

8. Multi-Branch

The badges and insignia listed in this section are those that could be worn by more than one section of girl members and sometimes by adult members as well. There are seven distinct groupings:

1. **Canada Flashes and Title Tapes**
2. **Challenges** (to be added)
3. **Commemorative badges and pins**
4. **Provincial Hat badges**
5. **Religion in Life badges**
6. **Service stars**
7. **Other** (to be added)

1. Canada Flashes and Title Tapes

As early as 1936 the National Council made available a “Canada Badge” to be worn at the base of the cockade by Guiders travelling internationally on approved trips. The “badge” was to be returned after the traveller returned home, unless she had travelled as a representative of the National Council (e.g. a delegate or a trainer) in which case she could continue to wear it in Canada.

At the same time a woven title tape was available for Guides and Rangers travelling abroad. It was to be worn on the left sleeve, just below the shoulder seam.

In 1948 a significant change was made. The Canada Badge was now called the Canada Flash, and it no longer was worn on the Guider hat. Instead it was worn by Guiders on both sleeves, just below the shoulder seam. Guides and Rangers continued to wear the Canada title tape, and as before, this international insignia was to be removed upon return to Canada.

By 1959 **ALL** girls travelling abroad could wear the Canada title tape on their left sleeve, while Guiders continued to wear the Canada flash on both sleeves.

Sometime between 1963 and 1965 the title tapes for girls were discontinued and they wore the same flash as the Guiders, although still just on one sleeve.

Starting in 1992 travellers were permitted to wear the Canada Flash for one year after their return to Canada.

Canada Flashes were obtained at first by application to the National International Department, and later through the provincial offices.

Starting in 2009, they could be purchased through the Merchandising Centre catalogue.

Because there is no ready record of when the styles of these title tapes and flashes changes, we can only give approximate dates for the different versions.

Provincial Title Tapes

In 1965, provision was made for the wearing of provincial title tapes. These could be worn by girls and Guiders travelling within Canada to an event in another province. They were to be worn on the **RIGHT** sleeve, just below the shoulder seam.

Legend: See introduction

1. Catalogue number 2. Earliest reference 3. Dates in use 4. Description 5. Former name 6. Subsequent name

Canada Flashes/Title Tapes

1. Z1050
2. *Organization and Rules for Canada* (1936)
3. 1936-?
4. White cotton tape with text "CANADIAN GIRL GUIDES" in blue stitching.
Note: To be worn by Guides and Rangers travelling outside of Canada.



1. Z1051
3. Dates unknown.
4. White cotton tape with text "CANADA" in blue stitching.
Note: as above.



1. Z1052
3. 1948?-1964?
4. Navy blue cotton tape with text "GIRL GUIDES CANADA" in white stitching.
Note: as above.



1. Z1053
2. *Organization and Rules for Canada* (1936)
3. 1936?-1948?
4. Slightly curved navy blue felt with text "CANADA" in white stitching.
Note: Worn by Guiders at base of cockade while travelling outside of Canada.



1. Z1054
2. *POR* (1948)
3. 1948?-1964?
4. Oval; felt; navy: with text "GIRL GUIDES CANADA" in white stitching and blue border.
Note: Worn by Guiders on shoulder seam of both sleeves while travelling outside of Canada.



1. Z1055
2. *POR* (1964)
3. 1964?-1969
4. Irregular; felt; navy: with text "GIRL GUIDES CANADA" in white stitching.
Note: Worn by all members travelling outside of Canada.



Legend: See introduction

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...Canada Flashes/Title Tapes continued

1. Z1056
3. 1969-1979
4. Irregular; cotton; navy: with text "CANADA" and border in white stitching.



1. Z1057
3. 1979-1985
4. Irregular; cotton; navy: with text "GUIDES CANADA" and border in white stitching.



1. Z1058
3. 1984-2009
4. Irregular; cotton; white: with text "GUIDES CANADA" and Trefoil in navy blue stitching and border in red stitching.



1. Z1059
2. Merchandising Catalogue 2009-2010
3. 2009-
4. Rectangle; cotton; white: with text "GIRL GUIDES OF CANADA GUIDES DU CANADA" and Trefoil in navy blue stitching and border in red stitching.



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