

Glossary of Terms and Acronyms

Accreditation	The approval of a higher education course by an authorised body.
AoC	Association of Colleges
AMR	Annual Monitoring Report
APCL	Accreditation of Prior Certificated Learning
APEL	Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning
APL	Accreditation of Prior Learning
BA/ BSc	Bachelor of Arts/Science
Benchmarking	A process through a comparison of standard can be made
CAT points	Credit Accumulation and Transfer Points
CETL	Centre for Excellence in Teaching and Learning
CoP	Code of Practice
CoVE	Centre of Vocational Excellence
CPD	Continuing Professional Development
CRB	Criminal records Bureau
DDA	Disability Discrimination Act
DIUS	Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills
Fd	Foundation Degree: higher education qualifications designed to meet skills shortages at the higher technician and associate professional levels. Foundation Degrees are one level below honours degree.
FdA/ FdSc	Foundation Degree of Arts/ Sciences
FE	Further Education
FHEQ	Framework for Higher Education Qualifications
FTE	Full-time Equivalent
Graduate	Someone who has achieved a Bachelors degree or higher
HEI	Higher Education Institution
HEIFES	The Higher Education in Further Education Students Survey
HESA	Higher Education Statistics Agency
HNC, HND	Higher National Certificate, Higher National Diploma.
ICT	Information and communication technologies.
IIP	Investors in People
ILO	Intended Learning Outcomes
IQER	Integrated Quality Enhancement Review

LEA	Local Education Authority
LSC	Learning and Skills Council
MA/MSc	Master of Arts/Science
MBA	Master of Business Administration
MEQ	Module Evaluation Questionnaire
MLO	Module Learning Outcomes
MOA	Mode of Attendance
Mode	Mode of study refers to full-time, part-time, distance learning etc
NATFHE	National Association of Teachers in Further & Higher Education
NQF	National Qualifications Framework
NSS	National Student Survey
OFSTED	The Office for Standards in Education
Ordinary Degree	Bachelors Degree without Honours
PGCE	Postgraduate Certificate in Education
PLO	Programme Learning Outcome
QAA	Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education
QaS	Quality and Standards
SENDA	Special Educational Needs and Disability Act
SMT	Senior Management Team
TLA	Teaching Learning and Assessment
UCAS	Universities & Colleges Admissions Service
Validation	The process by which a programme in Higher Education is judged to have met the requirements for an award by the relevant degree-awarding body, or the relevant examining body, or by an accredited institution on behalf of that degree-awarding body.
VLE	Virtual Learning Environment
WBL	Work Based Learning
WP	Widening Participation