Some Useful Illustrator Shortcuts

Mac	Windows
⌘command	ctrl
option	alt

SPACEBAR DRAG
Hand tool

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

ESC
Means “Cancel”

SHIFT
- Select multiple objects or layers
- Keep transforming proportionate, constrain rotation angles and drawing to straight lines

ALT/OPT
While transforming or drawing shapes: Scale from center

ALT/OPT DRAG
While moving an object: Drag a copy

◀▲▼▶ (KEYBOARD ARROWS)
Move selection or layer 1 pixel
+ **SHIFT** to move 10px
+ **ALT/OPT** to copy
You can customize this with Preferences: Keyboard Increment

⌘CMD CLICK
Select next object below in stacking order

X
Switch whether fill / stroke is selected



SHIFT X
Swap fill/stroke colour
< > /
Switch between solid, gradient, and None (3 icons below fill/stroke)

⌘CMD C
Copy
⌘CMD V
Paste
⌘CMD SHIFT V
Paste in place
⌘CMD SHIFT ALT/OPT V
Paste in place, on all artboards
⌘CMD F or B
Paste in place, front or back

⌘CMD A
Select all
⌘CMD SHIFT A
Deselect all

⌘CMD Z
Undo
⌘CMD SHIFT Z
Redo

⌘CMD D
Repeat last transform

⌘CMD SHIFT O
Create outlines (type)

⌘CMD G
Group
⌘CMD SHIFT G
Ungroup

⌘CMD 2
Lock selection
⌘CMD ALT/OPT 2
Unlock all

⌘CMD 7
Make clipping mask
⌘CMD ALT/OPT 7
Release clipping mask

⌘CMD [or]
Send backward or forward
⌘CMD SHIFT [or]
Send to the back/front

⌘CMD R
Rulers on/off

⌘CMD ‘
Grid on/off

⌘CMD ;
Guides on/off
⌘CMD 5
Make guides

⌘CMD + OR -
Zoom in or out
⌘CMD 0
Fit on screen
⌘CMD 1
100% size

TAB
Show/hide all panels

SHIFT F
Presentation Mode
Full screen: press esc to exit

Illustrator Tool Shortcuts

 **V** Selection	 **S** Scale
 **A** Direct Selection	 **E** Free Transform
 **Y** Magic Wand	 **i** Eyedropper
 **Q** Lasso	 **SHIFT E** Eraser
 **SHIFT O** Artboards	 **C** Scissors
 **P** Pen	 **SHIFT M** Shape Builder
 **+ (PLUS)** Add Anchor Point	 **K** Live Paint Bucket
 **- (MINUS)** Delete Anchor Point	 **B** Paintbrush
 **SHIFT C** Anchor Point Tool	 **SHIFT B** Blob Brush
 **SHIFT ~** Curvature	 **SHIFT N** Shaper
 **\ (BACKWARDS SLASH)** Line Segment	 **N** Pencil
 **T** Type	 **SHIFT W** Width
 **SHIFT T** Touch Type	 **W** Blend
 **M** Rectangle  **L** Ellipse	 **H** Hand
 **R** Rotate  **O** Reflect	 **Z** Zoom