

Annex F Abbreviations and Acronyms in Higher Education

ACU	Association of Commonwealth Universities
AHRB	Arts and Humanities Research Board
AHUA	Association of Heads of University Administration
AUA	Association of University Administrators
AUDE	Association of University Directors of Estates
AURIL	Association for University Research and Industrial Links
AUT	Association of University Teachers
BA	British Academy
BAAS	British Association for the Advancement of Science
BBSRC	Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council
BDA	British Dental Association
BMA	British Medical Association
BUFDG	British Universities Finance Directors Group
CATS	Credit Accumulation and Transfer Scheme
CCAC	Council of Church and Associated Colleges
CLA	Copyright Licensing Agency
COSHEP	Committee of Scottish Higher Education Principals (now Universities Scotland)
CUC	Committee of University Chairmen
CVCP	Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals (now Universities UK)
DENI	Department of Education for Northern Ireland (now DHFETE)
DfEE	Department for Education and Employment
DHFETE	Department of Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment (Northern Ireland)
EC	Engineering Council
ECCTIS	Education Counselling and Credit Transfer Information Service
EFL	English as a Foreign Language
EPSRC	Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council
ERA	Education Reform Act 1988
ESRC	Economic and Social Research Council
FDS	First Destination Survey
FE	Further Education
FEC	Further Education College
FEFC	Further Education Funding Council
FHEA	Further and Higher Education Act 1992
FTE	Full-Time Equivalent
GDC	General Dental Council
GMC	General Medical Council

GNVQ	General National Vocational Qualification
GTC	General Teaching Council
HE	Higher Education
HEC	Higher Education Corporation
HEFCE	Higher Education Funding Council for England
HEFCW	Higher Education Funding Council for Wales
HEI	Higher Education Institution
HEIFES	Higher Education in Further Education Students survey
HEROBC	Higher Education Reach-out to Business and the Community
HESA	Higher Education Statistics Agency
HESDA	Higher Education Staff Development Agency (formerly UCoSDA)
HESES	Higher Education Students Early Statistics survey
HEW	Higher Education Wales (formerly HHEW)
HHEW	Heads of Higher Education in Wales (now Higher Education Wales)
HMI	Her Majesty's Inspectorate (or Inspector)
HNC/D	Higher National Certificate/Diploma
ILT	Institute for Learning and Teaching
INSET	In-Service Training for Teachers
IT	Information Technology
ITT	Initial Teacher Training
JANET	Joint Academic Network (computing)
JIF	Joint Infrastructure Fund
JISC	Joint Information Systems Committee (of the Higher Education Funding Councils)
JREI	Joint Research Equipment Initiative
LAN	Local Area Network (computing)
LEA	Local Education Authority
LSC	Learning and Skills Council
LGPS	Local Government Pension Scheme
LTSN	Learning and Teaching Support Network
MAN	Metropolitan Area Network (computing)
MRC	Medical Research Council
NAO	National Audit Office
NATFHE	National Association for Teachers in Higher Education
NDPB	Non-departmental public body (otherwise known as 'quangos')
NCIHE	National Committee of Inquiry into Higher Education (Dearing Committee)
NERC	Natural Environment Research Council
NIACE	National Institute for Adult and Continuing Education
NIAO	Northern Ireland Audit Office
NIHEC	Northern Ireland Higher Education Council
NUS	National Union of Students
ODA	Overseas Development Agency
OFSTED	Office for Standards in Education
OST	Office of Science and Technology
ORSAS	Overseas Research Students Awards Scheme

OU	Open University
PAC	Public Accounts Committee
PCFC	Polytechnics and Colleges Funding Council (wound up in 1992)
PFI	Private Finance Initiative
PI	Performance Indicator
PPARC	Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council
QAA	Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education
QCA	Qualifications and Curriculum Authority
RAE	Research Assessment Exercise
RDA	Regional Development Agency
RSA	Royal Society of Arts
SCITT	School-Centred Initial Teacher Training
SCONUL	Standing Conference of National and University Libraries
SCOP	Standing Conference of Principals
SHEFC	Scottish Higher Education Funding Council
SOEID	Scottish Office Education and Industry Department
SORP	Statement of Recommended (Accounting) Practice
SRIF	Science Research Investment Fund
TEC	Training and Enterprise Council
TSS	Teachers' Superannuation Scheme
TTA	Teacher Training Agency
UCAS	Universities and Colleges Admissions Service
UCEA	Universities and Colleges Employers Association
UCET	Universities Council for the Education of Teachers
UCoSDA	Universities and Colleges Staff Development Agency (now HESDA)
UFC	Universities Funding Council (wound up in 1992)
Ufi	University for Industry also called Learning Direct
UKCOSA	United Kingdom Council for Overseas Student Affairs
USI	Union of Students in Ireland
USS	Universities Superannuation Scheme
UUK	Universities UK (formerly CVCP)
WUS	World University Service