

PHOTOSHOP

KEYBOARD SHORTCUTS

Less searching. More creating.

PLATFORM

PC

WINDOWS

Ctrl + Alt

01–26 YOUR TOOL KEYS

Letters select tools or tool groups. Use the task cards below for combinations.

QQuick Mask

WSelections

EEraser

RRotate view

TType

YHistory brush

UShapes

IEyedropper

ODodge / Burn

PPen

APath select

SClone stamp

DReset colors

FScreen mode

GGradient / Fill

HHand

JHealing tools

KFrame

LLasso

ZZoom

XSwap colors

CCrop

VMove

BBrush

NUnassigned

MMarquee

ONE KEY. A TOOL GROUP.

Shift + letter cycles tools.
Example: Shift + J cycles the healing tool group.

Use Shift Key for Tool Switch must be enabled in Preferences.

Toolbars can be customized.

VIEW / LAYOUT

SELECT / MASK

PAINT / RETOUCH

US ENGLISH KEYBOARD

01 FILE / EDIT

New document	Ctrl + N
Open	Ctrl + O
Save	Ctrl + S
Save As	Ctrl + Shift + S
Save a Copy	Ctrl + Alt + S
Export As	Ctrl + Alt + Shift + W
Close document	Ctrl + W
Undo	Ctrl + Z
Redo	Ctrl + Shift + Z
Cut	Ctrl + X
Copy	Ctrl + C
Paste	Ctrl + V
Paste in place	Ctrl + Shift + V

Save a layered PSD before exporting.

02 SELECT / MASK

Select all	Ctrl + A
Deselect	Ctrl + D
Reselect	Ctrl + Shift + D
Inverse selection	Ctrl + Shift + I
Select and Mask	Ctrl + Alt + R
Quick Mask mode	Q
Add to selection	Shift + drag
Subtract selection	Alt + drag
Intersect selection	Alt + Shift + drag
Feather selection	Shift + F6
Show / hide Extras	Ctrl + H
Invert active mask	Ctrl + I

Drag shortcuts: use a selection tool.
Invert mask: select its thumbnail first.

03 LAYERS

New layer dialog	Ctrl + Shift + N
Layer via copy	Ctrl + J
Layer via cut	Ctrl + Shift + J
Group layers	Ctrl + G
Ungroup layers	Ctrl + Shift + G
Clipping mask on / off	Ctrl + Alt + G
Merge selected layers	Ctrl + E
Merge visible layers	Ctrl + Shift + E
Stamp visible to new	Ctrl + Alt + Shift + E
Bring forward	Ctrl +]
Send backward	Ctrl + [
Bring to front	Ctrl + Shift +]
Send to back	Ctrl + Shift + [

Merging changes layers; duplicate first.

04 VIEW / TRANSFORM

Free Transform	Ctrl + T
Transform again	Ctrl + Shift + T
Image Size	Ctrl + Alt + I
Canvas Size	Ctrl + Alt + C
Fit on screen	Ctrl + 0
Actual pixels / 100%	Ctrl + 1
Zoom in	Ctrl + +
Zoom out	Ctrl + -
Pan canvas	Space + drag
Cycle screen modes	F
Show / hide panels	Tab
Show / hide rulers	Ctrl + R

Pan works outside text editing.
Transform: Enter / Return accepts; Esc cancels.

05 BRUSH / COLOR

Smaller brush	[
Larger brush	]
Softer brush	Shift + [
Harder brush	Shift +]
Default black / white	D
Swap foreground / back	X
Fill foreground	Alt + Backspace
Fill background	Ctrl + Backspace
Fill dialog	Shift + F5
Sample color (Brush)	Alt + click
Brush opacity 50%	5
Brush opacity 100%	0

Opacity keys: standard Brush, airbrush off.
Select the Brush tool before using opacity keys.

06 TONE / PANELS

Levels dialog	Ctrl + L
Curves dialog	Ctrl + M
Hue / Saturation dialog	Ctrl + U
Color Balance dialog	Ctrl + B
Invert pixels	Ctrl + I
Desaturate pixels	Ctrl + Shift + U
Camera Raw Filter	Ctrl + Shift + A
Liquify	Ctrl + Shift + X
Layers panel	F7
Brush Settings panel	F5
Preferences	Ctrl + K
Keyboard Shortcuts	Ctrl + Alt + Shift + K

Tone dialogs change pixels on raster layers.
Use adjustment layers for editable corrections.

READ THE KEYS

+ means press the keys together.
“drag” and “click” describe mouse actions.
Ctrl = Control; Alt = the Alt key.

MAKE IT YOURS

Edit > Keyboard Shortcuts shows your setup.
Custom assignments override these defaults.
Learn a few shortcuts, then add more.

KEEP EDITS FLEXIBLE

Use masks instead of erasing pixels.
Use adjustment layers for tone and color.
Use Smart Objects before applying filters.