

Acronym guide

Acronym	Explanation
ABC	Authorities Buying Consortium (now replaced by Scotland Excel)
ACPOS	Association of Chief Police Officers in Scotland
AGR	Association of Graduate Recruiters
AHCR	Arts and Humanities Research Council
AHUA	Association of Heads of University Administration
AP	Advanced Procurement
APUC	Advanced Procurement for Universities and Colleges
AS	Audit Scotland
AUA	Association of University Administrators
AUDE	Association of University Directors of Estates
AUPO	Association of University Procurement Officers
AURIL	Association for Research and Industrial Liaison
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BCCR	Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery (ICT)
BECTA	British Educational and Communications Technology Agency
BIS	Department for Business, Innovation and Skills
BPO	Business Process Outsourcing
BPM	Business Process Mapping (ICT)
BUFDG	British Universities Finance Directors Group
BPIs	Best Practice Indicators
BS	Buying Solutions
BSI	British Standards Institute
BV	Best Value
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CADISE	Consortium of Arts and Design Institutions in Southern England
CAN	Circular Advice Note
CAN	Contract Award Notice
CAR	Commodity Action Report
Cat A	Category A Commodities
Cat B	Category B Commodities
Cat C	Category C Commodities
CBC	Central Buying Consortium
CBI	Confederation of British Industry
CCM	Catalogue Content Management
CCPS	Community Care Providers Scotland
CCS	Crown Commercial Services
CE	Chief Executive
CESG	Communications- Electronic Security Group
CETIS	Centre for Educational Technology and Interoperability Standards (IC
CETL	Centres for Excellence in Teaching and Learning
CFI	Call For Information
CG	Central Government
CGCoPE	Central Government Centre of Procurement Expertise
CHEST	Combined Higher Education Software Team
CIHE	Council for Industry and Higher Education
CIPD	Chartered Institute of Personnel Development
CIPFA	Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy
CIPS	Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply
CISO	Chief Information Security Officer
CMA	Competition and Mergers Authority
CO	Cabinet Office
CoE	Centre of Expertise
COSLA	Convention of Scottish Local Authorities
COTS	Commercial Off the Shelf Software
COUP	Conference on University Purchasing
CP	Collaborative Procurement

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CPC	Central Product Classification (Codes)
CPC	Crescent Purchasing Consortium
CPO	Chief Purchasing Officer
CPP	Capital Procurement Project
CRC	Carbon Reduction Commitment
CRCEES	Carbon Reduction Commitment Energy Efficiency Scheme
CRM	Customer Relationship Management software
CS	Colleges Scotland
CSF	Critical Success Factors
CSR	Corporate Social Responsibility
CSS	College Support Services
CUC	Committee of University Chairmen
CuPID	Central Universities Purchasing Information Database
CUPPS	Colleges and Universities Purchasing Partnership - Scotland
DCLG	Department for Communities and Local Government (in England)
DCMS	Department of Culture, Media and Sport
DELNI	Department for Employment and Learning Northern Ireland
DfE	Department for Education (in England)
DfES	Department for Education and Skills
DfID	Department for International Development
DLHE	Destination of Leavers from Higher Education
DPA	Delegated Purchasing Authority
DPO	Data Protection Officer
EA	Enterprise Architecture (ICT)
EaaS	Education as a Service (ICT)
EaaS	Emulation as a Service (ICT)
EAUC	Environmental Association for Universities and Colleges
EC	European Commission
ECJ	European Court of Justice
ECU	Equality Challenge Unit
EDAM	Equipment Database And Maintenance
EEC	European Economic Community
EFQM	European Foundation for Quality Management
EG	Efficient Government
ENPC	English National Purchasing consortium
Eoi	Expression of Interest
ePS	eProcurement Scotland
EPSRC	Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council
ERS	Enterprise Resource Planning software
ESB	Enterprise Service Bus (ICT)
ESRC	Economic & Social Research Council
ETS	Electronic Tendering System
EU	European Union
EU ETS	EU Emissions Trading Scheme
EU RD	European Union Remedies Directive
FAQs	Frequently asked questions
FCO	Foreign and Commonwealth Office
FD	Finance Director
FDS	First Destination Survey
FEC	Full Economic Cost
Foi	Freedom of Information
FOSS	Free and Open source software
FSB	Federation of Small Businesses
GCVS	Glasgow Council for the Voluntary Sector
GDS	Government Digital Service (UK)

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GeM	Contracts database
GPC	Government Procurement Card
GPS	Government Procurement Services. (Now part of the CCS above)
HE/FE	Higher Education/Further Education
HEFESTIS	HE/FE Shared Technology and Information Services
HEFCE	Higher Education Funding Council for England
HEFCEAS	HEFCE Audit Service
HEI	Higher Education Institution
HEIDS	Higher Education Information Directors Scotland
HEIF	Higher Education Innovation Fund
HEPA	Higher Education Procurement Academy
HEPI	Higher Education Policy Institute
HEPCW	Higher Education Purchasing Consortium, Wales
HERO	Higher Education and Research Opportunities
HERRG	Higher Education Regulation Review Group
HESA	Higher Education Statistics Agency
HESFM	Higher Education Senior Managers Forum
HM C&E	HM Customs and Excise
HoF	Head of Finance
HOLIS	HESA Online Information System
HoP	Head of Procurement
HPDF	HE/FE Procurement Development Fund
HR	Human Resources
IAAS	Infrastructure as a Service (ICT)
IDeA	Improvement and Development Agency
IIP	Investors in People
ILT, ILTHE	Institute for Learning and Teaching (in Higher Education)
IoD	Institute of Directors
ISIB	Information Systems Investment Board (Scot Gov)
ISM	Institute of Supply Management (= CIPS for USA; see also CAPS)
ISO	International Standards Organisation
ITQ	Invitation to quote
ITT	Invitation to tender
JANET	Joint Academic NETwork
JCPSPG	Joint Costing and Pricing System
JISC	Joint Information Systems Committee
JPPSPG	Joint Procurement Policy and Strategy Group
KPIs	Key Performance Indicators
LA	Local Authority
LFHE	Leadership Foundation for Higher Education
LGA	Local Government Association
LGPS	Local Government Pension Scheme
LSC	Learning and Skills Council
LTSN	Learning and Teaching Support Network
LUPC	London Universities Purchasing Consortium
MCISO	Managing Chief Information Security Officer
MEAT	Most economically advantageous tender
MI	Management Information
MoD	Ministry of Defense
MP	Member of Parliament
MRO	Maintenance Repair & Operations
MSG-P	Ministerial Strategic Group-Procurement
MSP	Member of Scottish Parliament
NAO	National Audit Office
NATFHE	National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education
NCA	Non Competitive Action

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NCF	National Category Forum
NDPB	Non Departmental Public Bodies
NERC	Natural Environment Research Council
NEUPC	North Eastern Universities Purchasing Consortium
NHS	National Health Service
NI CPD	Northern Ireland Central Procurement Directorate
NP	(NHS Scotland) National Procurement
NPD&SWP	National Postal Distribution & Supplies Working Party
NPV	Net Present Value
NSS	National Services Scotland (NHS)
NSS	National Shared Services
NUS	National Union of Students
NWPCSS	National Working Party for Computer Consumables & Stationery
NWPP	National Working Party for Photocopiers
NWUPC	North Western Universities Purchasing Consortium
OFFA	Office for Fair Access
OFSTED	Office for Standards in Education
OGC	Office of Government Commerce
OIA	Office of the Independent Adjudicator for Higher Education
OJEU	Official Journal of European Union (formerly OJEC)
ORG	Operational Reform Group
OSCR	Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator
OST	Office for Science and Technology
P&BP	Process and Best Practice
P2P	Purchase to Payment
PaaS	Platform as a Service
PAC	Public Accounts Committee
PASA	Purchasing and Supply Agency (NHS)
PCA	Procurement Capability Assessment
PCF	Procurement Competency Framework
PCS	Public Contracts Scotland
PCS-T	Public Contracts Scotland - Tendering
PDP	Personal Development Plan
PECOS	Professional Electronic Commerce Online System
PEL	Procurement England Limited
PFI	Private Finance Initiative
PIN	Prior Information Notice
PLP	Personal Learning Plan
PPAG	Public Procurement Advisory Group
PPAPC	Promoting Poverty Aware Procurement on Campus
PPARC	Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council
PPG	Procurement Professionals' Group
PPP	Public Procurement Group
PPP	Public Private Partnership
PPRB	Public Procurement Reform Board
PQQ	Pre Qualification Questionnaire
PRDG	Procurement Reform Delivery Group
Prince 2	Projects in a Controlled Environment
PS	Procurement Scotland
PSG	Professional Skills for Government
PSG	Procurement Strategy Group
PSO	Public Sector Organisation
PSWG	People & Skills Working Group
PTN	Post Tender Negotiations
PUE	Power Usage Effectiveness (ICT- Data Centres)
PUK	Procurement UK
QAA	Quality Assurance Agency

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QCA	Qualifications and Curriculum Authority
QR	Quality Research, the research funding allocated according to RAE r
RAE	Research Assessment Exercise
RDA	Regional Development Agency
RFQ	Request for quotation
ROI	Return on Investment
SaaS	Software as a Service (ICT)
SAUDE	Scottish Association of University Directors of Estates
SC	Spikes Cavell
SC	Scotland's Colleges
SCABS	Scottish Consortium for Academic Book Supply
SCDI	Scottish Council for Development and Industry
SCIO	Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation
SCN	Scottish Candidate Number
SCoC	Scottish Chamber of Commerce
SCONUL	Standing Conference of National and University Libraries
SCOP	Standing Conference of Principals
SCSB	Strategic Corporate Services Board, (Scottish Govt.)
SCURL	Scottish Confederation of University and Research Libraries
SDF	Strategic Development Fund (of HEFCE)
SDP	Supplier Development Programme
SDS	Skills Development Scotland
SE	Scotland Excel
SEC	Scottish Energy Consortium
SEDA	Staff and Educational Development Association
SEEs	Social Economy Enterprises
SEnt	Scottish Enterprise
SFC	Scottish Funding Council (formerly Scottish Higher Education Funding
SFEU	Scottish Further Education Unit
SFS	Social Firms Scotland
SG	Scottish Government
SHEDL	Scottish Higher Education Digital Library
SHOP	Scottish Heads of Personnel
SIAM	Service Integration and Management
Simap	Information system for European public procurement
SMEs	Small and medium sized enterprises
SNIPES	Scotland Northern Ireland Periodicals Supply
SOA	Service Orientated Architectures (ICT)
SOLACE	Society of Local Authority Chief Executives
SOPO	Society of Procurement Officers
SP	Scottish Parliament
SPCD	Scottish Procurement and Commercial Directorate
SPFM	Scottish Public Finance Manual
SPIH	Scottish Procurement Information Hub ('the Hub')
SPM	Sector Procurement Manual
SPoE	Single Point of Enquiry
SPPN	Scottish Procurement Policy Note
SPST	Scottish Public Sector Toolkit
SQA	Scottish Qualifications Authority
SRHE	Society for the Research into Higher Education
SRO	Senior Responsible Officer or Senior Responsible Owner
SSPAP	Scottish Sustainable Procurement Action Plan
STUC	Scottish Trades Union Congress
SUADE	Scottish Association of University Directors of Estates
SUFDG	Scottish University Directors of Finance

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SULSA	Scottish Universities Life Sciences Alliance
SUPA	Scottish Universities Physics Alliance
SUPC	Southern Universities Purchasing Consortium
SUPMG	Scottish University Print Managers Group
SVDC	Shared Virtual Data Centre
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T&D	Training and development
T&E	Travel and expenses
TCO	Total Cost of Ownership
TCV	Total Contact Value
TDA	Training and Development Agency for Schools (formerly the Teacher
TEC	The Energy Consortium
TED	Tenders Electronic Daily
THE	The Times Higher Education Supplement
TPS	Teachers Pension Scheme
TQA	Teaching Quality Assessment
TQEF	Teaching Quality Enhancement Fund
TQI	Teaching Quality Indicator
TRAC	Transparent Approach to Costing
TUCO	The Universities Caterers Organisation
TUs	Trade Unions
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UCAS	Universities and Colleges Admissions Service
UCCCfS	Universities and Colleges Climate Commitment for Scotland
UCEA	University and Colleges Employers Association
UCISA	Universities and Colleges Information Systems Association
UCSP	Universities & Colleges Suppliers Portal
UCSS	Universities and Colleges Shared Services
Ufi	University for Industry (or Learn Direct)
UHR-Scotland	Universities Human Resources - Scotland
UIG	User Intelligence Group
UKADIA	United Kingdom Arts and Design Institutions Association
UKCOSA	The Council for International Education, formerly United Kingdom Cou
UKERNA	UK Education and Research Network Association
UKUPC	UK Universities Purchasing Consortia
UMF	University Modernisation Fund
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNSPSC	United Nations Standard Products and Services Code
UPA	University Personnel Association
UPS	Uninterruptible Power Supply (ICT)
US	Universities Scotland
USS	Universities Superannuation Scheme
UUK	Universities UK
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VfM	Value for money
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WTO	World Trade Organisation
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