

The Canadian Amateur (TCA)

Canada's Amateur Radio Magazine – 2026 Rate Card

The Canadian Amateur (TCA), Canada's premiere national magazine devoted to Amateur Radio, is published six times per year and is the membership journal of the Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC). It is available in both print and digital versions (eTCA).

Members of Radio Amateurs of Canada, Canada's sole national Amateur Radio organization, receive the digital version of TCA automatically and also have the option to subscribe to the print version. RAC is also the publisher of TCA.

At 64-pages per issue and reaching approximately 5,000 readers, TCA offers news and views on the Canadian Amateur Radio scene from coast to coast to coast. It includes: regular columns and feature articles on a wide range of topics, both technical and non-technical; information about RAC's programs and services and regulatory issues; and also Amateur Radio club events and activities.

The Canadian Amateur is the vehicle to bring your message to Amateur Radio operators and communications specialists across Canada. TCA readers are primarily male adults with disposable income who have a strong interest in technical topics – such as digital technology, satellites and electronics – but also in a wide variety of non-technical fields such as Emergency Services.

TCA's circulation consists of both print and digital formats and include:

- All members of Radio Amateurs of Canada
- All new Amateurs who choose to accept a free one-year introductory RAC membership
- Amateur Radio clubs and organizations
- Subscriptions to libraries, firms and institutions
- Government representatives
- Handouts at events, hamfest and fleamarkets

Information about advertising in TCA magazine is available from the RAC MarCom Director at marcom@rac.ca.



Advertising

Advertising rates are shown in the table on the next page. All advertising orders for TCA are accepted subject to the terms and provisions of the current rate card and Radio Amateurs of Canada's Advertising Policy. Rates are for advertising copy and material according to the specifications listed. Additional charges apply for design, production, typesetting and layout for material if required.

File preparations

TCA magazine is published in both print and digital online (eTCA) formats. The print version includes four full colour covers: Outside Front (OFC); Inside Front (IFC); Inside Back (IBC) and Outside Back (OBC). The IFC, IBC and OBC are available for advertising in colour. The 64 pages inside TCA are printed in grayscale, but the digital online version (eTCA) is posted in colour on the RAC website for download by members.

TCA requires that all ads be submitted as full colour print ready PDF files. The colour ads will be used for the online eTCA. With the exception of ads which appear in colour on the IFC, IBC and OBC, the colour ads will then be converted into grayscale for use in the print version. It is therefore important to choose colours in your ads that can be converted into grayscale without a loss in quality from colours blending together.

Print ready PDF files must be prepared at the correct trim size as shown on page 2.

For Cover ads (IFC, IBC and OBC):

- hi-resolution (minimum of 300 DPI)
- have all fonts embedded
- include specified bleed allowance
- include crop marks, .125 inches (3.2 mm) outside of the magazine trim size

Ads for placement inside TCA may also be supplied in hi-res (300 dpi minimum) electronic format as .tif, .eps or .jpg formats.

TCA's trimmed size is 8.375 inches wide by 10.625 inches high.

Full-page "bleed" ads should allow an additional 1/8 inch trim (.125 inches) on each side.

Essential image and text material must be kept within an area at least 5/16 inches (.3125 inches) from all bleed edges and 5/16 inches (.3125 inches) from the binding edge.

Terms and payment

Payments for ads on the Covers (IFC, IBC and OBC) will be invoiced. Terms are 30 days net. Payment for all other ads for the inside pages of TCA are by Visa only. All advertising rates are provided in the table below.



Production services

If local facilities for production, layout, design or typesetting are not available or convenient to you, TCA can offer some limited assistance in the production process, time permitting.

A charge will be applied for production/design/typesetting and will depend on the size of the ad and the amount of work involved.

For more information please contact the TCA Editor at tcamag@yahoo.ca.

TCA ADVERTISING DEADLINES

TCA Issue	Deadline
January/February	November 15
March/April	January 15
May/June	March 15
July/August	May 15
September/October	July 15
November/December	September 15

Advertising Copy / Inquiries

Please direct all advertising copy and inquiries to the TCA Editor at: tcamag@yahoo.ca

TCA 2026 Retail Advertising Sizes and Rates

Rates are in Canadian dollars (plus applicable taxes)

Type	Sizes Width (in.)	Depth (in.)	Rates 1x	3x	6x
Cover 2 (IFC)	8 3/8 (8.375)	10.625	\$1040	\$884	\$693
Cover 3 (IBC)	8 3/8 (8.375)	10.625	\$1040	\$884	\$693
Cover 4 (OBC)	8 3/8 (8.375)	10.625	\$1216	\$1034	\$811
Full page inside (3 col.)	7 3/8 (7.375)	9 3/4 (9.75)	\$528	\$449	\$352
2/3 page horiz. (3 col.)	7 3/8 (7.375)	6 1/2 (6.5)	\$440	\$374	\$293
2/3 page vert. (2 col.)	4 7/8 (4.875)	9 3/4 (9.75)	\$440	\$374	\$293
1/2 page horiz. (3 col.)	7 3/8 (7.375)	4 7/8 (4.875)	\$376	\$320	\$251
1/2 page vert. (1.5 col.)	3 5/8 (3.625)	9 3/4 (9.75)	\$376	\$320	\$251
1/3 page horiz. (3 col.)	7 3/8 (7.375)	3 1/4 (3.25)	\$332	\$282	\$211
1/3 page square (2 col.)	4 7/8 (4.875)	4 7/8 (4.875)	\$332	\$282	\$221
1/3 page vert. (1 col.)	2 3/8 (2.375)	9 3/4 (9.75)	\$332	\$282	\$221
1/4 page (1.5 col.)	3 5/8 (3.625)	4 3/4 (4.75)	\$264	\$224	\$176
1/6 page horiz. (2 col.)	4 7/8 (4.875)	2 3/8 (2.375)	\$176	\$150	\$117
1/6 page vert. (1 col.)	2 3/8 (2.375)	4 7/8 (4.875)	\$176	\$150	\$117
"Business Card" (#1)	3 5/8 (3.625)	1 3/4 (1.75)	\$88	\$75	\$59
"Business Card" (#2)	3 1/2 (3.5)	1 3/4 (2.0)	\$88	\$75	\$59
1/12 page sq. (1 col.)	2 3/8 (2.375)	2 3/8 (2.375)	\$80	\$68	\$53
"Economy Size" (1 col.)	2 3/8 (2.375)	1	\$44	\$37	\$29

Note: All ads should be provided in full colour. The online eTCA appears in colour. With the exception of ads on the IFC, IBC and OBC, the print version of TCA is in grayscale only. Ads for the print version will be converted into grayscale from the colour ad that is provided so please make sure that the ad will look good in both colour and grayscale (e.g., colours will not blend together).