

## British South Africa Police (BSAP) – Key to Abbreviations

### Ranks

1/Sgt	First Sergeant
2 Lt	Second Lieutenant
2/Sgt	Second Sergeant
3/Sgt	Third Sergeant
A 1/Sgt	African First Sergeant
A 2/Sgt	African Second Sergeant
A Cst	African Constable
A FR	African Field Reservist
A PR	African Police Reservist
A SM	African Sergeant Major
A Snr Sgt	African Senior Sergeant
A Sub Insp	African Sub Inspector
A/CQMS	Acting Company Quartermaster Sergeant
A/CSM	Acting Company Sergeant Major
A/Insp	Acting Inspector
A/RSM	Acting Regimental Sergeant Major
Asst Commissioner	Assistant Commissioner
Asst S Ldr	Assistant Section Leader
Asst Supt	Assistant Superintendent
Aux Cst	Auxiliary Constable
Aux Insp	Auxiliary Inspector
Aux L/SO	Auxiliary Lance Section Officer
Aux PO	Auxiliary Patrol Officer
Aux SO	Auxiliary Section Officer
BR	B Reservist
Brig	Brigadier
Bsm	Blacksmith
C Insp	Chief Inspector
C Insp (T)	Chief Inspector (Technician)
C Supt	Chief Superintendent
C Wdn	Chief Warden
Capt	Captain
Chap Capt	Chaplain Captain
Col	Colonel
Comdt	Commandant
Comdt Gen	Commandant General
Comm	Commissioner
Cpl	Corporal
Cpl of Ord	Corporal of Ordnance
CQMS	Company Quartermaster Sergeant
Cst	Constable
D 1/Sgt	Detective First Sergeant

D Asst Insp	Detective Assistant Inspector
D C Insp	Detective Chief Inspector
D Cst	Detective Constable
D Insp	Detective Inspector
D PO	Detective Patrol Officer
D Sgt	Detective Sergeant
D SM	Detective Sergeant Major
D Snr Cst	Detective Senior Constable
D SO	Detective Section Officer
D SO (T)	Detective Section Officer (Technician)
D Stn Sgt	Detective Station Sergeant
D Sub Insp	Detective Sub Inspector
D W Cst	Detective Woman Constable
D W Insp	Detective Woman Inspector
D W Insp (T)	Detective Woman Inspector (Technician)
D W PO	Detective Woman Patrol Officer
D W SO	Detective Woman Section Officer
Dep C Wdn	Deputy Chief Warden
Dep Comm	Deputy Commissioner
Dep S Ldr	Deputy Section Leader
Dep Stk Ldr	Deputy Stick Leader
Dep Wdn	Deputy Warden
Det	Detective
Dvr	Driver
Eng	Engineer
Farr	Farrier
Farr Maj	Farrier Major
Farr SM	Farrier Sergeant Major
FR	Field Reservist
Gp Ldr	Group Leader
GR	General Reservist
Hosp Maj	Hospital Major
Hosp Ord	Hospital Orderly
Hosp Sgt	Hospital Sergeant
Hosp SM	Hospital Sergeant Major
Insp	Inspector
Insp (A)	Inspector (A Reserve)
Insp (T)	Inspector (Technician)
Insp Gen	Inspector General of Police
L/C Insp	Lance Chief Inspector
L/Cpl	Lance Corporal
L/Insp	Lance Inspector
L/Insp (T)	Lance Inspector (Technician)
L/Sgt	Lance Sergeant
L/SM	Lance Sergeant Major
L/SO	Lance Section Officer
L/W SO	Lance Woman Section Officer

Lt	Lieutenant
Lt Adj	Lieutenant
Lt Col	Lieutenant Colonel
Lt QM	Lieutenant Quartermaster
Maj	Major
Mech	Mechanic
N Cst	Native Constable
N Sgt	Native Sergeant
NS FR	National Service Field Reservist
NS PO	National Service Patrol Officer
OR Sgt	Orderly Room Sergeant
Overseer	Overseer
PMO	Post Medical Officer
Pmr	Paymaster
Pmr SM	Paymaster Sergeant Major
PO	Patrol Officer
PO (T)	Patrol Officer (Technician)
PR	Police Reservist
PR Const	Police Reserve Constable
PR Obs	Police Reserve Observer
PR Pilot	Police Reserve Pilot
Prov Insp	Provincial Inspector
Pte	Private
QMS	Quartermaster Sergeant
R C Insp	Reserve Chief Inspector
R C Supt	Reserve Chief Superintendent
R D Insp	Reserve Detective Inspector
R Insp	Reserve Inspector
R L/So	Reserve Lance Section Officer
R PO	Reserve Patrol Officer
R SO	Reserve Section Officer
R Supt	Reserve Superintendent
R W PO	Reserve Woman Patrol officer
R W SO	Reserve Woman Section Officer
RQMS	Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant
RSM	Regimental Sergeant Major
S Ldr	Section Leader
S Ldr (A)	Section Leader (Auxiliary)
S/1/Sgt	Staff First Sergeant
S/2/Sgt	Staff Second Sergeant
S/C Insp	Staff Chief Inspector
S/Cpl	Staff Corporal
S/Insp	Staff Inspector
S/L/Insp	Staff Lance Inspector
S/L/Sgt	Staff Lance Sergeant
S/L/SO	Staff Lance Section Officer
S/Sgt	Staff Sergeant

S/SM	Staff Sergeant Major
S/SO	Staff Section Officer
Sct	Scout
Sgt	Sergeant
Sgt (T)	Sergeant (Technician)
Sgt Mech	Sergeant Mechanic
Sgt of Ord	Sergeant of Ordnance
SM	Sergeant Major
SM Mech	Sergeant Major Mechanic
Snr Asst Comm	Senior Assistant Commissioner
Snr PO	Senior Patrol Officer
Snr Sgt	Senior Sergeant
SO	Section Officer
SO (T)	Section Officer (Technician)
SR	Special Reservist
Stk Ldr	Stick Leader
Stk Ldr (A)	Stick Leader (Auxiliary)
Stn Sgt	Station Sergeant
Stn Sgt (T)	Stn Sergeant (Technician)
Sub Area Wdn	Sub Area Warden
Sub Insp	Sub Inspector
Sub Lt	Sub Lieutenant
Supt	Superintendent
Supt (T)	Superintendent (Technician)
Surg Capt	Surgeon Captain
Surg Lt	Surgeon Lieutenant
Surg Maj	Surgeon Major
Tel	Telegraphist
Tpr	Trooper
Tptr SM	Trumpeter Sergeant Major
Vet Capt	Veterinary Captain
W Cpl	Woman Corporal
W Cst	Woman Constable
W FR	Woman Field Reservist
W Gp Leader	Woman Group Leader
W Insp	Woman Inspector
W Insp (T)	Woman Inspector (Technician)
W PO	Woman Patrol Officer
W R PO	Woman Reserve Patrol Officer
W R SO	Woman Reserve Section Officer
W S Ldr	Woman Section Leader
W Sgt	Woman Sergeant
W SO	Woman Section Officer
W SO (T)	Woman Section Officer (Technician)
W Stk Ldr	Woman Stick Leader
W Sub Insp	Woman Sub Inspector
Wdn	Warden

WO1  
WO2

Warrant Officer First Class  
Warrant Officer Second Class

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