

Key Signatures

The key signature consists of sharps or flats that appear at the beginning of a line of music. It is located immediately to the right of the clef. The purpose of the key signature is to indicate which notes are to be played sharp or flat throughout a piece of music. Sharps or flats within a key signature affect all notes of the same letter name.

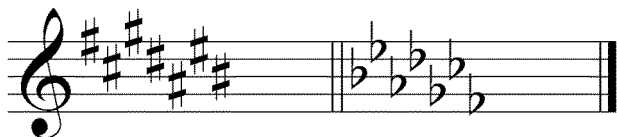
Sharps appear in a key signature in the following order:

F C G D A E B

Flats appear in a key signature in the reverse order:

B E A D G C F

Placement of sharps and flats in treble clef key signatures:



Placement of sharps and flats in bass clef key signatures:



Key signatures of major and minor scales:

Number of sharps or flats	Sharp Keys		Flat Keys	
	Major	Minor	Major	Minor
0	C	A	C	A
1	G	E	F	D
2	D	B	Bb	G
3	A	F#	Eb	C
4	E	C#	Ab	F
5	B	G#	Db	Bb
6	F#	D#	Gb	Eb
7	C#	A#	Cb	Ab