



Committee of University Chairmen

# ACRONYMS & ORGANISATIONS READY-RECKONER

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| ACRONYM          | ORGANISATION / EXPLANATION   |
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| <b>AACRAO</b>    | American Association of Collegiate Registrars & Admissions Officers (USA)                                      |
| <b>ACCAC</b>     | Awdurdod Cymwysterau, Cwricwlwm ac Asesu Cymru (Qualifications, Curriculum and Assessment Authority for Wales) |
| <b>ACE</b>       | Adult Continuing Education   |
| <b>ACFHE</b>     | Association of Colleges of Further & Higher Education  |
| <b>ACS</b>       | Advisory Committee for Scotland  |
| <b>ACU</b>       | Association of Commonwealth Universities   |
| <b>AFRC</b>      | Agricultural and Food Research Council   |
| <b>AGCAS</b>     | Association of Graduate Careers Advisory Services  |
| <b>AGB</b>       | Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges (USA)   |
| <b>AGR</b>       | Association of Graduate Recruiters   |
| <b>AHRC</b>      | Arts & Humanities Research Council   |
| <b>AHUA</b>      | Association of Heads of University Administration  |
| <b>AimHigher</b> | AimHigher (HE recruitment website)   |
| <b>ALI</b>       | Adult Learning Inspectorate  |
| <b>AMOSHE</b>    | Association of Managers of Student Services in Higher Education  |
| <b>AMSU</b>      | Association of Managers in Students' Unions  |
| <b>AOC</b>       | Association of Colleges  |
| <b>APC</b>       | Association of Principals of Colleges  |
| <b>APCL</b>      | Accreditation of Prior Certified Learning  |
| <b>APEL</b>      | Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning   |
| <b>ARC</b>       | Academic Registrars Council  |
| <b>AMRC</b>      | Association of Medical Research Charities  |
| <b>APL</b>       | Accreditation of Prior Learning  |
| <b>ARMA</b>      | Association of Research Managers & Administrators  |
| <b>ARMED</b>     | ARMED Project (Active Risk Management in Education)  |
| <b>ASC</b>       | Association of Scottish Colleges   |
| <b>Aslib</b>     | Association for Information Management   |
| <b>ATHENA</b>    | Athena Project for women in SET subjects   |
| <b>AUA</b>       | Association of University Administrators   |
| <b>AUCL</b>      | Association of University & College Lecturers  |
| <b>AUDE</b>      | Association of Directors of Estates  |
| <b>AUDTRS</b>    | Association of University Departments of Theology and Religious Studies  |
| <b>AUEE</b>      | Association of Universities in the East of England   |
| <b>AURIL</b>     | Association of University Research & Industry Links  |
| <b>AUT</b>       | Association of University Teachers – see UCU   |
| <b>AVA</b>       | Authorised Validating Agency (Access to Higher Education)  |
| <b>BA</b>        | Bachelor of Arts   |
| <b>BA</b>        | British Academy  |
| <b>BAAS</b>      | British Association for the Advancement of Science   |
| <b>BAC</b>       | British Accreditation Council for Independent Further and Higher Education                                     |
| <b>BBSRC</b>     | Biotechnology & Biological Sciences Research Council   |
| <b>BC</b>        | The British Council  |
| <b>BDA</b>       | British Dental Association   |
| <b>BECTA</b>     | British Educational and Communications Technology Agency   |
| <b>BELMAS</b>    | British Educational Leadership Management and Administration Society   |
| <b>BERA</b>      | British Educational Research Association   |
| <b>BFUG</b>      | Bologna Follow-Up Group  |
| <b>BMA</b>       | British Medical Association  |
| <b>BRITAC</b>    | The British Academy  |
| <b>BRRG</b>      | Better Regulation Review Group – now HERRG   |
| <b>BRTF</b>      | Better Regulation Task Force   |
| <b>BSc</b>       | Bachelor of Science  |
| <b>BUFDG</b>     | British Universities Finance Directors Group   |
| <b>BUFORG</b>    | British Universities Finance Officers Research Group   |
| <b>BUILA</b>     | British Universities' International Liaison Association  |
| <b>BUSA</b>      | British Universities Sports Association  |
| <b>BUTEA</b>     | British Universities Transatlantic Exchange Association  |
| <b>CASE</b>      | Cooperative Awards in Science and Engineering  |
| <b>CATS</b>      | Credit accumulation and transfer scheme  |
| <b>CBI</b>       | Confederation of British Industry  |
| <b>CC</b>        | Charity Commission   |
| <b>CCCU</b>      | Council of Church Colleges and Universities  |
| <b>CCETSW</b>    | Central Council for Education and Training in Social Work  |
| <b>CCLRC</b>     | Council for the Central Laboratory for the Research – see STFC   |
| <b>CETL</b>      | Centres for Excellence in Teaching and Learning  |
| <b>CHEA</b>      | Council for Higher Education Accreditation   |
| <b>CHEIA</b>     | Council of Higher Education Internal Auditors  |
| <b>CHEMS</b>     | Commonwealth Higher Education Management Service   |
| <b>CHMS</b>      | Council for Heads of Medical Schools   |

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| <b>CICHE</b>      | Committee for International Co-operation in Higher Education                                       |
| <b>CIHE</b>       | Council for Industry & HE  |
| <b>CMU</b>        | 'Modern' universities group of post-92 HEIs (33 members)   |
| <b>CMU</b>        | Campaigning for Mainstream Universities  |
| <b>COSHEP</b>     | Committee of Scottish Higher Education Principals – now Universities Scotland                      |
| <b>CPD</b>        | Continuing Professional Development  |
| <b>CRAC</b>       | Careers Research and Advisory Centre   |
| <b>CRB</b>        | Criminal Records Bureau  |
| <b>CRE</b>        | Commission for Racial Equality   |
| <b>CSU</b>        | Higher Education Careers Service Unit  |
| <b>CUBO</b>       | College and University Business Officers   |
| <b>CUC</b>        | Committee of University Chairmen   |
| <b>CVCP</b>       | Committee of Vice Chancellors and Principals – now Universities UK                                 |
| <b>CVU</b>        | Council for Validating Universities  |
| <b>DCMS</b>       | Department of Culture, Media and Sport   |
| <b>DDA</b>        | Disability Discrimination Act 1995   |
| <b>Dearing</b>    | see NCIHE  |
| <b>DEL</b>        | Department for Employment & Learning - formerly DHFETE   |
| <b>DENI</b>       | Department of Education for Northern Ireland - see DHFETE  |
| <b>DELNI</b>      | Department for Employment and Learning Northern Ireland  |
| <b>DfEE</b>       | Department for Education and Employment - now DfES   |
| <b>DfES</b>       | Department for Education & Skills  |
| <b>DHFETE</b>     | Department of Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment Northern Ireland – see DELNI   |
| <b>DOH</b>        | Department of Health   |
| <b>DPhil</b>      | Doctorate  |
| <b>DRC</b>        | Disability Rights Commission   |
| <b>DTI</b>        | Department of Trade and Industry   |
| <b>ECU</b>        | Equality Challenge Unit  |
| <b>EHEA</b>       | European Higher Education Area   |
| <b>EIS</b>        | Educational Institute of Scotland  |
| <b>ELWA</b>       | Education and Learning Wales   |
| <b>EMUA</b>       | East Midlands Universities Association   |
| <b>ENQA</b>       | European Association (formerly Network) for Quality Assurance in Higher Education                  |
| <b>EPSRC</b>      | Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council   |
| <b>ERA</b>        | Education Reform Act 1998  |
| <b>ERASMUS</b>    | European Community Action Scheme for the Mobility of University Students (the HE part of SOCRATES) |
| <b>ERDF</b>       | European Regional Development Fund   |
| <b>ESF</b>        | European Social Fund   |
| <b>ESIB</b>       | National Unions of Students in Europe  |
| <b>ESRC</b>       | Economic & Social Research Council   |
| <b>ETLDD</b>      | Scottish Executive Enterprise, Transport and Lifelong Learning Department                          |
| <b>EUA</b>        | European University Association  |
| <b>EURYDICE</b>   | EURYDICE, the Information Network on Education in Europe   |
| <b>EUROPEUNIT</b> | Europe Unit (for UK HE sector)   |
| <b>FDTL</b>       | Fund for the Development of Teaching and Learning  |
| <b>FDS</b>        | First Destination Survey   |
| <b>FE</b>         | Further Education  |
| <b>FEC</b>        | Full Economic Costing  |
| <b>FEC</b>        | Further Education College  |
| <b>FEFC</b>       | Further Education Funding Council  |
| <b>FENTO</b>      | Further Education National Training Organisation   |
| <b>FFF</b>        | Forum for the Future   |
| <b>FHEA</b>       | Further and Higher Education Act 1992  |
| <b>FTE</b>        | Full-time Equivalent   |
| <b>GOVERNANCE</b> | Monthly newsletter on issues of corporate governance   |
| <b>GTC</b>        | General Teaching Council   |
| <b>GuildHE</b>    | GuildHE - formerly SCOP  |
| <b>HE</b>         | Higher Education   |
| <b>HEA</b>        | Higher Education Academy   |
| <b>HEA</b>        | Irish Higher Education Authority   |
| <b>HEA</b>        | Higher Education Act 2004  |
| <b>HEBS</b>       | Higher Education Bursaries Scheme for Students   |
| <b>HEC</b>        | Higher Education Corporation   |
| <b>HECS</b>       | Higher Education Contribution Scheme   |
| <b>HECSU</b>      | Higher Education Careers Service Unit – see CSU  |
| <b>HEE</b>        | Higher Education Estates   |
| <b>HEEON</b>      | Higher Education Equal Opportunities Network   |

