

REFERENCE

QUATERNARY

Qc	Qw	Qa	Ql	Qg
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- Qc Colluvium – unconsolidated quartz and rock fragments in loam, usually forms scree and talus slopes. Grades into Qw
 Qw Colluvium and alluvium – unconsolidated sand and silt in sheetwash plains, often with low windblown sandbanks. Grades into Qc
 Qa Alluvium – unconsolidated sand, silt and gravel in drainage lines and adjacent flood plains
 Ql Lake deposits – clay, silt and grit, saline and gypsiferous
 Qg Marginal lake deposits and dunes – mainly eolian quartz sand and gypsum banks, may contain small claypans

Czs	Czg	Czk
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- Czs Eolian sand in dunes and sheets overlying laterite
 Czg Lateritic gravel and sand unconsolidated, includes minor clay
 Czk Valley calcrete – sheet carbonate formed around lakes and in major drainage lines

Tl	Ts
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- Tl Laterite, massive and pisolitic ferruginous duricrust
 Ts Silcrete, siliceous duricrust with angular quartz grains

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- d Dolerite, commonly as dykes
 di Diorite dyke
 gg Granophyre dyke
 f Felsic dyke
 q Quartz vein

Ag	Age	App	Aqv	Agu	Agf
Agr	Agg	Agm	Am		

- Ag Granitoid, undivided
 Age Equigranular biotite granite, may contain some granodiorite
 App Porphyritic biotite granite, may contain some granodiorite
 Aqv Medium-grained biotite granite with sparse K-feldspar megacrysts, may contain some granodiorite
 Agu Medium-grained muscovite granite with sparse K-feldspar megacrysts, may contain some granodiorite
 Agf Medium-grained granodiorite, may contain some granite
 Agt Medium-grained tonalite
 Agg Hornblende bearing granophyre
 Agm Mixed granitoids – granitoids intruding granitoids
 Am Mixed granitoid and supracrustal enclaves/rafts, approximately equal proportions

An	Ang	Anb	Ana
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- An Gneiss, undivided
 Ang Granite-granodiorite gneiss may be compositionally banded
 Anb Compositionally banded quartz-microcline-plagioclase-biotite gneiss. More than one phase of gneiss may be present. Banding is often complexly folded
 Ana Quartz-plagioclase-epidote-amphibole-clinopyroxene gneiss

As	Asp	Asa	Ask	Ala	Als
Alk	Alu	Alc			

- As Sedimentary rocks, undivided
 Asp Shale, may contain some siltstone and sandstone
 Asa Sandstone, may contain some shale, siltstone and conglomerate
 Ask Arkosic sandstone, locally conglomeratic, derived from felsic igneous rocks
 Ala Andalusite ± cordierite ± garnet ± staurolite bearing pelitic schist
 Als Sillimanite bearing pelitic schist
 Alk Kyanite bearing quartzite
 Alu Corundum bearing chlorite-sericite schist
 Alc Calc-silicate rock interbanded with amphibolite

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- Ai Banded iron-formation and chert, undivided
 Aij Jaspilitic banded iron-formation, red, black and white bands (about 50% iron oxide)
 Aih Quartz-hematite banded iron-formation may contain magnetite
 Aic Grey-white banded chert, may contain some red bands
 Aif Ferruginous chert (< 50% iron oxide)
 Aia Quartz-hematite-magnetite-amphibole banded iron-formation

Af	Afv	Aft	Afs	Afo
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- Af Felsic to intermediate volcanic and volcanogenic rocks (undivided)
 Afv Felsic lava, rhyolite to dacite, may contain some felsic tuff
 Aft Felsic tuff, rhyolite to dacite, including crystal, lithic and crystal-lithic tuffs, may contain some felsic lava
 Afs Felsic volcanogenic sediments, may contain some felsic lava and tuff
 Afo Felsic porphyry, quartz and feldspar phenocrysts

Ab	Abb	Abu	Abm	Abi	Abf
Aba	Abe	Abg	Abo	Abd	

- Ab Mafic volcanic rocks, undivided
 Abb Tholeiitic basalt, fine-grained, may be variolitic or porphyritic, usually intruded by minor dolerite and gabbro sills. May contain minor Abu units
 Abu High-Mg basalt, pyroxene needle spinifex texture, generally pseudomorphed by amphibole, may be variolitic, usually intruded by minor dolerite, gabbro and ultramafic sills. May contain minor Abb units
 Abm Mafic volcanics consisting of Abb and Abu units, usually intruded by minor dolerite, gabbro and ultramafic sills
 Abi Mafic rocks and minor ultramafic rocks interlayered with banded iron-formation
 Abf Chlorite ± amphibole ± carbonate schist
 Aba Amphibolite, fine to medium-grained
 Abe Amphibolite, coarse-grained
 Abg Gabbro, medium to coarse-grained
 Abo Leucogabbro, <30% mafic minerals, usually contains quartz
 Abd Dolerite, fine to medium-grained, ophitic texture

Au	Aus	Aux	Aua	Aue
Aup	Auz			

- Au Ultramafic rocks, undivided
 Aus Serpentinite, cumulate texture may be preserved
 Aux Pyroxenite
 Aua Mg-amphibole ± chlorite ± talc schist
 Aue Talc-carbonate rock, commonly schist
 Aup Peridotite, minor serpentinite
 Auz Silicified ultramafic and high-Mg basaltic rocks, usually forming a caprock

All Precambrian rocks are regionally metamorphosed with the exceptions of late cross-cutting dykes and post-tectonic granitoids

PRECAMBRIAN (A)

CAINOZOIC

TERTIARY