Some Useful Photoshop Shortcuts

Mac	Windows
⌘command	ctrl
option	alt

SPACEBAR DRAG
Hand tool

ENTER/RETURN
Means “OK”, applies options, adjustments and transformations

ESC
Means “Cancel”

OPT/ALT
- Switch drawing tools to eyedropper
- Switch “Cancel” button to “Reset”
- While moving layer: make a copy
- While transforming: scale from center
- Opt-click on layer mask thumbnail = show mask on canvas

SHIFT
- Select multiple layers
- Add to selections
- Constrain rotate angles
- Constrain drawing to straight lines
- Shift-click on layer mask thumbnail = mask on/off

i
Eyedropper (sample colours)

⌘CMD A
Select all

⌘CMD D
Deselect all

⌘CMD SHIFT i
Inverse selection

⌘CMD OPT/ALT A
Select all layers

⌘CMD CLICK
On layer thumbnail: make selection based on edges/transparency

NUMBERS 1–0
Layer or tool opacity 10%–100%

/
Lock transparent pixels on/off

⌘CMD /
Lock layer

⌘CMD SHIFT N
New layer

⌘CMD J
Duplicate layer

⌘CMD G
Group layers

⌘CMD E
Merge selected layers, or merge down

⌘CMD SHIFT E
Merge all visible layers

⌘CMD SHIFT OPT/ALT E
Make a flat copy of all visible layers, but leave the originals intact

⌘CMD OPT/ALT G *or opt-click line between layers:* Clip layer to the layer below

CAPS LOCK
Crosshair cursor for brushes on/off

] or [
Brush bigger/smaller

SHIFT] or [
Brush harder/softer

X
Switch foreground/ background colours

ALT/OPT DELETE
Fill layer/selection with foreground colour (+ shift: preserve transparency)

⌘CMD DELETE
Fill layer/selection with background colour (+ shift: preserve transparency)

SHIFT DELETE
Fill options

◀▲▼▶ (KEYBOARD ARROWS)
Move selection or layer 1 pixel
+ **SHIFT** to move 10px
+ **ALT/OPT** to copy

⌘CMD T
Transform

⌘CMD SHIFT V
Paste in place

TAB
Show/hide all panels

F
Switch screen mode (standard, full, full/menu)

Photoshop Tool Shortcuts





V
- Move
- Artboard



M
- Rectangle Selection
- Ellipse Selection



L
- Lasso
- Polygonal Lasso
- Magnetic Lasso



W
- Object Selection
- Quick Selection
- Magic Wand



C
- Crop
- Perspective Crop
- Slice
- Slice Select



i
- Eyedropper
- 3D Material Eyedropper
- Color Sampler
- Ruler
- Note
- Count



Z
- Zoom



J
- Spot Healing Brush
- Healing Brush
- Patch
- Content-Aware Move
- Red Eye



B
- Brush
- Pencil
- Color Replacement
- Mixer Brush



S
- Clone Stamp
- Pattern Stamp



Y
- History Brush
- Art History Brush



E
- Eraser
- Background Eraser
- Magic Eraser



G
- Gradient
- Paint Bucket
- 3D Material Drop



NO SHORTCUT
- Blur
- Sharpen
- Smudge



O
- Dodge
- Burn
- Sponge



P
- Pen *(vector)*
- Freeform Pen
- Curvature Pen
- Add Anchor Point
- Delete Anchor Point
- Convert Point



T
- Horizontal Type
- Vertical Type



U
- Rectangle
- Ellipse
- Triange
- Polygon
- Line
- Custom Shape



A
- Path Selection
- Direct Selection



H
- Hand

R
- Rotate View