

Glossary of Terms

FREQUENTLY USED POINTS & MILES TERMINOLOGY

If you spend any amount of time reading award travel content, you'll quickly notice people speaking in shorthand.

Here's your cheat sheet for the terms you'll see most often inside points communities, award searches, and ClearSkies content.

| POINTS CURRENCIES

- **MR** = Membership Rewards (*Amex points*)
- **UR** = Ultimate Rewards (*Chase points*)
- **TY/TYP** = ThankYou Points (*Citi points*)
- **C1** = Capital One Miles
- **Bilt** = Bilt Rewards Points
- **Avios** = Points currency shared by several airlines (*including British Airways, Iberia, and Qatar Airways*)

| COMMON CREDIT CARD ACRONYMS

CHASE:

- **CSP** = Chase Sapphire Preferred
- **CSR** = Chase Sapphire Reserve
- **CIC** = Chase Ink Cash
- **CIU** = Chase Ink Unlimited
- **CIP** = Chase Ink Preferred
- **CFF** = Chase Freedom Flex
- **CFU** = Chase Freedom Unlimited

AMERICAN EXPRESS:

- **Plat** = Amex Platinum • **Gold** = Amex Gold
- **BBP** = Blue Business Plus
- **Biz Plat** = Business Platinum
- **Biz Gold** = Business Gold

CAPITAL ONE:

- **VX / V1X** = Venture X
- **VS** = Venture
- **S1** = SavorOne

CITI:

- **CDC** = Citi Double Cash
- **CCC** = Citi Custom Cash
- **Strata** = Citi Strata Premier

| CREDIT CARD TERMINOLOGY

- **SUB** = Sign-Up Bonus
- **MS** = Minimum Spend Requirement
- **AF** = Annual Fee
- **AU** = Authorized User
- **NLL** = No Lifetime Language (*Amex offers without the usual "once per lifetime" restriction*)
- **P1 / P2** = Player 1 / Player 2 (*two-person strategy*)
- **PC** = Product change to a different credit card
- **CL** = Credit Limit
- **HP** = Hard Pull
- **SP** = Soft Pull
- **Recon** = Reconsideration (*calling a bank to reconsider a denied application*)
- **Churn / Churning** = Opening cards strategically for bonuses
- **Velocity** = How aggressively someone applies for cards
- **Keeper Card** = A card worth holding long-term
- **Double Dip/Triple Dip** = Timing a card opening to strategically take advantage of annual statement credits 2x or 3x before the 1-year AF posts
- **5/24** = Chase approval rule tied to new accounts reported to your personal credit in past 24 months

| AWARD TRAVEL TERMINOLOGY

- **CPP** = Cents Per Point. *Often used interchangeably with Value Per Point. Tells you the cash value you are getting per point redeemed:*

$$\frac{(\text{cash cost} - \text{taxes/fees from award redemption})}{\text{\# of points}} = \text{CPP}$$

- **Award Space** = Flights available to book with points
- **Saver Space** = Lowest-level award pricing
- **Transfer Bonus** = Temporary extra value when transferring points
- **Portal Booking** = Booking travel directly through a bank portal
- **OTA** = Online Travel Agency
- **Positioning/Repositioning Flight** = Separate flight to adjust your starting airport to take advantage of better award availability
- **Open Jaw** = Fly into 1 city and home from another
- **Stopover** = Extended stay during a connecting itinerary
- **Metal** = The airline on whose plane you're actually flying (*e.g., if you redeemed British Airways Avios to fly on American Airlines, you're flying on AA metal*)
- **OOP** = Out of Pocket
- **RT** = Roundtrip
- **OW** = One-Way
- **HUCA** = Hang Up, Call Again (*used to describe the process of calling a bank, airline or hotel customer service again to try and get a "yes" for something you previously were told "no" to*)
- **YMMV** = "Your Mileage May Vary" (*experiences may vary between people*)

| CABIN CODES

Fare codes (or booking classes) are letters assigned to your ticket that determine mileage earning, elite status qualification, and upgrade eligibility.

THIS LIST INCLUDES THE MOST COMMON ONES:

- **F** = First Class
- **W** = Premium Economy
- **X** = Economy Saver Award
- **J** = Business Class
- **Y** = Economy

| COMMON AIRLINE PROGRAM CODES

- **AA** = American Airlines Advantage
- **AS** = Alaska Mileage Plan
- **DL** = Delta SkyMiles
- **UA** = United MileagePlus
- **SW** = Southwest Rapid Rewards
- **BA** = British Airways Avios
- **VS** = Virgin Atlantic Flying Club
- **FB** = Flying Blue (*Air France/KLM*)
- **AP** = Aeroplan (*Air Canada*)
- **LM** = LifeMiles (*Avianca*)
- **EK** = Emirates Skywards
- **SQ** = Singapore KrisFlyer
- **CX** = Cathay Pacific Asia Miles
- **NH** = ANA Mileage Club

| HOTEL AWARD TERMINOLOGY

- **FNC** = Free Night Certificate
- **EQN** = Elite Qualifying Night
- **EQP** = Elite Qualifying Points
- **SUA** = Suite Upgrade Award (*Hyatt*)
- **GOH** = Guest of Honor (*Hyatt*)
- **CAA** = Club Access Award (*Hyatt*)
- **Milestone Award** = Hyatt benefits earned after reaching specific night thresholds
- **SNAs** = Nightly Upgrade Awards (*Marriott*)

| HOTEL PROGRAM CODES

- **WOH** = World of Hyatt
- **HH** = Hilton Honors
- **BON** = Marriott Bonvoy
- **IHG** = IHG One Rewards
- **ALL** = Accor Live Limitless