

Abbreviations and Acronyms

A2	Second year of GCE Advanced Level
AB	Awarding Body
ABC	Award Body Consortium
ABI	Annual Business Inquiry
ABSSU	Formerly Adult Basic Skills Strategy Unit (DfES) - now Skills for Life Strategy Unit (SfLSU)
ACCAC	Curriculum and Assessment Authority for Wales
ACER	Association of Colleges of the Eastern Region
ACITT	Association for ICT in Education
ACL	Adult and Community Learning
ACM	Association of College Management
ADS	Adult Dyslexia Support
AE	Adult Education
ALI	Adult Learning Inspectorate
ALN	Adult Literacy and Numeracy
ALNIS	Adult Literacy and Numeracy
ALP	Association of Learning Providers
ALT	Association of Learning Technologies
ANIC	Association of Northern Ireland Colleges
AoC	Association of Colleges

APEL	Accreditation of prior experiential learning
APL	Accreditation of prior learning
AQA	Assessment and Qualifications Alliance (merger of AEB and NEAB)
AS	Advanced Subsidiary (first year of GCE Advanced Level)
ASC	Association of Scottish Colleges
AVCE	Advanced Vocational Certificate of Education
BAME	Black and Asian and Minority Ethnic
BASIL	Basic Skills for Inclusive Learning
BCS	British Computer Society
BECTA	British Educational Communications & Technology Agency
BELB	Belfast Education and Library Board
BESA	British Educational Supplies Association
BLA	Business Learning Account
BSA	Basic Skills Agency
BSF	Building Schools for the Future
C&G	City and Guilds
C2K	Curriculum 2000
CAL	Computer aided learning
CATS	Credit Accumulation and Transfer System
CBAL	Community-based Adult Learning
CBL	Computer based learning

CBLD	Community-based Learning and Development
CBT	Computer based training
CCEA	Council for the Curriculum Examinations and Assessment
CCETs	Community Consortia for Education and Training
CEL	Centre for Educational Leadership
CELTA	Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults
Cert Ed	Certificate in Education
CETT	Centre for Excellence in Teacher Training
CeVe	Community education validation and endorsement
CILIP	Chartered Institute of Library & Information Professionals
CILIPS	Chartered Institute of Library & Information Professionals in Scotland
CLD	Community Learning & Development
COL	Curriculum Online
COLEG	Colleges Open Learning Exchange Group (Scotland)
CoP	Community of Practice
COPP16	Code of Practice Post 16, July 2002
CoVE	Centre of Vocational Excellence
Coves	Centres of vocational excellence
CPD	Continuing Professional Development
CQFW	Credit and Qualifications Framework for Wales
CSIE	Centre for Studies in Inclusive Education

CyMAL	Museums, Archives and Libraries Wales
DCLG	Dept of Communities and Local Government (formerly ODPM)
DCSF	Department for Children, Schools and Families
DDA	Disability Discrimination Act
DELL	Department for Education in Lifelong Learning and Wales
DELNI	Department of Employment and Learning Northern Ireland
DELTA	Diploma in English Language Teaching to Adults
DfES	Department for Education and Skills
DHSSPS	Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety
DIUS	Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills
DTi	Department of Trade and Industry
E2E	Entry to Employment
EAP	English for Academic Purposes
EAZ	Education Action Zone
EBLOC	Education Business Link Consortia
EBP	Education Business Partnership
EBSN	European Basic Skills Network
EC	European Commission
ECCTS	European Course Credit Transfer System
ECVET	European Credit Transfer System for VET

EFL	English as a Foreign Language
EiC	Excellence in Cities
EIS	Educational Institute of Scotland
ELC	e-Learning Credit
ELLD	Enterprise and Lifelong Learning Department (Scotland)
ELWa	Education and Learning Wales
EMA	Education Maintenance Allowance
ENTO	Employment National Training Organisation
EoI	Expression of Interest
ERDF	European Regional Development Fund
ESF	European Social Fund
ESL	English as a Second Language
ESOL	English for Speakers of Other Languages
ESP	English for Specific Purposes
ESPA	Educational Software Publishers Association
ESRC	Economic & Social Research Council
ESS	Employers Skills Survey
ETAG	Education and Training Action Group
FAB	Federation of Awarding Bodies
FE	Further Education
FEDA	Further Education Development Agency (now LSDA)

FEDS	Framework for Economic Development in Scotland
FEFCW	Further Education Funding Council for Wales
FENTO	Further Education National Training Organisation
FERL	Further Education Resources for Learning
FfE	Framework for Excellence (LSC policy doc)
fforwm	The Forum of the National Association for FE Colleges and Associations in Wales
FLLN	Family Language, Literacy and Numeracy
FRESA	Framework of Regional Employment and Skills Action
FT	Full-Time
FTE	Full Time Equivalent
GCSE	General Certificate of Secondary Education
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GNVQ	General National Vocational Qualification
GTC (S)	General Teaching Council (Scotland)
GTP	Graduate Training Program
GTRR	Graduate Teacher Training Registry
GVA	Gross Value Added
HE	Higher Education
HEA	Higher Education Academy
HEATED	Higher Education and Technicians Educational Development

HEFCE	Higher Education Funding Council for England
HEFCW	Higher Education Funding Council for Wales
HEI	Higher Education Institution
HESA	Higher Education Statistical Agency
HESDA	Higher Education Staff Development Agency
HIE	Highlands & Islands Enterprise
HPD	Higher Professional Diploma
HTF	Hard-to-fill (vacancies)
ICT	Information and Communication Technology (term used mainly in schools)
IfL	Institute for Learning (FE professional body)
IFLA	International Federation of Library Services and Institutions
IiP	Investors in People
ILA	Individual Learning Account
ILP	Individual Learning Plan/Programme
ILT	Institute for Learning and Teaching (HE professional body)
ILT	Information and Learning Technology (term used mainly in post-school)
ILTHE	Institute of Learning and teaching in Higher Education
isNTO	Information Services National Training Organisation
ISO (14000)	International Organisation for Standardisation, environmental management systems and standards

ITE	Initial Teacher Education
ITT	Initial Teacher Training
ITTE	Information Technology in Teacher Education
JANET	Joint Academic Network
JEB	Joint Examining Board
JISC	Joint Information Systems Committee
KPI	Key Performance Indicator
LAIS	Library Archives and Information Services
LAMS	Learning Activity Management System
LAN	Local area network
LEA	Local Education Authority
LEC	Learning and Enterprise Council (in Wales)
LEC	Local Enterprise Company (part of the Scottish Enterprise Network)
LF	Leadership Foundation
LFHE	Leadership Foundation for Higher Education
LFS	Labour Force Survey
LGA	Local Government Association
LLL	Life Long Learning
LLN	Language, Literacy and Numeracy
LLN	Lifelong Learning Network
LLSC	Local Learning and Skills Council

LLU+	Language and Literacy Unit (of South Bank University)
LLUK	Lifelong Learning UK
LMI	Labour Market Intelligence
LMS	Learner Manager System
LOCOG	London Organising Committee for the Olympic Games
LSC	Learning and Skills Council
LSDA	Learning and Skills Development Agency
LSDA NI	Learning and Skills Development Agency Northern Ireland
LSRN	Learning & Skills Research Council (formerly FERN)
LSTN	Learning and Teaching Support Network
LSU	London Strategic Unit
LSU	London Strategy Unit
LTU	Long Term Unemployed
MA	Modern Apprenticeship
MLE	Managed Learning Environment
MPD	Master Professional Diploma
NAACE	National Association of Advisers for Computers in Education
NACRO	National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders
NASD	National Association for Staff Development in the Post-16 Sector
NATFHE	National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher

	Education
NATSPEC	Association of National Specialist Colleges
NCS	New Community Schools
NERF	National Education Research Forum
NESTA	National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts
NHSU	National Health Service University
NIACE	National Institute for Adult and Continuing Education
NIACE Dysgu Cymru	National Institute of Adult Continuing Education – Wales
NICATS	Northern Ireland Credit Accumulation and Transfer System
NICVA	Northern Ireland Council for Voluntary Action
NIHEFC	Northern Ireland Higher Education Funding Council
NILTA	National Information and Learning Technology Association
NLN	National Learning Network
NOF	New Opportunities Fund
NOS	National Occupational Standards
NQF	National Qualifications Framework (A framework that describes the levels of academic rigour assigned to approved courses of study.)
NQT	Newly Qualified Teacher
NRDC	National Research and Development Centre
NRP	NRP National Reference Point (Skills for Life Professional Development)

NSA	National Skills Academy
NTO	National Training Organisation
NVQ	National Vocational Qualification
NYA	National Youth Agency
OCR	Oxford Cambridge and RSA Examination Board
Ofsted	Office for Standards in Education
ONS	Office for National Statistics
OU	Open University
P4P	Partnership for Progression
PAULO	The National Training Organisation for the Adult Learning, Youth Work and Community Development Sector. (PAULO is named after the Brazilian adult educator Paulo Freire, 1921-1997.)
PCET	Post-Compulsory Education and Training
PDF	Professional Development Forum
PDN	Professional Development Network
PECF	Pre-Entry Curriculum Framework
PGCE	Postgraduate Certificate in Education
PIAP	Public Internet Access Point
PMLD	Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties
PRLS	PRLS Professional Recognition Learning and Skills
PT	Part-Time
QA	Quality Assurance

QAA	Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education
QCA	Qualifications and Curriculum Authority
QIA	Quality Improvement Agency (for Lifelong Learning)
QIS	Quality Improvement Strategy
QTLS	Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills
QTS	Qualified Teacher Status
RCU	Responsive College Unit (specialist educational market research)
RDA	Regional Development Agency
ROSCO	Review of Scotland's Colleges
RQIP	Regional Quality Improvement Partnership
RSA	Royal Society of Arts
S/NVQ	Scottish / National Vocational Qualification
SCARF	Scottish Community Action Research Fund
SCI	Scotland's Colleges International
SCONTO	Scottish Council of National Training Organisations
SCOP	Standing College of Principals
SCQF	Scottish Credit and Qualification Framework
SCRE	Scottish Council for Research in Education
SCURL	Scottish Confederation of University and Research Libraries
SDA	Sex Discrimination Act

SE	Scottish Executive
SEDA	Staff and Educational Development Association
SEN	Special Educational Needs
SEn	Scottish Enterprise
SfBN	Skills for Business Network
SFCEF	Sixth-form Colleges Employers Forum
SFEFC	Scottish Further Education Funding Council
SFEU	Scottish Further Education Unit
SFHEA	Scottish Further and Higher Education Association
SFHEFC	Scottish Further and Higher Education Funding Council (also known as SFC)
SfLQI	Skills for Life Quality Initiative
SfLSU	Skills for Life Strategy Unit
SHEFC	Scottish Higher Education Funding Council
SIC	Standard Industrial Classification Code
SIR	Staff Information Return
SLD	Severe Learning Difficulties
SLDD	Students with Learning Difficulties and Disabilities
SLIC	Scottish Library Information Service
SME	Small and Medium sized Enterprises
SOC	School Organisation Committee
SOC	Standard Occupational Classification system

SpLD	Specific Learning Difficulties
SQA	Scottish Qualifications Authority
SQS	Scottish Qualifications Strategy
SSA	Sector Skills Agreements
SSC	Sector Skills Council
SSDA	Sector Skills Development Agency
STC	Sector Training Council
STUC	Scottish Trades Union Congress
SUFI	Scottish University for Industry
SUM	Student units of measurement
SVQ	Scottish Vocational Qualification
SVUK	Standards Verification UK
SWDP	Sector Workforce Development Plans (for the former NTOs)
TDLB	Training and Development Lead Body
TEC	Training & Enterprise Council
TEFL	Teaching English as a Foreign Language
TES	Times Educational Supplement
TESL	Teaching English as a Second Language
TESOL	Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages
THES	Times Higher Educational Supplement
TOPSS	Training Organisation for the Personal Social Services

TP	Teachers' Pension (TPF -Fund/TPS - Scheme)
TPI	Teachers Pay Initiative
TQFE	Teaching Qualification for FE (Scotland)
TTA	Teacher Training Agency
UCAS	Universities & Colleges Admissions Services
UCET	Universities Council for the Education of Teachers
UCLES	University of Cambridge Local Examination Syndicate
Ufi	University for Industry
UKeU	UK eUniversities
UUK	Universities UK
VET	Vocational Education and Training
VLE	Virtual Learning Environment
VRQ	Vocationally Related Qualification
WAG	Welsh Assembly Government
WBL	Work Based Learning
WDA	Welsh Development Agency
WEA	Workers Education Association
WPL	Work Place Learning
WSUMs	Weighted student units of measurement
WYA	Wales Youth Agency
YCS	Youth Cohort Study



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