

## **Annex R List of abbreviations**

<b>APEL</b>	Accredited prior experiential learning
<b>APL</b>	Accredited prior learning/accreditation of prior learning
<b>ASNs</b>	Additional student numbers
<b>CertEd</b>	Certificate in Education
<b>DEL</b>	Department for Employment and Learning (Northern Ireland)
<b>DipHE</b>	Diploma of Higher Education
<b>DSA</b>	Disabled Students' Allowance
<b>DTLLS</b>	Diploma in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector
<b>EEA</b>	European Economic Area: all EU countries plus Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway. Students from Switzerland are treated in the same way as those from the EEA
<b>ELQ</b>	Equivalent or lower qualification
<b>Erasmus</b>	European Community action scheme for the mobility of university students. This is part of the European Commission's Lifelong Learning Programme
<b>EU</b>	European Union
<b>FAQs</b>	Frequently asked questions
<b>FD</b>	Foundation degree
<b>FEC</b>	Further education college
<b>FTE</b>	Full-time equivalent/equivalence
<b>HE</b>	Higher education
<b>HEFCE</b>	Higher Education Funding Council for England
<b>HEI</b>	Higher education institution
<b>HEIFES</b>	Higher Education in Further Education: Students Survey
<b>HEPA</b>	HEFCE higher education policy adviser
<b>HESA</b>	Higher Education Statistics Agency
<b>HESES</b>	Higher Education Students Early Statistics Survey
<b>HNC</b>	Higher National Certificate
<b>HND</b>	Higher National Diploma
<b>HPC</b>	Health Professions Council
<b>ILR</b>	The Data Service's individualised learner record

<b>INSET</b>	In-service Education and Training
<b>ITT</b>	Initial Teacher Training
<b>LLN</b>	Lifelong Learning Network
<b>NVQ</b>	National Vocational Qualification
<b>PGCE</b>	Postgraduate/Professional Graduate Certificate in Education
<b>QAA</b>	Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education
<b>QTLS</b>	Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills status
<b>QTS</b>	Qualified teacher status
<b>SCITT</b>	School-Centred Initial Teacher Training
<b>SIVS</b>	Strategically important and vulnerable subjects
<b>SLC</b>	Student Loans Company
<b>TDA</b>	Training and Development Agency for Schools
<b>Ufi</b>	A government initiative to develop a 'university for industry'. Learning services are provided through Learndirect
<b>UG</b>	Undergraduate
<b>UG (excl. FD)</b>	An undergraduate course that is not a foundation degree