

## List of Useful Acronyms in the HE sector

Acronym	Meaning	Useful Link
AAT	Association of Accounting Technician	<a href="#">Link</a>
ABC	Activity Based Costing	<a href="#">Link</a>
ACCA	Association of Chartered Certified Accountants	<a href="#">Link</a>
ACE	Arts Council England	<a href="#">Link</a>
ACOP	Approved Code of Practice	<a href="#">Link</a>
ACU	Association of Commonwealth Universities	<a href="#">Link</a>
AGCAS	Association of Graduate Careers Advisory Services	<a href="#">Link</a>
AGM	Annual General Meeting	<a href="#">Link</a>
AHRC	Arts and Humanities Research Councils	<a href="#">Link</a>
AHUA	Association of Heads of University Administration	<a href="#">Link</a>
AIRMIC	Association of Insurance and Risk Managers in Industry and Commerce	<a href="#">Link</a>
AMOSSHE	Association of Managers of Student Services in Higher Education	<a href="#">Link</a>
AMR	Authorised Mileage Rates	<a href="#">Link</a>
APUC	Advanced Procurement for Universities and Colleges	<a href="#">Link</a>
ASB	Accounting Standards Board	<a href="#">Link</a>
AUA	Association of University Administrators	<a href="#">Link</a>
AUDE	Association of University Directors of Estates	<a href="#">Link</a>
AULP	Association of University Legal Practitioners	
B2B	Business to Business	<a href="#">Link</a>
B2C	Business to Consumer	<a href="#">Link</a>
BBSRC	Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Councils	<a href="#">Link</a>
BEM	Business Excellence Model	<a href="#">Link</a>
BiP	BiP Solutions	<a href="#">Link</a>
BEIS	Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy	<a href="#">Link</a>
BIS	Department for Business, Innovation and Skills	
BPI's	Best Practice Indicator	<a href="#">Link</a>
BQF	British Quality Foundation	<a href="#">Link</a>
BRE	Better Regulation Executive	<a href="#">Link</a>

BSC	Balanced Scorecard	<a href="#">Link</a>
BUFDG	British Universities Finance Directors Group	<a href="#">Link</a>
BUILA	British Universities International Liaison Association	<a href="#">Link</a>
BV	Best Value	
CAMS	Credit Accumulation Modular Scheme	
CAS	Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies	
CARE	Career Average Revalued Earnings	<a href="#">Link</a>
CATS	Credit Accumulation and Transfer Schemes	<a href="#">Link</a>
CCL	Consumer Credit Licence	<a href="#">Link</a>
CFDG	Charity Finance Directors Group	<a href="#">Link</a>
CGS	Capital Goods Scheme	<a href="#">Link</a>
CIMA	Chartered Institute of Management Accountants	<a href="#">Link</a>
CIPD	Chartered Institute of Professional Development	<a href="#">Link</a>
CIPFA	Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy	<a href="#">Link</a>
CIPS	Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply	<a href="#">Link</a>
CN	Combined Nomenclature	<a href="#">Link</a>
COSHH	Control of Substances Hazardous to Health	
COUP	Conference on University Purchasing	<a href="#">Link</a>
CPC	Customs Procedure Code	<a href="#">Link</a>
CPD	Continuing Professional Development	<a href="#">Link</a>
CPI	Centre for Process Innovation Ltd	
CPS	Contributory Pension Scheme	<a href="#">Link</a>
CPV	Common Procurement Vocabulary	<a href="#">Link</a>
CT	Corporate Tax	<a href="#">Link</a>
CUC	Committee of University Chairs	<a href="#">Link</a>
CVU	Council of Validating Universities	<a href="#">Link</a>
DDA	Disability Discrimination Act	<a href="#">Link</a>
DEFRA	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	<a href="#">Link</a>
DELNI	Department for Employment and Learning	<a href="#">Link</a>
DE&S	Defence Equipment and Support	<a href="#">Link</a>
DIUS	Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills	<a href="#">Link</a>

DLHE	Destination of Leavers from Higher Education	
DPA	Defence Procurement Agency	<a href="#">Link</a>
DTI	Department of Trade and Industry	<a href="#">Link</a>
DWP	Department for Work and Pensions	<a href="#">Link</a>
EAUC	The Environment Association for Universities and Colleges	<a href="#">Link</a>
EBIT	Earnings Before Interest and Tax	<a href="#">Link</a>
EBITDA	Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation	<a href="#">Link</a>
ECB	European Central Bank	<a href="#">Link</a>
ECC	Educational Competencies Consortium	<a href="#">Link</a>
ECJ	European Court of Justice	<a href="#">Link</a>
ECO	Energy Company Obligations	<a href="#">Link</a>
EEA	European Economic Area	<a href="#">Link</a>
EEC	European Economic Community	<a href="#">Link</a>
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment	<a href="#">Link</a>
ELQ	Equivalent or Lower Qualification	<a href="#">Link</a>
EMM	Efficiency Measurement Model	<a href="#">Link</a>
EPSRC	Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Councils	<a href="#">Link</a>
ERDF	European Regional Development Fund	<a href="#">Link</a>
ESRC	Economic and Social Research Council	<a href="#">Link</a>
EU	European Union	<a href="#">Link</a>
FAQ	Frequently Asked Question	<a href="#">Link</a>
FCO	Foreign and Commonwealth Office	<a href="#">Link</a>
FD	Finance Director	
FE	Further Education	<a href="#">Link</a>
fEC	Full Economic Costing	<a href="#">Link</a>
FEC	Further Education College	<a href="#">Link</a>
FEER	Future Earnings and Employment Record	
FiT	Feed in Tariff	<a href="#">Link</a>
FOIA	Freedom of Information Act	<a href="#">Link</a>
FPS	Federated Pension Scheme	
FRED	Financial Reporting Exposure Draft	<a href="#">Link</a>

FSPS	Final Salary Pension Scheme	
FSR	Financial Statistics Return	<a href="#">Link</a>
FT	Financial Times	<a href="#">Link</a>
FTE	Full Time Equivalent	<a href="#">Link</a>
GAAP	Generally Accepted Accounting Principles	
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade	<a href="#">Link</a>
GBS	Government Buying Standards	<a href="#">Link</a>
GDP	Gross Domestic Product	<a href="#">Link</a>
GDPR	General Data Protection Regulations	
GLA	Greater London Authority	<a href="#">Link</a>
GNI	Gross National Income	<a href="#">Link</a>
GPA	Government Procurement Agreement	<a href="#">Link</a>
HE	Higher Education	<a href="#">Link</a>
HEA	Higher Education Authority	<a href="#">Link</a>
HEFCE	Higher Education Funding Council for England	<a href="#">Link</a>
HEFCW	Higher Education Funding Council for Wales	<a href="#">Link</a>
HEI's	Higher Education Institutions	<a href="#">Link</a>
HEPA	Higher Education Procurement Association	<a href="#">Link</a>
HEPCW	Higher Education Purchasing Consortium Wales	<a href="#">Link</a>
HEPI	Higher Education Policy Institute	<a href="#">Link</a>
HERA	Higher Educational Role Analysis	<a href="#">Link</a>
HESA	Higher Education Statistics Agency	<a href="#">Link</a>
HESPA	Higher Education Strategic Planners Association	<a href="#">Link</a>
HETF	Higher Education Tax Forum	
HMRC	Her Majesty's revenue and customs	<a href="#">Link</a>
HNC	Higher National Certificate	<a href="#">Link</a>
HND	Higher National Diploma	<a href="#">Link</a>
HoP	Head of Purchasing	
HR	Human Resources	<a href="#">Link</a>
HSC	Health and Safety Commission	<a href="#">Link</a>
HSE	Health and Safety Executive	<a href="#">Link</a>

ICAEW	Institution Chartered Accountants in England and Wales	<a href="#">Link</a>
ICTA	Income and Corporation Taxes Act	<a href="#">Link</a>
IFRS	International Financial Reporting Standards	<a href="#">Link</a>
IIP	Investors in People	<a href="#">Link</a>
ILA	Individual Learning Account	<a href="#">Link</a>
IPPR	Institute of Public Policy Research	<a href="#">Link</a>
IPR	Intellectual Property Rights	<a href="#">Link</a>
IRS	Internal Revenue Service	<a href="#">Link</a>
ISO	International Standards Office	<a href="#">Link</a>
ITEPA	Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Acts 2003	<a href="#">Link</a>
ITF	Innovation and Transformation fund	<a href="#">Link</a>
ITQ	Invitation to Quote	<a href="#">Link</a>
ITT	Invitation to Tender	<a href="#">Link</a>
ITTOIA	Income Tax (Trading and Other Income) Act 2005	<a href="#">Link</a>
JANE	Joint Arrangement Not an Entity	<a href="#">Link</a>
JANET	Joint Academic Network	<a href="#">Link</a>
JCPSPG	Joint Costing and Pricing Steering Group	<a href="#">Link</a>
JISC	Joint Information Systems Committee	<a href="#">Link</a>
JNCHES	Joint Negotiating Committee for Higher Education Staff	<a href="#">Link</a>
KEF	Knowledge Exchange Framework	
KPIs	Key Performance Indicators	<a href="#">Link</a>
KTP	Knowledge Transfer Partnerships	<a href="#">Link</a>
LA	Local Authority	
LFHE	Leadership Foundation for Higher Education	<a href="#">Link</a>
LGM	Leadership, Governance and Management (fund)	<a href="#">Link</a>
LGPS	Local Government Pension Scheme	<a href="#">Link</a>
LLP	Limited Liability Partnership	<a href="#">Link</a>
LSC	Learning and Skills Council	<a href="#">Link</a>
MAA	Memorandum of Assurance and Accountability	<a href="#">Link</a>
MCIPD	Member of the Institute of Professional Development	<a href="#">Link</a>
MCIPS	Member of the Institute of Purchasing and supply	<a href="#">Link</a>

MEAT	Most Economically Advantageous Tender	<a href="#">Link</a>
MI	Management Information	<a href="#">Link</a>
MICE	Member Institute of Chartered Engineers	<a href="#">Link</a>
MOD	Ministry of Defence	<a href="#">Link</a>
MOOC	Massive Online Open Course	<a href="#">Link</a>
MOSS	Mini One Stop Shop	<a href="#">Link</a>
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding	<a href="#">Link</a>
MRC	Medical Research Council	<a href="#">Link</a>
MSC	Member State of Consumption	<a href="#">Link</a>
MSE	Member State of Establishment	
MSI	Member State of Identification	<a href="#">Link</a>
MTF	Marrakech Task Force	<a href="#">Link</a>
NAO	National Audit Office	<a href="#">Link</a>
NASMA	National Association of Student Money Advisers	<a href="#">Link</a>
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organisation	<a href="#">Link</a>
NCUB	National Centre for Universities and Business	<a href="#">Link</a>
NEMAG	North East Management Accounting Group	
NEPO	North East Procurement Organisation	<a href="#">Link</a>
NERC	Natural Environment Research Council	<a href="#">Link</a>
NEUPC	North Eastern Universities Purchasing Consortium	<a href="#">Link</a>
NFFI	Net Foreign Factor Income	<a href="#">Link</a>
NHC	National Horizons Centre	
NHSPS	National Health Service Pension Scheme	<a href="#">Link</a>
NI	National Insurance	<a href="#">Link</a>
NICO	National Insurance Contributions Office	<a href="#">Link</a>
NPP	Non-Primary Purpose	<a href="#">Link</a>
NSPPP	National Sustainable Public Procurement Programme	<a href="#">Link</a>
NSS	National Student Survey	<a href="#">Link</a>
NUS	National Union of Students	<a href="#">Link</a>
NUTS	Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics	<a href="#">Link</a>

NVQ	National Vocational Qualification	<a href="#">Link</a>
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development	<a href="#">Link</a>
OFFA	Office for Fair Access	<a href="#">Link</a>
OFR	Operating and Financial Review	<a href="#">Link</a>
OFS	Office For Students	<a href="#">Link</a>
OFSTED	Office for Standards in Education	<a href="#">Link</a>
OGC	Office of Government Commerce	<a href="#">Link</a>
OJEU	Official Journal of the European Union	<a href="#">Link</a>
ONS	Office for National Statistics	<a href="#">Link</a>
OTS	Office of Tax Simplification	<a href="#">Link</a>
PAYE	Pay As You Earn	<a href="#">Link</a>
PCA	Procurement Capability Assessment	<a href="#">Link</a>
PEG	Payroll and Expenses Group	
PEL	Procurement England Limited	<a href="#">Link</a>
PESM	Partial Exemption Special Method	<a href="#">Link</a>
PFI	Private Finance Initiative	<a href="#">Link</a>
PGCE	Postgraduate Certificate in Education	<a href="#">Link</a>
PILON	Pay In Lieu Of Notice	<a href="#">Link</a>
PILOR	Pay In Lieu of Remuneration	<a href="#">Link</a>
PIN	Prior Information Notice	<a href="#">Link</a>
PMA	Procurement Maturity Assessment	<a href="#">Link</a>
PoS	Place of Supply	<a href="#">Link</a>
PP	Personal Pension	<a href="#">Link</a>
PPG	Procurement Professionals Group	<a href="#">Link</a>
PPP	Public Private Partnership	<a href="#">Link</a>
PQQ	Pre Qualification Questionnaire	<a href="#">Link</a>
PSRB	Professional, statutory or regulatory body	<a href="#">Link</a>
PT	Primary Threshold	<a href="#">Link</a>
PUK	Procurement UK	<a href="#">Link</a>
QA	Quality Assurance	<a href="#">Link</a>
QAA	Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education	<a href="#">Link</a>

QAV	Quality Assurance and Validation	
RAE	Research Assessment Exercise	<a href="#">Link</a>
RCUK	Research Councils UK	
RDA	Regional Development Agency	<a href="#">Link</a>
RDEC	Research and Development Expenditure Credit	<a href="#">Link</a>
REC	Recruitment and Employment Confederation	<a href="#">Link</a>
REF	Research Excellence Framework	<a href="#">Link</a>
RFP	Request for Proposal	<a href="#">Link</a>
RFQ	Request for Quotation	<a href="#">Link</a>
RGF	Revolving Green Fund	<a href="#">Link</a>
RIEPS	Regional Improvement and Efficiency Partnerships	<a href="#">Link</a>
ROI	Return on Investment	<a href="#">Link</a>
RoW	Rest Of World	<a href="#">Link</a>
RRAA	Race Relations (Amendment) Act	<a href="#">Link</a>
RTI	Real Time Investment	
SHP	Stakeholder Pension	<a href="#">Link</a>
SIG	Special Interest Groups	<a href="#">Link</a>
SLA	Service Level Agreement	<a href="#">Link</a>
SLC	Student Loans Company	<a href="#">Link</a>
SME	Small and Medium Sized Enterprises	<a href="#">Link</a>
SOGE	Sustainable Operations on the Government Estate	<a href="#">Link</a>
SORP	Statement of Recommended Practice	<a href="#">Link</a>
SP	Statement of Practice	<a href="#">Link</a>
SPCE	The Sustainable Procurement Centre of Excellence	<a href="#">Link</a>
sPQQ	Standard Pre Qualification Questionnaire	<a href="#">Link</a>
SSC	Sector Skills Council	<a href="#">Link</a>
SSP	Statutory Sick Pay	<a href="#">Link</a>
STFC	Science and Technology Facilities Council	<a href="#">Link</a>
T&C	Terms and Conditions	
TCGA	Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act	<a href="#">Link</a>
TDG	Training and Development Group (BUFDG)	<a href="#">Link</a>



TED	Tenders Electronic Daily	Link
TEF	Teaching Excellence Framework	
THE	Times Higher Education	Link
Thelmas	The Leadership and Management Awards	Link
TNE	Transnational Education	
TPS	Teachers' Pension Scheme	
TRAC	Transparent Approach To Costing	Link
TUCO	The University Caterers Organisation	Link
TUCP	Teesside University College Partnership	
TUPE	Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment)	Link
UCAS	Universities and Colleges Admission Service	Link
UCEA	Universities and Colleges Employers Association	Link
UCISA	Universities and Colleges Information and Systems Association	Link
UCU	University and College Union	Link
UET	University Executive Team	
UIGs	User Intelligence Groups	
UKCISA	UK Council for International Student Affairs	Link
UKRI	UK Research & Innovation	
UKRO	UK Research Office	Link
UKRPIF	UK Research Partnership Investment Fund	Link
UKVI	UK Visas & Immigration	
USMT	University Senior Management Team	
USS	Universities Superannuation Scheme	Link
UUK	Universities UK	Link
UVAC	University Vocational Awards Council	Link
VAT	Value Added Tax	Link
VFM	Value For Money	
VoES	VAT on E Services	Link
VRN	VAT Registration number	Link
WP	Widening Participation	Link
WPSA	Widening Participation Strategic Assessment	Link

WPSS	Widening Participation Strategic Statistics	<a href="#">Link</a>
WRA	Working Rule Agreement	
WTO	World Trade Organisation	<a href="#">Link</a>
XBRL	eXtensible Business Reporting Language	<a href="#">Link</a>