

Title: Unicode Provisional Emoji Candidates for Unicode 15.0 for Review by SC2/WG2

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The Unicode Technical Committee (UTC) has approved a set of emoji characters as *provisional candidates* for addition in Unicode 15.0, which is targeted for publication in September 2022. Unicode has posted Public Review Issue (PRI) #435 inviting public review and feedback on the emoji candidates: see <https://www.unicode.org/review/pri435/>.

The repertoire of proposed additions includes 21 new emoji characters. Two of these characters would be able to be used in combination with five skin-tone modifiers characters, which would mean an additional 10 emoji representable as character sequences.

In Unicode's process, emoji with provisional candidate status have been recommended by UTC's Emoji Subcommittee, after review of emoji proposals using a detailed set of selection criteria.¹ UTC has provisionally approved these as candidates for the repertoire of Unicode 15.0. The characters have draft names, but proposed code points are not yet assigned. Assignment of code points would be coordinated with the project editor for ISO/IEC 10646.

Per past discussions in SC2 and in SC2/WG2 (see SC2 resolution M 22-10 in [SC2/N4566](#), and [WG2/N4903](#)), Unicode is informing SC2 and WG2 members of the emoji candidates for Unicode 15.0, and invite feedback from NBs or WG2 experts.

The review period for PRI #435 extends **until April 10, 2022**. The means for providing feedback preferred by UTC is to use the feedback mechanism for the PRI, a [link](#) to which is provided on the [PRI #435 page](#). WG2 experts certainly can circulate documents with comments in the WG2 document register. To reduce risk that such documents are missed by UTC, it will be helpful if experts also provide a brief comment in the PRI feedback mechanism with a link to the WG2 document.

¹ See "Selection Factors" in "Guidelines for Submitting Unicode® Emoji Proposals", at https://www.unicode.org/emoji/proposals.html#selection_factors