

****Generic Education Glossary**—*Note that entries are written as per federal Hansard style*
(Glossary to be updated in late 2004)

****Looking for something? Search for it electronically or try the acronym first eg SEAMEO =**
Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organisation

AACS = Australian Association of Christian Schools
AARE = Australian Association for Research in Education
AASE = Australian Association of Special Education Inc.
ABE = adult basic education
Aboriginal Study Assistance Scheme
ACACA = Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Certification Authorities (an association of state and territory boards of studies)
Access Program—also called New Apprenticeships Access Program (NAAP)
ACDE = Australian Council of Deans of Education Inc.
ACE = adult and community education
ACEE = Australian Centre for Equity through Education
ACER = Australian Council for Educational Research
ACFE Board = Adult, Community and Further Education Board (Victoria)
Achieving Equity in Apprenticeships and Traineeships (strategy)
ACIN = Australian curriculum information network
ACIRRT = Australian Centre for Industrial Relations Research and Training
ACIVC = Australian Council of Independent Vocational Colleges Ltd
ACPET = Australian Council **for** Private Education and Training
ACSSO = Australian Council of State School Organisations Inc.
ACYS = Australian Clearinghouse for Youth Studies
ADD = attention deficit disorder
Adelaide Declaration = the Adelaide Declaration on National Goals for Schooling in the Twenty-First Century (1999)
ADHD - attention deficit hyperactive disorder (Mq)
AEC = Australian Education Council
AECA = Australian Early Childhood Association Inc.
AEI = Australian Education International
AEMP = Advanced English for Migrants Program (*administered through Centrelink*)
AEP = National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Policy
AESIP = Aboriginal Education Strategic Initiatives Program; now known as IESIP
AESOC = Australian Education Systems Officials Committee—manages the Learning Federation
AEU = Australian Education Union
AFSEA = Australian Federation of Special Education Administrators
AGCA = Australian Guidance and Counselling Association Pty Ltd
AGSRC = average government school recurrent costs
AHC = annual hours of curriculum as in ‘costs per AHC’
AHISA = Association of Heads of Independent Schools of Australia
AIC Scheme = Assistance for Isolated Children Scheme (*administered by Centrelink*)
AIEF = Australian International Education Foundation, now known as Australian Education International (AEI)
AIEW = Aboriginal and Islander education worker
AIS (NSW) = Association of Independent Schools (NSW)
AIS = association of independent schools (*there are AISs for each state; see other entries*)
AISQ = Association of Independent Schools of Queensland Inc.
AISV = Association of Independent Schools of Victoria Inc.
AISWA = Association of Independent Schools of Western Australia
AITD = Australian Institute of Training and Development
ALA = Adult Learning Australia Inc.
ALBE = adult literacy and basic education
ALRN = Adult Literacy Research Network
ALT = adult literacy teaching
AMES = Adult Migrant English Service
ANR = Annual National Report on Schooling in Australia
ANTA = Australian National Training Authority

ANTA MINCO = ANTA Ministerial Council (of federal, state and territory ministers responsible for vocational education and training)
 APA = Australian Parent Advocacy Inc.; **also** Australian postgraduate award
 APAPDC = Australian Principals Associations Professional Development Council
 APC = Australian Parents Council Inc.
 APEEL program = A Partnership Encouraging Effective Learning (*helps teach appropriate classroom behaviour to students in Years K-2*)
 AQF = Australian Qualifications Framework; AQF2 = Australian Qualifications Framework level 2
 AQFAB = Australian Qualifications Framework Advisory Board
 ARC = Australian Research Council; **also** ACT Accreditation and Registration Council
 AREN = Australia's Research and Education Network (AREN)—NB *Australia's* not *Australian*
 ARF = Australian Registration Framework
 ASAA = Asian Studies Association of Australia Inc.
 ASAT = Australian scholastic aptitude test
 ASCED = Australian standard classification of education
 ASCH = annual student contact hours
 ASL = average staffing level
 ASLPR = Australian second language proficiency ratings—now called international second language proficiency ratings (ISLPR)
 ASPA = Australian Secondary Principals Association
 ASPBAE = Asia South Pacific Bureau of Adult Education
 ASSPA = Aboriginal Student Support and Parent Awareness program
 ASTF = Australian Student Traineeship Foundation [*this no longer exists—see ECEF*]
 ATAS = Aboriginal Tutorial Assistance Scheme
 ATSIPTAC = Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Training Advisory Council
 AUQA = Australian Universities Quality Agency
 AUSPELD = Australian Federation of SPELD Associations
 Australian Forum of Youth Organisations
 Australian Studies Centre
 Australian Youth Project
 AVCC = Australian Vice-Chancellors Committee
 AVETMISS = Australian vocational education and training management information statistical standard
 AVETRA = Australian Vocational Education and Training Research Association
 AVTS = Australian vocational training system (*formerly the Australian vocational certificate training system, AVCTS*)
 BACE = Board of Adult and Community Education (NSW)
 Best Start project (*aims to improve the health, development, learning and wellbeing of Victorian children*)
 B-HERT = Business/Higher Education Round Table
 BIITE = Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education (*formerly Batchelor College*)
 Bridging Pathways (*national strategy for increasing opportunities for people with a disability in vocational education and training*)
 BST = basic skills test
 BVET = Board of Vocational Education and Training (NSW)
 CAE = college of advanced education **OR** Centre for Adult Education (Vic)
 CAEC = community adult education centre
 CAI = computer aided (or computer assisted) instruction
 CAL = computer assisted learning
 CALL = computer assisted language learning
 CAPA = Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations
 category 1 (2, 3, 4, 10 etc) schools
 CBT = competency based training **OR** computer based training
 CCD data = ABS census collection district data
 CCST = Coordination Committee on Science and Technology
 CEC = Catholic Education Commission (by state and territory)
 CEC = community education counsellor (an initiative to support the Indigenous population)
 CECV = Catholic Education Commission of Victoria
 CEET = Centre for the Economics of Education and Training
 Centre for Adult Education (*formerly Council of Adult Education*)

CESCEO = Conference of Education Systems Chief Executive Officers
 CML = computer managed learning
 COE = confirmation of enrolment
 Collins report = *Factors influencing the educational performance of males and females in school and their initial destinations after leaving school*
 Commonwealth Schools Commission
 COT = contract of training
 Count Me in Too (*numeracy project operating across NSW Department of Education and Training primary schools*)
 CPM = comparative performance monitoring
 CRAFT = Commonwealth rebate for apprentices in full-time training
 CRC = cooperative research centre
 CREATE Australia = Cultural Research Education and Training Enterprise Australia, a national industry training advisory body
 CREEW = Centre for Research in Education, Equity and Work, based at the University of South Australia
 CRICOS = Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students
 CRLRA = Centre for Research and Learning in Regional Australia, based at University of Tasmania
 Crossroads inquiry into higher education (*Higher education at the crossroads: an overview paper*)
 CSC = Commonwealth Schools Commission
 CSOs = community service obligations
 CSTP = Committee for Scientific Technology Policy
 CTC = competitive tendering and contracting
 Department of Education (TAS)
 Department of Education and Children's Services (SA) (*formerly Department of Education, Training and Employment*)
 Department of Education and Training (NSW) = DET
 Department of Education, Employment and Training (VIC) = DEET
 Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST) (*federal department – formerly DETYA*)
 Department of Education, Youth & Family Services (ACT) - (*formerly Department of Education and Community Services*)
 Department of Employment and Training (QLD) = DET (*Note: this department covers the VET side; Education Queensland is the department that covers the school and university side*)
 Department of Employment, Education and Training (NT) = DEET
Department: Education Department of Western Australia = EDWA
Department: Education Queensland (*Note: this department covers the school and university side; the Department of Employment and Training (QLD) covers the VET side*)
 Discovering Democracy program
 DLO = disability liaison officer
 DLS = distributed learning system
 DOGS = Australian Council for the Defence of Government Schools; **also** DOGS = directors of graduate studies
 DSP = Disadvantaged Schools Program
 DURIF = DEST universal records and information framework
 Dusseldorp Skills Forum = an independent, non-profit association aiming to stimulate innovation in education
 DVCs = deputy vice-chancellors
 EAC = education advisory council
 EBA = enrolment benchmark adjustment
 ECE = early childhood education
 ECEF = Enterprise and Career Education Foundation (*formerly ASTF*)
 ECOE = electronic confirmation of enrolment
 EdNA Online = Education Network Australia
 Education Department of Western Australia (WA) = EDWA
 Education Queensland (department) (*Note: this department covers the school and university side; the Department of Employment and Training (QLD) covers the VET side*)
 EFL = English as a foreign language
 EFTSU = equivalent full-time student unit

ELICOS = English language intensive courses for overseas students—it is a generic term used by colleges which meet minimum NEAS accreditation standards; the ELICOS Association was a grouping of quality English colleges and is now called English Australia
 ELLA = English language and literacy assessment
 ELT = entry-level training
 EMA = education maintenance allowance
 English Australia = grouping of quality private English colleges (*formerly the ELICOS Association*)
 ENI = educational needs index (*Department of Education - TAS*)
 ENQ = educational needs questionnaire
 ERI = education resources index; ERI category 1
 ESL = English as a second language
 ESL New Arrivals Program
 ESOS Act = Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000
 EVAG = EdNA VET Advisory Group
 FAGs = financial assistance grants
 FE = further education
 FFP = full fee paying
 FIAEP = Federation of Independent Aboriginal Education Providers
 First Steps (*literacy program*)
 FOSCO = New South Wales Federation of School Community Organisations
 Framing the Future—an initiative (*now called Reframing the Future*)
 FSSP = Full Service Schools Program
 GATE = Gateway to Awareness for Training and Employment (*disability project - TAS*)
 GCCA = Graduate Careers Council of Australia
 geocoded (ie the socioeconomic status code of schools is worked out by postcode); geocoding
 geofunding = school funding based on parents' postcodes (SES)
 Go8 = Group of Eight (universities)
 GPLAs = general purpose learning areas
 GRG = general recurrent grants
 GTCs = group training companies
 HEC = Higher Education Council
 HECS = Higher Education Contribution Scheme
 HEEP = Higher Education Equity Program
 HEFA = Higher Education Funding Act
 HERT= higher education research training; **also** Higher Education Round Table
 IA = Intensive Assistance (program)
 IAD = Institute for Aboriginal Development Inc.
 IAHEA = Indigenous Australian Higher Education Association
 ICPA = Isolated Children's Parents Association
 IDP = international development program
 IDP Education Australia
 IEA = indigenous education agreement
 IEA = International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement
 IEDA = Indigenous Education Direct Assistance program
 IELTS = international English language testing system
 IEP = individual education plan or individual education program
 IESIP = Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives Program (*formerly AESIP*)
 IEU = Independent Education Union of Australia
 IEU = indigenous education unit
 IM classes = intellectually mild classes
 IREX Scheme = International Researcher Exchange Scheme
 IRSED = index of relative socioeconomic disadvantage
 ISB = Independent Schools Board (SA)
 ISCED = international standard classification of education
 ISLPR = international second language proficiency ratings
 ISTV = itinerant support teacher vision
 ITABs = industry training advisory bodies (for VET)
 ITC = industry training company
 IVETA = International Vocational Education and Training Association
 IVETS = integrated vocational education and training system (NSW DET)

JITEC = Joint Industry Training and Education Council
 JPET = Job Placement, Employment and Training (program)
 JPP = Jobs Pathway Program (*not* Job Pathways Program)
 JSSTAFE = Joint Secondary Schools TAFE (in NSW)
 Kangan report = *TAFE in Australia: report on needs in technical and further education* (1974)
 KILOs = key intended literacy outcomes
 KINOs = key intended numeracy outcomes
 KLAs = key learning areas
 KPIs = key performance indicators
 LAFHA = living away from home allowance
 LANT = literacy and numeracy training
 LAP = learning assessment project
 LATIS = Learning and Technology in Schools (NT project)
 Le@ming Federation
 Learning Network Australia
 Letterland = literacy program
 Lighthouse initiative = *a research project by ECEF to increase VET access for people with a disability*
 LLN = language, literacy and numeracy
 LOTE = language(s) other than English
 LRC = learning resource centre
 LSAY = longitudinal surveys of Australian youth
 MAATS = Modern Australian Apprenticeship and Traineeship System, now known as New Apprenticeships
 MAP = Multilevel Assessment Program
 Mayer report = report of an inquiry into key competencies (1992); Mayer key competencies
 MCEETYA = Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs
 MCEETYA taskforces (current): <http://www.curriculum.edu.au/mceetya/taskforce/taskforce.htm>
 McKinnon review = *Review of the New Schools Policy: discussion paper*
 MINCO = ANTA Ministerial Council
 Montessori schools
 MOVEET = Ministers of Vocational Education, Employment and Training, now known as MCEETYA
 Multilateral Joint Planning Committee on Higher Education
 MUP = Melbourne University Private
 NAAP = New Apprenticeships Access Program
 NAC = New Apprenticeships centre
 NACVETS = National Advisory Committee on Vocational Education and Training Statistics, now called NTSC
 NALSAS = National Asian Languages and Studies in Australian Schools Strategy
 NASS = New Apprenticeships Support Services
 National History Project
 National Indigenous Youth Leadership Group
 National Literacy and Numeracy Strategies and Projects Program
 National Training Statistics Committee
 National Youth Congress
 National Youth Development Strategy
 National Youth Roundtable
 National Youth Week
 NATSEM = National Centre for Social and Economic Modelling
 NBEET = National Board of Employment, Education and Training
 NCAELLS = National Collaborative Adult English Language and Literacy Strategy
 NCEC = National Catholic Education Commission
 NCETS = National Centre for Education and Training Statistics - ABS
 NCISA = National Council of Independent Schools Associations
 NCVER = National Centre for Vocational Education Research
 NDT = no disadvantage test
 NEAS = National ELT Accreditation Scheme (*formerly National ELICOS Accreditation Scheme*)
 NEP = negotiated education plan (SA)
 NEPMT = National Education Performance Monitoring Taskforce
 NEPS = National Equity Program for Schools

New Apprenticeships = an umbrella term for national apprenticeship and traineeship arrangements that came into effect on 1 January 1998

New Basics (*framework for curriculum, pedagogy and assessment. - Qld*)

New Schools Policy (*Labor government policy*)

New South Wales Teachers Federation

NFROT = National Framework for the Recognition of Training

NIELNS = National Indigenous English Literacy and Numeracy Strategy

NLC = National Liaison Committee for International Students in Australia

NLLIA = National Languages and Literacy Institute of Australia

Non-Government School Psychology Service - WA

Non-government Schools Funding Review Committee

NOOSR = National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition

NPDP = National Professional Development Program

NREC = National Research and Evaluation Committee (*part of the NCVET*)

NSELS = national school English literacy survey

NSES = National Strategy for Equity in Schooling

NSN = National Schools Network

NTAP-MAP = Northern Territory Assessment Program—Multilevel Assessment Program

NTCE = Northern Territory Certificate of Education

NTETA = Northern Territory Employment and Training Authority

NTEU = National Tertiary Education Union

NTFC = National Training Framework Committee

NTIS = National Training Information Service

NTQC = National Training Quality Council

NTRA = national training reform agenda = series of reforms in VET (from 1990)

NTSC = National Training Statistics Committee

NUS = National Union of Students

NYARS = National Youth Affairs Research Scheme

NYR = National Youth Roundtable

OATE = Office of Adult Training and Education

OC = opportunity class

ODD = oppositional defiant disorder

Office of Employment and Youth (SA)

OLA = Open Learning Australia

OLDPS = Open Learning Deferred Payment Scheme

ONGE = Office of Non-Government Education

Operation Roll Call (NSW)

OTAE = Office of Training and Adult Education (ACT)

OTEN-DE = Open Training and Education Network—Distance Education

OTTE = Office of Training and Tertiary Education (Victoria)—replaced PETE, the Office of Post Compulsory Education Training and Employment

OVET = Office of Vocational Education and Training (in Tasmania and SA)

PASE = physical and sport education

PCAP = Priority Country Areas Program

PD = professional development

PE = physical education

PELS = Postgraduate Education Loans Scheme

PES = publicly examined subject

PISA = Program for International Student Assessment (*OECD sponsored, large-scale international assessment of the skills and knowledge of 15-year-old students*)

PLSE = priority languages support element

PPP = the Pause, Prompt and Praise program = remedial tutoring procedures for low progress readers

PRISMS = provider registration and international students management system

PROMISe = DETYA's procurement management information system (*not to be confused with PROMIS, which is the police realtime online management information system*)

PSP = Priority Schools Program

QAGTC = Queensland Association for Gifted and Talented Children

QBSSSS = Queensland Board of Senior Secondary School Studies

QCS test = Queensland core skills test

QETO = quality endorsed training organisation

QTU = Queensland Teachers Union
 Quality Schools Project
 Quality Teacher Program
 RATE = register of Australian tertiary education
 RATEP = Remote Area Teacher Education Program
 RCC = recognition of current competencies
 RDLO = regional disability liaison officer
 Reading Recovery program
 Reframing the Future (*replaced Framing the Future strategy*)
 Registered Schools Board (*Vic*)
 RIEF = Research Infrastructure Equipment and Facilities Scheme (*ARC scheme now replaced by LIEF = Linkage - Infrastructure Equipment and Facilities*)
 RPL = recognition of prior learning
 RRA = reciprocal recognition authority (re state and territory recognition)
 RSSA = Rudolf Steiner Schools of Australia
 RTO = registered training organisation
 RTS = Remote Teaching Service (WA)
 RTS = Research Training Scheme
 Rudolf Steiner Schools of Australia (Note the 'f')
 Rural Training Council of Australia
 RYIS = Rural Youth Information Service
 SAC = Schools as Communities (ACT project)
 SACCS = South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools Inc.
 SACE = South Australian Certificate of Education
 SACE/NT = South Australian Certificate of Education/Northern Territory
 SACSA = South Australian Curriculum Standards and Accountability Framework
 SAISO = Strategic Assistance for Improving Students Outcomes program
 SAPfihre = DEST's financial management and human resource system
 SAS = school assessed subject
 SAT = scholastic aptitude test
 SCC = the Standards and Curriculum Council, replaced by ANTA's National Training Framework Committee
 SCH = student contact hours
 School to Work Program = a government program aimed at developing partnerships between schools and industry
 Schools as Communities Program (ACT)
 SCIS = Schools Catalogue Information Service
 SEAMEO = Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organisation
 SEDC = special educational developmental centre
 SEDU = special education developmental unit
 SEIFAs = socioeconomic indices for areas
 SERU = Special Education Resource Unit (SA); SERU Links
 SES = socioeconomic status (new way of categorising primary and secondary schools for funding)
 SHIP = students with high intellectual potential
 SIP = strategic initiatives program
 SIROS = school in receipt of subsidy
 SNAP = Secondary Numeracy Assessment Program
 SNEN = Special Needs Education Network
 SNSS = Special Needs Subsidy Scheme
 Spalding reading method—a literacy system which originated in the US
 Special Education Advisory Committee—in various states
 SPELD NSW Inc. = Specific Learning Difficulties Association of New South Wales Inc.
 SPIRT Scheme = Strategic Partnerships with Industry—Research and Training (SPIRT) Scheme
 SPRC = Social Policy Research Centre
 SPS = student performance standards
 SRC = student representative council
 SRRI = schools recurrent resources index
 SSABSA = Senior Secondary Assessment Board of South Australia
 SSCE = Senior Secondary Certificate of Education
 SSO = school services officer; special support officer (SA); student support officer

SSR = student-staff ratio
 STA = state/territory training authority
 STANT = Science Teachers Association of the Northern Territory
 STAR = students at risk; STAR programs
 STEA = Schools Transitional Emergency Assistance Program
 STEPS = Science and Technology Education in Primary Schools
 STLD = support teacher learning difficulties
 STP = Skills Training Program
 STPC = STP company
 stream 1000 = programs where the primary intention is recreation, leisure or personal enrichment
 TAGS = talented and gifted students
 TAS = Tuition Assurance Scheme
 Tasmanian Council of State School Parents and Friends Associations Inc
 TASSAB = Tasmanian Secondary Assessment Board
 TCCI = Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry Ltd.
 TCE = Tasmanian Certificate of Education
 Teachers for the 21st Century—Making the Difference = a Commonwealth government quality teacher initiative
 TEDCA = Tertiary Education Disability Council of Australia Ltd
 TEE = tertiary entrance examination
 TER = tertiary entrance rank; TER scores
 Tertiary Education Advisory Commission – set up by the NZ government
 TES = tertiary entrance score
 TESOL = teaching of English to students of other languages
 THRASS program = Teaching handwriting, reading and spelling
 TOD = teacher of the deaf
 TOEFL = test of English as a foreign language
 TRIP = Teacher Release to Industry Program
 TTEDAC = Tasmanian Tertiary Education Disability Advisory Committee
 TVET = technical and vocational education and training = VET, terminology used especially in the Asia-Pacific region and now used by UNESCO
 U3A = University of the Third Age
 UAI = universities admission index
 UMAP = University Mobility in Asia and the Pacific (program); the Australian UMAP Program
 Universitas 21 - an alliance of 20 universities committed to quality enhancement through international benchmarking
 User Choice = a national policy whereby employers choose their registered training organisation and negotiate key aspects of the training (related to New Apprenticeships)
 UWS = University of Western Sydney
 VAGTC = Victorian Association for Gifted and Talented Children
 VASSP = Victorian Association of State Secondary Principals
 VBOS = Victorian Board of Studies (replaced by Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority)
 VCAA = Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority
 VCE = Victorian Certificate of Education
 VEETAC = Vocational Education, Employment and Training Advisory Committee—*replaced by the Australian National Training Authority (ANTA)*
 VEGAS = Vocational and Educational Guidance for Aboriginals Scheme
 VET = vocational education and training
 VET in Schools = Vocational Education and Training in Schools (program)
 VETAB = NSW Vocational Education and Training Accreditation Board
 Vocational Education, Training and Employment Commission (QLD) (*former body—replaced by the Training and Employment Board*)
 VOCED = vocational education and training research database
 VQSP = Victorian Quality Schools Project
 VSU = voluntary student unionism
 VTET = vocational and technical education and training
 WBL = work based learning
 WELL = Workplace English Language and Literacy Program
 WINVET = Women in Vocational Education and Training
 WISC-R = Weschler intelligence scale for children—revised

YARN = Youth Affairs Research Network
YMC = Youth Ministers Council—superseded by MCEETYA
Youth Pathways Action Plan Task Force