

QuickRef: FM Acronyms and Buzzwords

AD Admin – Associate Director, Administration

AD Fin – Associate Director, Finance

APA – Atlantic Procurement Agreement

A&R – Alterations and Renovations

AV – Audio Visual

AVP – Assistant Vice President

AVPFM – Assistant Vice President, Facilities Management

AWAITAPP (or AWA) – Awaiting Approval

AWAITDESAPP – Awaiting Design Approval

ACHIEVE - Dal HR Performance Support Program

Base Load Work – Hours scheduled for regular repetitive activities.

Blue Day – For Security staff only. Vacation days (approx. 23 hours a year) that correct for extra time served on shifts.

C&C – Coaching and Counselling

CMMS – Computerized Maintenance Management System

CCO – Contemplated Change Order

CO – Change Order

CS – Custodial Supervisor

Chargeable – Hours used for productive work, that is, work that goes towards completing the duties assigned to a particular position and classification.

CHEB – Collaborative Health Education Building

Client Services – Hours that are attributed to minor/ non repetitive jobs, which include work for clients and work orders such as events setups, trucking moves, customer moves, safety work, key/FOB requests, corrective jobs, investigative, etc. Jobs that require more than one crew will be organized using a work order and children work orders.

Client Projects – All capital projects that are not Facilities Renewal projects as per the Annual Project Forecast Meeting.



CPFC – Board of Governors – Capital Projects + Facilities Committee

D – Director

D Ops – Director Operations

D Plan – Director Planning

D Proj – Director Projects

DPMG – Dalhousie Professional & Managerial Group

DSU – Dalhousie Student Union

DUCCE – Dalhousie University College of Continuing Education

EOD – Employee and Organizational Development

ER – Employment Requisition

ESM – Environmental Services Manger

EMT – Emergency Medical Technician

ETTS – Electronic Time Tracking System

Event – Involves no permanent construction

Facilities Renewal – All projects assigned to a Facilities Renewal Parent project by Planning Unit.

FAMIS – Facilities Administration Management Information System

FF&E – Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment

FIM/FIMs - Facility Improvement Measure

FM – Facilities Management

FM-ized – Coordinated and branded for Facilities Management

FMP – Facilities Management Policy

FM Class D Estimate – An initial project estimate based upon square footage costs or other general estimating methods used for preliminary planning purposes

FS - Financial Services

FVB – Swedish founded company. Consultants for the Truro Biomass project and the Halifax Thermal Plant Renewal. FVB stands for Fjärrvärmebyrån ab– translates to "District Heating Bureau"

GIR – General Investigation Report



GF – General Foreperson

GTM – Grounds, Trucking and Mail

HR – Human Resources. Comes in two flavors here: Dal HR (Dalhousie University Human Resources) and FM HR (Facilities Management Human Resources)

HRES – Human Resources and Equity Services

IAI – Initial Attendance Interview

IDEA – Innovation and Design in Engineering and Architecture

ISI – Interuniversity Services

IECS – Integrated Electronic Card System

ITS – Information Technology Services

JOSHA – Joint Occupational Safety & Health Association

KPI – Key Performance Indicator

LS – Logistics Supervisor

LWOP – Leave Without Pay

Major Project – A **Project** that requires major long-term planning at FM and involves committee decisions. These are based on where the money is coming from, and type of work. They usually involve new buildings, major renovations, additions to buildings, major landscaping and/or changes to utilities.

MES – Manager of Environmental Services

MFD - Multifunction Device

Minor Project – A Project that starts with a Service Request, and usually involves planning, design, alterations, utilities, renovations, Small Jobs, and/or Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment (FF&E).

MP - Manager of Projects

MR - Maintenance Renewal

Non-Space – Money in the budget for items not connected to a location (equipment, tools, etc).

NSGEU - Nova Scotia Government & General Employees Union

NCE - Network of Centers of Excellence

OHS – Occupational Health and Safety

OWL – On-line Web Learning



Overhead – Hours attributed to non-productive activities. Standing Work Orders with a No Charge billing type will be used to record Overhead Time.

PA – Purchase Agreement

PAF – President's Administrative Forum

PC - Provost Committee

P-CARD - Procurement Card

PDC – Project Development Committee

PE – President's Executive

POCO – Purchase Order Change Order

PPE – Personal Protection Equipment

Project – A request for construction, maintenance or renovation that will

- 1. Need design work,
- 2. Have an impact on long-term plans,
- 3. Will change a function, technical standard or way of using a space, and
- 4. Will cost more than \$5,000 (if the user is paying) or \$10,000 (if FM is paying).

PL - Project Leader

Planned Overhead – Hours engaged in by hourly paid employees attributed to non-productive activities that are anticipated and planned for ahead of time, e.g.: vacation, blue days, meetings, union business, training, general foreperson administration, etc.

PM – Preventive Maintenance

PMF - Project Management Form

PO – Purchase Order

PREQ – Purchase Requisition

Preventive Maintenance – Hours that are attributed to preventive maintenance work that is carried out on equipment at a pre-determined frequency.

QA – Questions and Answers

R25 - Resource 25

Recoverable – Hours charged to any account other than the FM operating budget.

RFA – Reason For Absence



Routine Operations – Hours that are attributed to repetitive routine work or services that are charged to work orders generated using the FAMIS Preventive Maintenance module but which are not PM. These would include custodial routes, mail run, grounds maintenance, shop cleanup, security, etc...

RO – Registrars Office

S/L - Sick Leave

Small Jobs – Hours that are attributed to minor, multi-trade jobs that are managed using the Project function of the Maintenance Management module. Please note they are not Projects-with-a-capital-P.

SOPs – Standard Operating Procedures

SR - Service Request

T/A – Time Accumulated

TDG – Transportation of Dangerous Goods

Term Employee – an Employee hired on a full-time or part-time basis for project work, or other work for a temporary period of time whether specified or not.

T+S – Transportation + Security

TSM - Trades Services Manager

Union – The operating group for tradespeople (currently NSGEU).

Vac - Vacation

Variable Overhead – Hours engaged in by hourly paid employees attributed to non-productive activities that are not anticipated or planned, e.g.: sick time, work injury, bereavement leave, family illness, etc.

VP – Vice President

WO – Work Order

WF – Working Foreperson

W/I – Work Injury

Zone – One of five specific geographic sections of Dalhousie (loosely related to Sexton Campus, Carleton Campus, Studley Campus and Agricultural Campus)