



Central Government
of Hokoria

A new identity for the State of Hokoria

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The Founder of Hokoria and the Head of State have spent the last month working on a new national identity for the State of Hokoria. We're pleased to be able to share Hokoria's new identity with you, the people.

The new identity takes form through a new flag for the State of Hokoria. Flags are important symbols for nations, the State of Hokoria not being an exception to this. Alongside the new flag, a coat of arms and new government logos have been created. There will also be a renaming of some Hokorian positions and how we officially refer to concepts, councils and more. These will also be detailed here.

Originally, citizens were told that there was a possibility of Hokoria's new flag being put forward in a national referendum. However, the Head of State has decided that it will not for the sake of making the transition smoother and being able to implement the flag before the new year. A change to the national identity of Hokoria was first suggested by the Department of Exterior Affairs, which promised work to "rebrand the State of Hokoria's identity".

Some of these changes will begin being imposed immediately, with others starting from the 26th December 2023 (Boxing Day).



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Flag of the State of Hokoria



About the flag design

The State of Hokoria's new flag contains 7 navy blue and 6 white stripes, all at a 57.8° angle. In the right corner of the flag is a solid navy blue rectangle which is perfectly positioned to start where the third navy blue stripe ends (the start of the third white stripe) and ends where the sixth navy blue stripe meets the right edge of the flag (the start of the sixth white stripe). At the centre of the solid navy blue rectangle are seven white symbols which are intended to resemble stars.

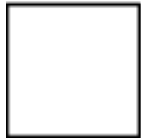
The colour choice of navy blue was made due to the common association of the colour blue to water. The majority of Hokoria's territory is water, which made blue a perfect fit for a national identity. A navy blue shade was used for aesthetic reasons. The 7 navy blue stripes and 7 symbols were used to reflect the 7 regions which Hokoria's territory was split into for representation reasons for the former Hokorian Council.

Dive deeper into the shades



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'Hokorian Navy Blue'



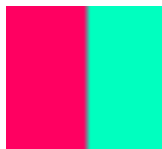
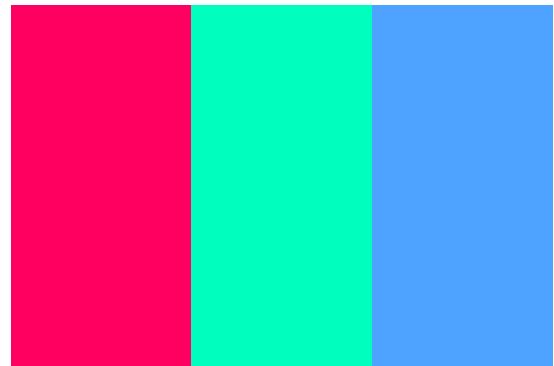
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'White'

By using two colours, the flag is simple enough to be easily drawn and recreated, whilst the layout is unique enough to be recognisable as the State of Hokoria's.

The problem with our old flag

The old flag of the State of Hokoria (March 2023) was a vibrant tri-colour design. It featured red, green and blue but did not exactly look the best...



The colours did not work well next to each other, which left the flag feeling tacky.

The vibrant colours sometimes left people confused as to whether or not the flag belonged to a nation or if it was a Pride flag. The colours somewhat resembled a version of the Polysexuality Pride Flag. Whilst the flag was similar to that of our predecessors Aweland and (Old) Hokoria, it is best that we move on from it.



Flag of the Republic
of Aweland



Flag of (Old)
Hokoria*



Flag of the State of
Hokoria (Mar 2023)



Flag of the State of
Hokoria (Dec 2023)

* The Secret Monarchist State of Hokoria also used (Old) Hokoria's flag.

Coat of Arms of the State of Hokoria



The State of Hokoria's coat of arms includes two swans and a shield. In the top left corner of the shield are seven black stripes, in the top right corner are the symbols depicting stars from the Flag of the State of Hokoria. In the bottom left corner there is an outline of the State of Hokoria's territory and in the bottom right there are 7 squares with a single line going vertically across each one.

This coat of arms is intended to act as an official emblem for the State of Hokoria's government.



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The new structure to the State of Hokoria

We're changing some public institutions, creating new titles and suffixes for names as well as changing up regions.

Changes to terminology

Old	New
Hokorian Council representatives	Provincial Representatives (PROH) With Rep as a title and PR as a suffix of the individual's name (eg. Rep. Jane Doe PROH).
Branch Officer	Central Government Branch Officer (CGBO) With Officer as a title and CGBO as a suffix of the individual's name (eg. Officer. Jane Doe CGBO).
Chancellor	Chancellor (COH) With Officer as a title and COH as a suffix of the individual's name (eg. Officer. Jane Doe COH).
Head of State	Head of State (HOS) With His/Her/Their Honour as a title and HOS as a suffix of the individual's name (eg. Her Honour. Jane Doe HOS).
Founder	Founder (FOH) With FOU as a suffix of the individual's name (eg. Jane Doe FOH).
Regions of Hokoria	Provinces of Hokoria

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Changes to regions/provinces

We've changed the term 'region' to 'province' in order to line up with changes to the new legislative body that will be explained later. This change does not affect citizens. One change that does affect some of our citizens is that the provincial boundaries of Ashi have merged into Komichi, effectively abolishing the province altogether.

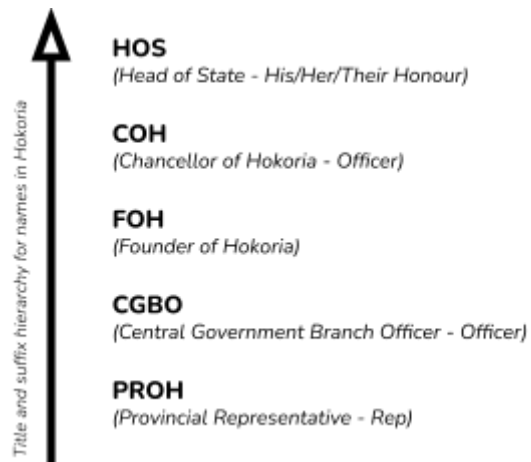
All affected citizens were informed of this change and have been reassigned to new regions by the Department of the Interior by order of the Office of the Head of State.

New titles and suffixes

Titles and suffixes in the State of Hokoria's public bodies have been created in order to provide more clarity with names so that they also reflect their permissions. Previously, the only public title in Hokoria was 'Founder' used exclusively by the Founder of Hokoria (Willow Cizdeizd I), with the suffix 'the first' ('I').

Now, most government and representative positions have titles and suffixes that officials may use (eg. Officer Willow Cizdeizd I FOH CGBO). Suffix ordering is based on a hierarchy, with suffixes being listed from highest to lowest.

In the case of titles, officials should only use their highest title (eg. an official who is a government officer and a provincial representative would use the title 'Officer' rather than 'Rep').





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The Council of Representatives

The Head of State wrote a law that effectively replaces the former Hokorian Council with a new public body known as the ‘Council of Representatives’. The two institutions have similar purposes, the main difference being how they operate.

In line with the Head of State’s imposed requirements for a party leader becoming Chancellor, there are 5 Provincial Representative positions within the Council of Representatives (not including the undemocratic Kojima Island province). The leader of the party with a majority of seats in the Council of Representatives becomes the Chancellor.

There are stages of how legislation is passed, with time for reviewing laws as well as making amendments and voting on them. The system is designed so that legislation is passed carefully and is not rushed. There are provisions in place that legislation can be passed by the Head of State in emergencies.

Official documents and official branch branding

We'll be slowly rolling out new document designs that feature new government branding for the Central Government of Hokoria. Branch logos, flag colours and other graphics on our website and official documents will be updated within the next 3 months.

Certificates and all other issued documentation will be valid after the changes and will not require a renewal, which is in line with how we've previously handled changes like these.

Questions and concerns

Any questions and concerns can be directed to the Office of the Head of State, Department of the Interior or the Department of Exterior Affairs through Discord or by email at *stateofhokoria@gmail.com*.