	Province / Territory	Recommended Method / Event	NPA Requiring Relief	Description / Comments
24 Nov 18	879	Newfoundland & Labrador	Distributed Overlay	709	new area code 879 to overlay 902 in Newfoundland & Labrador (province-wide overlay) Telecom Decision CRTC 2017-35, dated 2 February 2017
TBD	428 ♦	New Brunswick	TBD	506	Telecom Notice of Consultation CRTC 2016-206, dated 31 May 2016
24 Nov 18	367	Québec	Distributed Overlay	418/581	new area code 367 to overlay Northeast Québec area including Québec City Telecom Decision CRTC 2017-32, dated 2 February 2017
TBD	672 ♣	British Columbia	TBD	236/250/604 /778	Telecom Notice of Consultation CRTC 2016-208, dated 31 May 2016

- ♦ In Telecom Decision CRTC 2010-784, *CRTC Interconnection Steering Committee consensus item – Reservation of area codes for future area code relief*, the Commission directed the CNA to set aside certain area codes for the relief of in-service area codes. The CNA may request the Commission to approve their use for alternative assignments.
- ♣ In Telecom Decision CRTC 2011-451, *Area code relief for area codes 250, 604, and 778 in British Columbia*, the Commission determined that area code 672 is to be set aside as the most suitable area code for future code relief in British Columbia.