

# List of abbreviations

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## British and other

AMS	Additional Member System
AV	Alternative Vote
BMA	British Medical Association
CCT	compulsory competitive tendering
CCTV	closed circuit television
CHI	Commission for Health Improvement
CJA	Criminal Justice Act
CPAG	Child Poverty Action Group
CRE	Commission for Racial Equality
CSE	Certificate of Secondary Education
DEFRA	Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
DUP	Democratic Unionist Party
ERA	Education Reform Act
ERM	Exchange Rate Mechanism
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GFA	Good Friday Agreement
GLA	Greater London Authority (or Assembly)
GLC	Greater London Council
GM	Genetically Modified
HMIP	Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Pollution
HRA	Human Rights Act
ILEA	Inner London Education Authority
IMF	International Monetary Fund
INLA	Irish National Liberation Army
IRA	Irish Republican Army
LMS	Local Management of Schools
MPC	Monetary Policy Committee
NC	National Curriculum
NHS	National Health Service
NICE	National Institute for Clinical Excellence
NRA	National Rivers Authority
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OFSTED	Office for Standards in Education
PACE	Police and Criminal Evidence Act

PC	Plaid Cymru
PR	Proportional Representation
RCN	Royal College of Nursing
RCS	Royal College of Surgeons
RSPB	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
RUC	Royal Ulster Constabulary
SDLP	Social Democratic Labour Party
SDP	Social Democrat Party
SNP	Scottish National Party
SPA	Special Health Authorities
STV	Single Transferable Vote
UDA	Ulster Defence Association
UUP	Ulster Unionist Party
UVF	Ulster Volunteer Force
VAT	Value Added Tax

## European Union

CAP	Common Agricultural Policy
CESDP	Common European Security and Defence Policy
CFP	Common Fisheries Policy
CFSP	Common Foreign and Security Policy
COREPER	Council of Permanent Representatives
EC	European Community or European Commission
ECB	European Central Bank
ECHR	European Convention (or Court) of Human Rights
ECJ	European Court of Justice
ECSC	European Coal and Steel Community
EEC	European Economic Community ('Common Market')
EFTA	European Free Trade Association
EMC	European Military Committee
EMS	European Military Staff (or European Monetary System)
EMU	European Monetary Union
EP	European Parliament
ESC	Economic and Social Committee
MEP	Member of the European Parliament
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
OSCE	Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe
PSC	Political and Security Committee
QMV	qualified majority voting
SEA	Single European Act
WEU	Western European Union