

# Abbreviations and acronyms

The following are the main abbreviations and acronyms cited in the report.

Abbreviation/acronym	Full description
AEGIS	Adult Educational Guidance and Information Services
AI	Artificial intelligence
ALMPs	Active labour market policies
AUG	Adult Upgrading Grant
BTEI	Back to Education Initiative
CAO	Central Applications Office
CCSP	Community Childcare Subvention Plus
CDPT	Cross-Departmental Project Team
CEDEFOP	European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training
CEOs	Chief executive officers
COALESCE	Collaborative Alliances for Societal Challenges
CPD	Continuing professional development
CSO	Central Statistics Office
CVSE	Community, voluntary, charity and social enterprise
CVT	Continuing vocational training
CVTS	Continuing Vocational Training Survey
DAFM	Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine
DCEDYI	Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth
DEP EDU	Department of Education
DETE	Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment
DFHERIS	Department of Further and Higher Education Research Innovation and Science
DHLGH	Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage
DoES	Department of Education and Skills
DPENDPDR	Department of Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery & Reform
DRCD	Department for Rural and Community Development
DSP	Department of Social Protection
DTCAGSM	Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media
ECS	European Company Survey
EFP	Evidence for Policy Unit
EGFSN	Expert Group on Future Skills Needs
EI	Enterprise Ireland
EQF	European Qualification Framework
ERC	Education and Research Centre
ESCO	European Skills, Competences, Qualifications and Occupations Classification
ESRI	Economic and Social Research Institute
ETB	Education and training board
FDI	Foreign direct investment
FE	Further education

<b>Abbreviation/acronym</b>	<b>Full description</b>
FET	Further education and training
GDP	Gross domestic product
GNI	Gross national income
GVCs	Global value chains
HCI	Human Capital Initiative
HE	Higher education
HEA	Higher Education Authority
HEIs	Higher education institutions
HELS	Higher Education Links Scheme
HPWPs	High-performance work practices
HSE	Health Service Executive
ICT	Information and communications technology
IDA	Industrial Development Agency
IEA	International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement
IGEES	Irish Government Economic and Evaluation Service
IIP	Investors in People
ILAs	Individual learning accounts
IRC	Irish Research Council
ISCED	International Standard Classification for Education
ISCO	International Standard Classification of Occupations
IT	Information technology
IoT	Institute of Technology
LCA	Leaving Certificate Applied
LCE	Leaving Certificate Established
LCVP	Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme
LECPs	Local Economic and Community Plans
LEEF	Labour Employer Economic Forum
LEOs	Local Enterprise Offices
LFS	Labour Force Survey
LMAC	Labour Market Advisory Council
LMI	Labour market information
MFI	Micro Finance Ireland
MNEs	Multinational enterprises
MoUs	Memoranda of understanding
NAA	National Apprenticeship Alliance
NACE	Statistical classification of economic activities in the European Community
NAO	National Apprenticeship Office
NCCA	National Council for Curriculum and Assessment
NCPC	National Competitiveness and Productivity Council
NCPP	National Centre for Partnership and Performance
NCS	National Childcare Scheme
NCSE	National Council for Special Education
NDP	National Development Plan 2021-2030
NES	National Employer Survey
NESC	National Economic and Social Council
NEET	Not in education, employment and training
NFQ	National Framework of Qualifications
NGO	Non-governmental organisation
NPF	National Planning Framework
NSAI	National Standards Authority of Ireland
NSC	National Skills Council

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NSSSG	National Skills Strategy Steering Group
NTF	National Training Fund
NTFAG	National Training Fund Advisory Group
PDST	Professional Development Service for Teachers
PES	Public employment services
PIAAC	Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies
PISA	Programme for International Student Assessment
PLC	Post-Leaving Certificate
QQI	Quality and Qualifications Ireland
R&D	Research and development
R&I	Research and innovation
RAS	Recruitment Agency Survey
RPL	Recognition of prior learning
RD&I	Research, development and innovation
RSES	Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies
RSF	Regional Skills Fora
SFI	Science Foundation Ireland
SGI	Sustainable Governance Indicators
SLMRU	Skills and Labour Market Research Unit
SME	Small and medium-sized enterprise
SOG	Senior Officials Groups
SPAs	Strategic Performance Agreements
SST	Specific Skills Training
STEM	Science, technology, engineering and mathematics
ToR	Terms of Reference
TTOs	Technology Transfer Offices
TUs	Technological Universities
UDL	Universal Design of Learning
VTOS	Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme
WBL	Work-based learning



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