



Common Acronyms in FE and Borders College

Acronym	Explanation
AHE	Advance HE (FE too)
AY	Academic Year, the session from 1 August to 31 July
BCSA	Borders College Student Association
BFET	Borders Further Education Trust
CDN	College Development Network - training provider and place to find all round information
CS	Colleges Scotland
D&G	Dumfries and Galloway College
DDI	Data Driven Innovation
DEBI	Department of Enterprise and Business Innovation, Borders College
DYW	Developing the Young Workforce
EER	External Effectiveness Review
EIS	Education Institute of Scotland – the trade union of many college staff
ESECRD	Edinburgh South East City Region Deal
ESP	Energy Skills Partnership
Exec Team	for Finance and Corporate Services.
FES	Further Education Statistics - FES are data provided by colleges to the SFC which inform decisions relating to college grant
FWDF	Flexible Workforce Development Fund
GGSG	Good Governance Steering Group. Remit to develop the necessary capacity and behaviour to improve governance.
HESA	Higher Education Statistics Agency - it collects, analyses and reports on higher education statistics for universities and colleges in
JANet	Joint Academic Network - high-speed, secure computer network for the academic community
Jisc	To power and empower the HE and FE sectors with IT, data and content
L4L	Learning for Leading - specific to Borders College
MA	Modern Apprenticeship

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NDPB	Non-Departmental Public Body - they have a role in national government but are not government departments. They operate at arm's length from Ministers, although Ministers remain accountable to Parliament for their performance.
NSS	National Student Survey, conducted annually
NVQ	National Vocational Qualification
OSCR	Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator
PEF	Pupil Equity Fund (for Schools Sector)
PSED	Public Sector Equality Duty
ROA	Regional Outcome Agreement
SAAS	Student Awards Agency for Scotland - SAAS is a Scottish Government agency. Its purpose is to assess and pay student support for individuals entering and continuing in higher education (HNC courses and above)
SCDI	Scottish Council for Development and Industry
SCQF	Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework - a framework which promotes lifelong learning in Scotland. The framework is managed by the SCQF partnership, a registered charity made up of several organisations
SDI	Scotland Development International [Invest in Scotland] part of Scottish Enterprise
SDS	Skills Development Scotland - an NDPB, created from Careers Scotland, Learndirect Scotland and the skills functions of Scottish Enterprise and Highland & Islands Enterprise
SE	Scottish Enterprise - an NDPB which encourages economic development, enterprise, innovation and investment in business. The body covers the eastern, central and southern parts of Scotland
SFC	Scottish Funding Council – an NDPB, it is the national strategic body that is responsible for funding teaching and learning provision, research and other activities in Scotland's colleges and universities
SG	Scottish Government
SIPs	Skills Investment Plans – developed by SDS to identify skills development needs
SLT	Senior Leadership Team - Borders College
SOSE	South of Scotland Enterprise
sparqs	Student Participation in Quality Scotland
SPF	Shared Prosperity Fund
SQA	Scottish Qualifications Authority
SRDP	Scottish Rural Development Programme
STEM	Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics subjects
Unison	Public sector trade union - union for many non-teaching members of staff
WBL	Work Based Learning
WLT	Wider Leadership Team - Borders College