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Abbreviations

AEGIS	Aid to the Elderly in Government Institutions
ALRA	Abortion Law Reform Association
ANC	African National Congress
ATS	Auxiliary Territorial Service
AWS	all-women shortlists
BIPO	British Institute of Public Opinion
BMA	British Medical Association
BME	or BAME (black and minority ethnic)
BP	British Petroleum
BSE	Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy
BT	British Telecommunications
BUF	British Union of Fascists
CARD	Campaign Against Racial Discrimination
CHE	Campaign for Homosexual Equality
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CPAG	Child Poverty Action Group
CRC	Community Relations Commission
CRE	Commission for Racial Equality
DEA	Department of Economic Affairs
DHSS	Department of Health and Social Security
DIG	Disablement Income Group
DLRU	Divorce Law Reform Union
DORA	Defence of the Realm Act
DP	displaced person
DSIR	Department of Industrial and Scientific Research
DSS	Department of Social Security
DUP	Democratic Unionist Party
ECHR	European Convention on Human Rights
ECtHR	European Court of Human Rights
EEC	European Economic Community
EMS	European Monetary System

EOC	Equal Opportunities Commission
EPCC	Equal Pay Campaign Committee
ERM	(European) Exchange Rate Mechanism
EU	European Union
FIS	Family Income Supplement
FOE	Friends of the Earth
GLC	Greater London Council
GLF	Gay Liberation Front
HP	hire purchase
HRA	Human Rights Act
IBA	Independent Broadcasting Authority
ILEA	Inner London Education Authority
ILO	International Labour Organization
ILP	Independent Labour Party
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IND	Immigration and Nationality Directorate
IRA	Irish Republican Army
JSA	Job Seekers Allowance
KC	King's Counsel
LCC	London County Council
LGB	Local Government Board
LNU	League of Nations Union
LRC	Labour Representation Committee
LSE	London School of Economics
MBA	Masters in Business Administration
MIG	Minimum Income Guarantee
MO	Mass Observation
MoD	Ministry of Defence
MOD	Ministry of Overseas Development
MOH	Medical Officer of Health
NAB	National Assistance Board
NALGO	National Association of Local Government Employees
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NCB	National Coal Board
NCCL	National Council for Civil Liberties
NCEC	National Council for Equal Citizenship
NCUMC	National Council for the Unmarried Mother and her Child
NCW	National Council of Women
NHI	National Health Insurance

NHS	National Health Service
NRDC	National Research and Development Corporation
NUM	National Union of Mineworkers
NUPE	National Union of Public Employees
NUR	National Union of Railwaymen
NUSEC	National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship
NUWSS	National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies
NVLA	National Viewers and Listeners Association
OPF	One-Parent Families
OPCS	Office of Population Census and Surveys
OWAAD	Organization of Women of Asian and African Descent
PAC	Public Assistance Committee
PAL	Paedophile Action for Liberation
PAYE	Pay As You Earn
PC	Pension Credit
PEP	Political and Economic Planning
PFI	Private Finance Initiative
POW	Prisoner of War
PR	proportional representation
QC	Queen's Counsel
RAR	Rock against Racism
RRA	Race Relations Act
RRB	Race Relations Board
RSPCA	Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
RSPB	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
RUC	Royal Ulster Constabulary
SBC	Supplementary Benefits Commission
SDF	Social Democratic Federation
SDLP	Social Democratic and Labour Party
SDP	Social Democratic Party
SERPS	State Earnings Related Pension Scheme
SHRG	Scottish Homosexual Reform Group
SNP	Scottish National Party
SPUC	Society for the Protection of Unborn Children
TGWU	Transport and General Workers' Union
TUC	Trades Union Congress
UAB	Unemployment Assistance Board
UCS	Upper Clyde Shipbuilders
UDA	Ulster Defence Association

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UDC	Union of Democratic Control
UDI	unilateral declaration of independence
UN	United Nations
USSR	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
VAD	Voluntary Aid Detachment
WAAC	Women's Army Auxiliary Corps
WAF	Women's Aid Foundation
WCA	Women Citizens' Association
WCG	Women's Co-operative Guild
WEA	Workers' Educational Association
WHO	World Health Organization
WI	Women's Institute
WLL	Women's Labour League
WLM	Women's Liberation Movement
WRAF	Women's Royal Air Force
WRNS	Women's Royal Naval Service
WSPU	Women's Social and Political Union
WVS	Women's Voluntary Service