

ACRONYM	ORGANISATION / EXPLANATION
AACRAO	American Association of Collegiate Registrars & Admissions Officers
	(USA)
ACCAC	Awdurdod Cymwysterau, Cwricwlwm ac Asesu Cymru (Qualifications, Curriculum and Assessment Authority for Wales)
ACE	Adult Continuing Education
ACFHE	Association of Colleges of Further & Higher Education
ACS	Advisory Committee for Scotland
ACU	Association of Commonwealth Universities
AFRC	Agricultural and Food Research Council
AGCAS AGB	Association of Graduate Careers Advisory Services Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges (USA)
AGR	Association of Graduate Recruiters
AHRC	Arts & Humanities Research Council
AHUA	Association of Heads of University Administration
AimHigher	AimHigher (HE recruitment website)
ALI AMOSSHE	Adult Learning Inspectorate Association of Managers of Student Services in Higher Education
AMSU	Association of Managers of Students' Unions
AOC	Association of Colleges
APC	Association of Principals of Colleges
APCL	Accreditation of Prior Certified Learning
APEL ARC	Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning
ANC	Academic Registrars Council Association of Medical Research Charities
APL	Accreditation of Prior Learning
ARMA	Association of Research Managers & Administrators
ARMED	ARMED Project (Active Risk Management in Education)
ASC	Association of Scottish Colleges
Aslib ATHENA	Association for Information Management Athena Project for women in SET subjects
AUA	Association of University Administrators
AUCL	Association of University & College Lecturers
AUDE	Association of Directors of Estates
AUDTRS	Association of University Departments of Theology and Religious Studies
AUEE AURIL	Association of Universities in the East of England Association of University Research & Industry Links
AUT	Association of University Teachers – see UCU
AVA	Authorised Validating Agency (Access to Higher Education)
BA	Bachelor of Arts
BA	British Academy
BAAS BAC	British Association for the Advancement of Science British Accreditation Council for Independent Further and Higher
DAC	Education
BBSRC	Biotechnology & Biological Sciences Research Council
BC	The British Council
BDA	British Dental Association
BECTA BELMAS	British Educational and Communications Technology Agency British Educational Leadership Management and Administration Society
BERA	British Educational Research Association
BFUG	Bologna Follow-Up Group
BMA	British Medical Association
BRITAC	The British Academy
BRRG BRTF	Better Regulation Review Group – now HERRG Better Regulation Task Force
BSc	Bachelor of Science
BUFDG	British Universities Finance Directors Group
BUFORG	British Universities Finance Officers Research Group
BUILA BUSA	British Universities' International Liaison Association
BUTEA	British Universities Sports Association British Universities Transatlantic Exchange Association
CASE	Cooperative Awards in Science and Engineering
CATS	Credit accumulation and transfer scheme
CBI	Confederation of British Industry
CC CCCU	Charity Commission
CCETSW	Council of Church Colleges and Universities Central Council for Education and Training in Social Work
CCLRC	Council for the Central Laboratory for the Research – see STFC
CETL	Centres for Excellence in Teaching and Learning
CHEA	Council for Higher Education Accreditation
CHEIA	Council of Higher Education Internal Auditors
CHEMS CHMS	Commonwealth Higher Education Management Service Council for Heads of Medical Schools

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CICHE	Committee for International Co-operation in Higher Education
CIHE	Council for Industry & HE
CMU	'Modern' universities group of post-92 HEIs (33 members)
CMU COSHEP	Campaigning for Mainstream Universities Committee of Scottish Higher Education Principals – now Universities
COSHEF	Scotland
CPD	Continuing Professional Development
CRAC	Careers Research and Advisory Centre
CRB	Criminal Records Bureau
CRE	Commission for Racial Equality
CSU	Higher Education Careers Service Unit
CUBO	College and University Business Officers
CUC	Committee of University Chairmen
CVCP CVU	Committee of Vice Chancellors and Principals – now Universities UK
DCMS	Council for Validating Universities Department of Culture, Media and Sport
DDA	Disability Discrimination Act 1995
Dearing	see NCIHE
DEL	Department for Employment & Learning - formerly DHFETE
DENI	Department of Education for Northern Ireland - see DHFETE
DELNI	Department for Employment and Learning Northern Ireland
DfEE	Department for Education and Employment - now DfES
DIES	Department for Education & Skills
DHFETE	Department of Higher and Further Education, Training and Employmen Northern Ireland – see DELNI
рон	Department of Health
DPhil	Doctorate
DRC	Disability Rights Commission
DTI	Department of Trade and Industry
ECU	Equality Challenge Unit
EHEA	European Higher Education Area
EIS	Educational Institute of Scotland
ELWA Emua	Education and Learning Wales East Midlands Universities Association
ENQA	European Association (formerly Network) for Quality Assurance in
	Higher Education
EPSRC	Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council
ERA	Education Reform Act 1998
ERASMUS	European Community Action Scheme for the Mobility of University
	Students (the HE part of SOCRATES)
ERDF ESF	European Regional Development Fund European Social Fund
ESIB	National Unions of Students in Europe
ESRC	Economic & Social Research Council
ETLDD	Scottish Executive Enterprise, Transport and Lifelong Learning
	Department
EUA	European University Association
EURYDICE	EURYDICE, the Information Network on Education in Europe
EUROPEUNIT FDTL	Europe Unit (for UK HE sector)
FDTL	Fund for the Development of Teaching and Learning First Destination Survey
FE	Further Education
FEC	Full Economic Costing
FEC	Further Education College
FEFC	Further Education Funding Council
FENTO	Further Education National Training Organisation
FFF FHEA	Forum for the Future Further and Higher Education Act 1992
FTE	Full-time Equivalent
GOVERNANCE	Monthly newsletter on issues of corporate governance
GTC	General Teaching Council
GuildHE	GuildHE - formerly SCOP
HE	Higher Education
HEA	Higher Education Academy
HEA	Irish Higher Education Authority
HEA HEBSS	Higher Education Act 2004 Higher Education Burgarios Schomo for Students
НЕС	Higher Education Bursaries Scheme for Students Higher Education Corporation
HECS	Higher Education Corporation Higher Education Contribution Scheme
HECSU	Higher Education Careers Service Unit – see CSU
HEE	Higher Education Estates
HEEON	Higher Education Equal Opportunities Network

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HEERA	Higher Education External Relations Association
HEFC	Higher Education Funding Councils
HEFCE HEFCEAS	Higher Education Funding Council for England HEFCE Audit Service
HEFCEAS	HERCE Audit Service Higher Education Funding Council for Wales
HEI	Higher Education Institution
HEIDI	Higher Education Information Database for Institutions
HEIF	Higher Education Innovation Fund
HEIST HEPI	Higher Education Information Services Trust
HERA	Higher Education Policy Institute Higher Education Role Analysis
HERDA	Higher Education association for South West England
HERO	Higher Education & Research Opportunities in the UK
HERRG	Higher Education Regulation Review Group
HESA HESDA	Higher Education Statistics Agency Higher Education Staff Development Agency – see LFHE
HESE	Higher Education South East
HESES	Higher Education Students Early Statistics
HESMF	Higher Education Senior Managers' Forum
HEURO	Association of UK Higher Education European Officers
HEW HOLIS	Higher Education Wales HESA Online Information Service
HUMANE	Heads of University Management & Administration Network in Europe
ILTHE	Institute for Learning and Teaching in HE
IMUA	International Meeting of University Administrators
JANET	Joint Academic Network
JCPSG JISC	Joint Costing and Pricing Steering Group Joint Information Systems Committee
JISC Legal	JISC Legal Information Service
JISCMAÏL	National Academic Mail List Service
JNCHES	Joint Negotiating Committee for Higher Education Staff
JPPSG LFHE	Joint Procurement Policy and Strategy Group Leadership Foundation for Higher Education
LGPS	Local Government Pension Scheme
LH	London Higher
LR	Lambert Review
LSC	Learning & Skills Council
LTSN MA	Learning and Teaching Support Network Master of Arts
MBA	Master of Business Administration
MPhil	Master of Philosophy
MRC	Medical Research Council
MSc	Master of Science
NAO NATED	National Audit Office National Assembly for Wales Training and Education Department
NATFHE	National Association for Teachers in Further and Higher Education – see
	UCU
NCIHE	National Committee of Inquiry into Higher Education
NCQF NERC	National Credit and Qualifications Framework (England & Wales) Natural Environment Research Council
NESTA	Natural Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts
NFER	National Foundation for Educational Research
NIACE	National Institute of Adult Continuing Education
NIAO	Northern Ireland Audit Office
NISS NPC	National Information Services and Systems National Postgraduate Committee
NSS	National Student Survey
NUS	The National Union of Students
NWUA	North West Universities Association
NVQ OBHE	National Vocational Qualifications Observatory on Borderless Higher Education
OFFA	Office for Fair Access (England only)
OFSTED	Office for Standards in Education
AIO	Office of the Independent Adjudicator for HE
ORSAS	Overseas Research Students Awards Scheme
OSI OST	Office of Science and Innovation see OSI
PAC	Public Accounts Committee
РСО	Privy Council Office
PhD	Doctorate
PES PFI	Public Expenditure Settlement Private Finance Initiative
PGCE	Postgraduate Certificate in Education
PGR	Postgraduate Research (Students)
PGT	Postgraduate Taught (Students)
	Performance Indicator
PPARC Proc-HE	Particle Physics & Astronomy Research Council – see STFC Procurement in Higher Education

QAA	Quality Assurance Agency for HE
QCA	Qualifications & Curriculum Authority
QR	Quality Research, the research funding allocated according to RAE
QIV.	
RAE	rankings Pasagraph Assassment Evergise
RCUK	Research Assessment Exercise
	Research Councils UK
RDA RSA	Regional Development Agency
	Royal Society of Arts
Russell Group	Association of research-intensive HEIs (20 members)
SAAS	Student Awards Agency for Scotland
Schwartz SCONUL	Admissions to HE Review
	Society of College, National and University Libraries
SCOP	Standing Conference of Principals – see GuildHE
SCQF SCUIO	Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework
SDF	Standing Conference of University Information Officers
SE	Strategic Development Fund (of HEFCE)
SEDA	Scottish Executive (HE information)
SENDA	Staff and Educational Development Association Special Educational Needs and Disability Act 2001
SFC	Scottish Funding Council
SFEFC	Scottish Further Education Funding Council – now merged with SHEFC
SILIC	to be SFC
SFW	Student Finance Wales
SHEFC	Scottish Higher Education Funding Council – now merged with SFEFC
	to be SFC
SKILL	National Bureau for Students with Disabilities
SLC	Student Loans Company
SOCRATES	European Community Action Programme in the field of education
SoRP	Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice
SQA	Scottish Qualifications Authority
SRHE	Society for Research into Higher Education
SSC	Sector Skills Council
STFC	Science and Technology Facilities Council
STM	Scientific, technical and medical
STEM	Science Technoclogy Engineering and Mathematics
SUfl	Scottish University for Industry
SUMS	Southern Universities Management Services
SUPC	Southern Universities Purchasing Consortium
T&L	Teaching and Learning
TDA	Training and Development Agency for Schools – formerly TTA
TES	Times Education Supplement
THES	Times Higher Education Supplement
TLTP TPS	Teaching and Learning Technology Programme
TRAC	Teachers Pension Scheme Transparent Approach to Costing
TQA	Teaching Quality Assessment
TQEF	Teaching Quality Enhancement Fund
TQI	Teaching Quality Indicator
TTA	Teacher Training Agency – see TDA
TUPE	Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 1981
UACE	Universities Association for Continuing Education
UCAS	Universities & Colleges Admissions Service
UCEA	Universities & Colleges Employers Association
UCET	Universities Council for the Education of Teachers
UCISA	Universities & Colleges Information Systems Association
UCU	University & College Union
Ufl	University for Industry
UKADIA	United Kingdom Arts and Design Institutions Association
UKCOSA	Council for International Education / UK Council for Overseas Student
	Affairs
UKERNA	UK Education and Research Network
UKCGE	UK Council for Graduate Education
UKRO UNESCO	UK Research Office United Nationals Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation
UNIAID	UNIAID The Students' Charity
UNIS4NE	Universities for the North East
UNISON	UNISON Trade Union
University	Alliance of 'middle-sector' HEIs (23 members)
Alliance	
UoA	Unit of Assessment
UPA	Universities Personnel Association
US	Universities Scotland
USS	Universities Superannuation Scheme
UUK	Universities UK
UVAC	University Vocational Awards Council
WMHEA	West Midlands Higher Education Association
YU 94 Crean	Yorkshire Universities
94 Group	1994 Group of research-intensive universities (19 members)

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