List of Useful Acronyms in the HE sector

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

BUFDG British Universities Finance Directors Group Link BUILA British Universities International Liaison Association Link BV Best Value CAMS Credit Accumulation Modular Scheme CAS Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies CARE Career Average Revalued Earnings Link CATS Credit Accumulation and Transfer Schemes Link CCL Consumer Credit Licence Link CCL Consumer Credit Licence Link CCL Consumer Credit Licence Link CGS Capital Goods Scheme Link CIPD Chartered Institute of Management Accountants Link CIPD Chartered Institute of Professional Development Link CIPFA Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy Link CIPS Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy Link CN Combined Nomenclature Link COSHH Control of Substances Hazardous to Health COUP Conference on University Purchasing Link CPC Customs Procedure Code Link CPD Continuing Professional Development Link CPI Centre for Process Innovation Ltd CPS Contributory Pension Scheme Link CPV Common Procurement Vocabulary Link CT Corporate Tax CUC Committee of University Chairs CVU Council of Validating Universities DDA Disability Discrimination Act DERNA Department for Employment and Learning Link DERNA Department for Employment and Learning DE&S Defence Equipment and Support Link DIUS Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills	BSC	Balanced Scorecard	Link
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FRED Financial Reporting Exposure Draft Link	FPS	Federated Pension Scheme	
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FSPS	Final Salary Pension Scheme	
FSR	Financial Statistics Return	Link
FT	Financial Times	Link
FTE	Full Time Equivalent	Link
GAAP	Generally Accepted Accounting Principles	
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade	Link
GBS	Government Buying Standards	Link
GDP	Gross Domestic Product	Link
GDPR	General Data Protection Regulations	
GLA	Greater London Authority	Link
GNI	Gross National Income	Link
GPA	Government Procurement Agreement	Link
HE	Higher Education	Link
HEA	Higher Education Authority	Link
HEFCE	Higher Education Funding Council for England	Link
HEFCW	Higher Education Funding Council for Wales	Link
HEI's	Higher Education Institutions	Link
HEPA	Higher Education Procurement Association	Link
HEPCW	Higher Education Purchasing Consortium Wales	Link
HEPI	Higher Education Policy Institute	Link
HERA	Higher Educational Role Analysis	Link
HESA	Higher Education Statistics Agency	Link
HESPA	Higher Education Strategic Planners Association	Link
HETF	Higher Education Tax Forum	
HMRC	Her Majesty's revenue and customs	Link
HNC	Higher National Certificate	Link
HND	Higher National Diploma	Link
HoP	Head of Purchasing	
HR	Human Resources	Link
HSC	Health and Safety Commission	Link
HSE	Health and Safety Executive	Link

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

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

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

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	Link
WRA	Working Rule Agreement	
WTO	World Trade Organisation	Link
XBRL	eXtensible Business Reporting Language	Link