

# Common Polyatomic Ions



Name	Ion Formula	Name	Ion Formula
ammonium	$\text{NH}_4^+$	hydroxide	$\text{OH}^-$
acetate <sup>1</sup>	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2^-$	iodate	$\text{IO}_3^-$
hypobromite	$\text{BrO}^-$	nitrite	$\text{NO}_2^-$
bromite	$\text{BrO}_2^-$	nitrate	$\text{NO}_3^-$
bromate	$\text{BrO}_3^-$	oxalate	$\text{C}_2\text{O}_4^{2-}$
perbromate	$\text{BrO}_4^-$	permanganate	$\text{MnO}_4^-$
carbonate	$\text{CO}_3^{2-}$	peroxide	$\text{O}_2^{2-}$
hydrogen carbonate	$\text{HCO}_3^-$	phosphate	$\text{PO}_4^{3-}$
hypochlorite <sup>2</sup>	$\text{ClO}^-$	hydrogen phosphate	$\text{HPO}_4^{2-}$
chlorite	$\text{ClO}_2^-$	dihydrogen phosphate	$\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-$
chlorate	$\text{ClO}_3^-$	phosphite	$\text{PO}_3^{2-}$
perchlorate	$\text{ClO}_4^-$	selenate	$\text{SeO}_4^{2-}$
chromate	$\text{CrO}_4^{2-}$	sulfate	$\text{SO}_4^{2-}$
dichromate	$\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$	hydrogen sulfate	$\text{HSO}_4^-$
cyanide	$\text{CN}^-$	thiosulfate	$\text{S}_2\text{O}_3^{2-}$
cyanate <sup>3</sup>	$\text{CNO}^-$	sulfite	$\text{SO}_3^{2-}$
thiocyanate	$\text{SCN}^-$	hydrogen sulfite	$\text{HSO}_3^-$

The word "ion" is assumed for each of the polyatomic ion names in this table.

<sup>1</sup> The formula for the acetate ion can also be written  $\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-$  and  $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2^-$

<sup>2</sup> The formula for the hypochlorite can also be written  $\text{OCl}^-$

<sup>3</sup> The formula for the cyanate ion can also be written  $\text{OCN}^-$