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Glossary of Acronyms and Political Terms

ACAS	Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service
ANC	African National Congress
ASI	Adam Smith Institute
BA	British Airways
BAA	British Airports Authority
BES	Business Expansion Scheme
BT	British Telecom
BTG	British Technology Group
BUPA	British United Provident Association
CAP	Common Agricultural Policy (EC)
CBI	Confederation of British Industry
CC	Community Charge
CEC	Commission of the European Communities
CFCs	Chlorofluorocarbons
CHB	Child Benefit: a non-means-tested allowance payable to the main carer of a child, usually the mother
CHOGM	Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting
CO	Certification Officer/Office
COI	Central Office of Information
CPAG	Child Poverty Action Group
CPS	Centre for Policy Studies
CRE	Commission for Racial Equality
CRTUM	Commissioner for the Rights of Trade Union Members
CSO	Central Statistical Office
CTC	City Technology College
DE	Department of Employment
DES	Department of Education and Science
DHA	District Health Authority
DHSS	Department of Health and Social Security
DOE	Department of the Environment
DOH	Department of Health
DOI	Department of Industry
DPR	Data Protection Registrar

DSS	Formerly DHSS, responsible for the administration of social security
DTI	Department of Trade and Industry
EC	European Community
EEC	European Economic Community, now known as EC
e-i-a	environmental-impact-assessment
EMS	European Monetary System
EO	Equal Opportunity
EOC	Equal Opportunities Commission
EPG	Eminent Person's Group
ERM	Exchange Rate Mechanism (of the EMS)
ESA	Environmentally Sensitive Area
ET	Employment Training
EZ	Enterprise Zone
FC	Family Credit: a means-tested benefit payable to families on low wages, replacing FIS (see below) from April 1988
FO	Foreign and Commonwealth Office
FIS	Family Income Supplement
FMI	Financial Management Initiative
FPA	Family Practitioner Authority
FPC	Family Practitioner Committee
GCHQ	General Communications Headquarters
GLC	Greater London Council
GNP	Gross National Product
Go7	Group of 7 (economic powers)
GSS	Government Statistical Service
HAT	Housing Action Trust
HB	Housing Benefit: a means-tested housing subsidy for people in rented accommodation and owner-occupiers (general rates only) administered by the local authority
IBA	Independent Broadcasting Authority
IEA	Institute for Economic Affairs
IHSM	Institute of Health Service Management
ILEA	Inner London Education Authority
IMF	International Monetary Fund
INF	Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces
INLA	Irish National Liberation Army

IS	Income Support: a means-tested benefit for people not in full-time employment replacing SB (see below) from April 1988
IT	Industrial Tribunal
ITC	Independent Television Commission
LEA	Local Education Authority
LFA	Less Favoured Area (agriculture)
MAFF	Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries
MCC	Metropolitan County Council
MINNIS	Management Information Systems for Ministers
MOD	Ministry of Defence
MSC	Manpower Services Commission
MTFS	Medium Term Financial Strategy
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
NCC	National Curriculum Council
NCCL	National Council for Civil Liberties
NEB	National Enterprise Board
NHS	National Health Service
NIB	National Insurance Benefit: benefit based on a record of contributions into the National Insurance scheme
NIMBY	'Not in my back yard'
NNDR	national non-domestic rate
NSPCC	National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children
OFGAS	regulatory agency for British Gas
OFTTEL	regulatory agency for British Telecom
PCFC	Polytechnics and Colleges Funding Council
PF	Popular Front (Zimbabwe)
PIRA	Provisional Irish Republican Army
PPP	Private Patients Plan
PRC	People's Republic of China
PSBR	Public Sector Borrowing Requirement
QGA	Quasi-governmental Agency
QUANGO	Quasi-autonomous Non-governmental Organisation
QUELGO	Quasi-elected Local Government Organisation
RHA	Regional Health Authority
RPI	Retail Price Index

RSG	Rate Support Grant
RUC	Royal Ulster Constabulary
RWA	Regional Water Authority
SB	Supplementary Benefit (see IS above)
SDI	Strategic Defense Initiative (US)
SDLP	Social Democratic and Labour Party (N. Ireland)
SEA	Single European Act
SEAC	Schools Examination and Assessment Council
SERPS	State Earnings Related Pension Scheme: a National Insurance contributory additional state pension for employees only
SF	Social Fund: a cash-limited discretionary fund of loans and grants for exceptional needs, replacing single payments from April 1988
SNF	Short-Range Nuclear Forces
SPZ	Simplified Planning Zone
SSD	Social Services Department
SSSI	Site of Special Scientific Interest
TC	Training Commission (formerly MSC)
TEC	Training and Enterprise Council
TUC	Trades Union Council
TVEI	Technical and Vocational Education Initiative
UDC	Urban Development Corporation
UDI	Unilateral Declaration of Independence (Rhodesia)
UDR	Ulster Defence Regiment
UFC	University Funding Council
UNESCO	United Nations Economic and Social Council
WCC	Welsh Curriculum Council
YOP	Youth Opportunities Programme
YTS	Youth Training Scheme