

Acronym Buster

- A8** Accession eight (new members of the European Community with low income levels, so issues re migration to other EU countries)
- ACL** Adult and community learning
- ALP** Association of Learning Providers
- AMS** Apprenticeship matching service
- AoC** Association of Colleges
- ATLS** Associate Teacher Learning and Skills
- Becta** government agency leading the national drive to ensure effective and innovative use of technology throughout learning
- BME** Black and minority ethnic
- CPD** Continuing professional development
- DCSF** Department for Children, Schools and Families
- DfES** Department for Education and Skills (replaced by DCSF and DIUS in 2007)
- DIUS** Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills
- E₂E** Entry into employment
- EDIMS** Equality and diversity impact measures
- ESF** European Social Fund
- ESOL** English for speakers of other languages
- FE** Further education
- FENTO** Further Education National Training Organisation (replaced by LLUK)
- FESDF** Further Education Staff Development Forum
- FLT** Foundation learning tier
- HOLEX** the national network of local adult learning providers
- IAG** Information, advice and guidance
- ICT** Information and communication technology
- IES** Integrated employment and skills
- IfL** Institute for Learning
- ILT** Information and learning technology
- JC+** Jobcentre plus
- LA** Local authority
- LEPs** Local employment partnerships
- Level 2** (qualification) = 5 GCSEs
- Level 3** (qualification) = A level
- LLDD** Learners with learning difficulties and /or disabilities
- LLUK** Lifelong Learning UK
- LSC** Learning and Skills Council
- LSIS** Learning and Skills Improvement Service
- MPL** Minimum performance levels

NEET Not in employment, education or training
NIACE National Institute of Adult Continuing Education
NTI Notice to Improve
NUS National Union of Students
Ofsted Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills
OLASS Offenders Learning and Skills Service
QTLS Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills
SFA Skills funding agency
SfL Skills for life
SME Small and medium (sized) employers
SVUK Standards verification United Kingdom Ltd
UCU University and College Union
WBL Work-based learning
YPLA Young people's learning agency