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ACCS	The Association of Community and Comprehensive Schools	<a href="http://www.accs.ie">www.accs.ie</a>
Ancillary Staff	Referring to school staff providing non-teaching services - e.g. secretarial and caretaking work	<a href="#">Education Staff</a>
Arbitration	The resolution of disputes by an independent third party	<a href="#">External Staff Relations Unit</a>
ASD	Autistic Spectrum Disorders	<a href="http://www.ncse.ie">www.ncse.ie</a>
ASTI	Association of Secondary Teachers Ireland	<a href="http://www.asti.ie">www.asti.ie</a>
ATECI	Association of Teachers' Education Centres in Ireland	<a href="http://www.ateci.ie">www.ateci.ie</a>
Bachelor degree	Degree awarded on successful completion of under-graduate degree course	<a href="#">National Framework of Qualifications</a>
BOM	The Board of Management governs the school on behalf of the patron and for the benefit of students. It includes representatives of parents, teachers, trustees or patron, the principal and the community.	<a href="#">Boards of Management</a>
BTC	Breaking the Cycle is a project which seeks to discriminate positively in favour of schools in selected urban and rural areas which have high concentrations of children who are at risk of not reaching their potential in the education system.	<a href="#">Educational Disadvantage Schemes</a>
BTEI	Back To Education Initiative	<a href="#">BTEI</a>
Capitation	Capitation grants are paid to primary and post primary schools to assist with general running costs. They are based on the number of recognised pupils enrolled in the schools.	<a href="#">Capitation Grant</a>
CAO	Central Applications Office: This centre processes applications from school leavers to first year undergraduate courses.	<a href="http://www.cao.ie">www.cao.ie</a>
CEDEFOP	European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training	<a href="http://www.cedefop.europa.eu">www.cedefop.europa.eu</a>
Children Detention Schools	A school at which a child can be ordered to be detained by a court	<a href="http://www.dcy.gov.ie">www.dcy.gov.ie</a>
CID	Contract of Indefinite Duration. If a person holds a position for 4 years or more in a temporary capacity under the Protection of Employees (Fixed Term Work) Act 2003, s/he is entitled to a Contract of Indefinite Duration (CID).	<a href="#">CID</a>
Community School	Community schools are managed by Boards of Management representative of local interests. These schools offer a broad curriculum embracing both practical and academic subjects.	<a href="http://www.accs.ie">www.accs.ie</a>
Comprehensive School	Comprehensive schools combine academic and vocational subjects	<a href="http://www.accs.ie">www.accs.ie</a>
Co-educational	Referring to schools attended by both sexes	<a href="#">Find a School</a>

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Cost Neutral Early Retirement	Retirement option that allows personnel to retire early with immediate payment of superannuation benefits	<a href="#">Pensions</a>
CPD	Continuing Personal Development	<a href="http://www.pdst.ie">www.pdst.ie</a>
CPSM	Catholic Primary School Management Association	<a href="http://www.cpsma.ie">www.cpsma.ie</a>
Croke Park	Refers to the changes proposed by the Department and the education sector to achieve efficiencies and savings under the Croke Park Agreement	<a href="http://www.dper.ie">www.dper.ie</a>
Curriculum	Set of subjects, programmes and activities delivered by a school	<a href="http://www.ncca.ie">www.ncca.ie</a>
Data Protection	Data protection is concerned with the protection of your fundamental right to privacy, and your right to exercise control over how your personal information is used	<a href="#">Data Protection</a>
Delivering Equality of Opportunity in Schools (DEIS)	Action Plan for Educational Inclusion - policy instrument to address educational disadvantage	<a href="#">DEIS</a>
Denominational School	Refers to school managed by religious bodies	<a href="#">Find a School</a>
Devolved	Refers to the delegation of responsibility to school/college e.g. in relation to a construction project	<a href="#">Building Works</a>
Disadvantage (Educational)	Impediments to education due to social or economic disadvantage which prevent students from deriving appropriate benefit from education in schools	<a href="#">DEIS</a>
ELA	English Language Assistant	<a href="#">English Language Assistant Scheme</a>
EPV (Extra Personal Vacation)	Leave available to teachers to attend summer courses	<a href="#">EPV</a>
Erasmus	European Community Action Scheme for the Mobility of University Students -education and training programme enabling students to study and work abroad	<a href="http://ec.europa.eu">ec.europa.eu</a>
Esinet	Esinet is the secure method of transferring the October Returns files to the Department.	<a href="http://www.esinet.ie">www.esinet.ie</a>
ETB	Education and Training Boards established on 01/07/2013 to replace VECs as statutory education authorities with responsibility for education and training, youth work and a range of other statutory functions	<a href="http://www.etbi.ie">www.etbi.ie</a>
EUROSTAT	Statistical office of the European Union	<a href="http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu">epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu</a>
Eurydice	The Eurydice Network provides information on and analyses of European education systems and policies	<a href="http://eacea.ec.europa.eu">eacea.ec.europa.eu</a>
Exemption	Refers particularly to sanction granted to opt-out of studying Irish at primary or post-primary level in certain limited circumstances	<a href="#">Irish Exemption</a>

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FETAC	Further Education and Training Awards Council (FETAC) is the statutory awarding body for further education and training in Ireland. Replaced from 06/11/2012 by Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI)	<a href="http://www.qqi.ie">www.qqi.ie</a>
FOI	Relates to requests made under the Freedom of Information Act 1997 (amended 2003). This Act allows access to records held by government departments and certain public bodies.	<a href="#">FOI</a>
Force Majeure	Leave which is indispensably required owing to an injury or illness of a close family member.	<a href="#">Brief Absences</a>
FT	Fixed-term	<a href="#">Fixed Term Contracts</a>
Further Education	Further Education covers education and training which occurs after second level schooling but which is not part of the third level system.	<a href="#">Further Education</a>
Gaelscoil/Gaelscoileanna	Primary school(s) providing instruction through the medium of Irish only	<a href="http://www.gaelscoileanna.ie/">www.gaelscoileanna.ie/</a>
Gaelcholáiste	Post-primary school providing instruction through the medium of Irish only	<a href="http://www.gaelscoileanna.ie/">www.gaelscoileanna.ie/</a>
Graduate	A person who has completed some form of course or training - particular in relation to a recipient of a college/university degree	<a href="#">National Framework of Qualifications</a>
HEA	Higher Education Authority (HEA) is the statutory planning and policy development body for higher education and research in Ireland	<a href="http://www.hea.ie">www.hea.ie</a>
HETAC	Higher Education and Training Awards Council (HETAC) is the qualifications awarding body for third-level education and training institutions outside the university sector (other than the Dublin Institute of Technology). Replaced from 06/11/2012 by Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI)	<a href="http://www.qqi.ie">www.qqi.ie</a>
Higher Education	Refers to education delivered by third level (tertiary) bodies such as universities, colleges and Institutes of Technology	<a href="#">Higher Education</a>
Home Tuition	This scheme consists of a grant to parents or guardians to engage a tutor to provide tuition to their child at home where a child is not attending school due to specific reasons.	<a href="#">Home Tuition</a>
HSE	Health Service Executive	<a href="http://www.hse.ie">www.hse.ie</a>
HSCL	Home School Community Liaison (HSCL) is a scheme set up to increase the link between home and school. It encourages parents to become more involved in their children's education and organises local activities to encourage greater contact between parents, teachers and local groups.	<a href="#">HSCL</a>

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ICT	Information and Communication Technology	<a href="#">ICT Policy</a>
Increment	Point of staged increase on salary scale	<a href="#">Incremental Credit</a>
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INTO	Irish National Teachers' Organisation	<a href="http://www.into.ie">www.into.ie</a>
IPPN	Irish Primary Principals' Network	<a href="http://www.ippn.ie">www.ippn.ie</a>
IT /IoT	Institute of Technology	<a href="#">IOTs</a>
IVEA	Irish Vocational Education Association	<a href="http://www.ivea.ie">www.ivea.ie</a>
JMB	Joint Managerial Body for Secondary Schools, Ireland	<a href="http://www.jmb.ie">www.jmb.ie</a>
July Education/Provision	This scheme provides funding for an extended school year for children with a severe or profound general learning disability or children with autism	<a href="#">July Provision</a>
Junior Certificate	The Junior Certificate examination is taken after three years of post-primary education	<a href="http://www.examinations.ie">www.examinations.ie</a>
LCA	Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA) similar to the traditional Leaving Certificate Programme, but with a concentration on technical subjects and some additional modules which have a vocational focus	<a href="http://www.ncca.ie">www.ncca.ie</a>
LCVP	Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP) is intended to meet the needs of those students who are not adequately catered for by other Leaving Certificate programmes. Person-centred course involving a cross-curricular approach rather than a subject-based structure.	<a href="http://www.ncca.ie">www.ncca.ie</a>
Learning Support & Resource Teacher (LS/RT)	A Learning support & Resource teacher (LS/RT) caters for children with learning delays or with a high-incidence disability such as mild general learning disability and dyslexia.	<a href="http://www.ncse.ie">www.ncse.ie</a>
Leaving Certificate	The traditional Leaving Certificate examination is the terminal examination of post-primary education	<a href="http://www.examinations.ie">www.examinations.ie</a>
Lifelong Learning	Relates to the concept of people at all stages of life being able to avail of learning opportunities	<a href="#">National Framework of Qualifications.</a>
Literacy	The ability to read and write	<a href="#">Literacy and Numeracy Learning for Life</a>
Masters degree	Awarded on successful completion of post-graduate degree course	<a href="#">National Framework of Qualifications</a>
Multi-denominational School	Refers to schools which embraces multi-belief ethos	<a href="#">Find a School</a>
NABMSE	National Association of Boards of Management in Special Education	<a href="http://www.nabmse.org">www.nabmse.org</a>
NAPD	National Association of Principals and Deputy Principals	<a href="http://www.napd.ie">www.napd.ie</a>

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National Council for Curriculum & Assessment	Agency which leads development on curriculum and assessment.	<a href="http://www.ncca.ie">www.ncca.ie</a>
National Council for Special Education (NCSE)	The National Council for Special Education (NCSE) was set up to improve education services for people, particularly children, with special needs arising from disabilities	<a href="http://www.ncse.ie">www.ncse.ie</a>
National Educational Psychological Service (NEPS)	Funded by the Department, this service is concerned with children's learning and behaviour and their social and emotional development. NEPS psychologists work with primary and post-primary schools.	<a href="#">NEPS</a>
National Educational Welfare Board (NEWB)	Agency whose functions include dealing with problems associated with school attendance and with children who are educated outside of school system	<a href="http://www.newb.ie">www.newb.ie</a>
National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ)	A system via which all qualifications (whether at a national or international level) may be measured and related to each other	<a href="#">National Framework of Qualifications</a>
National Qualifications Authority of Ireland (NQAI)	Agency with responsibility for developing and maintaining the National Framework of Qualifications. Irish centre for the recognition of international qualifications (Qualifications Recognition - Ireland). Replaced from 06/11/2012 by Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI)	<a href="http://www.qqi.ie">www.qqi.ie</a>
National School	see under Primary/ National School	<a href="#">Find a School</a>
National University of Ireland (NUI)	A federal university with nine academic and vocational campuses across Ireland	<a href="http://www.nui.ie">www.nui.ie</a>
Non-denominational School	Refers to secular schools which are not aligned to any religion	<a href="#">Find a School</a>
Non-statutory Leave	Leave for which entitlement is not laid down in law	<a href="#">Breaks / Leave</a>
Notional Service	Scheme allowing the purchase of additional pensionable service	<a href="#">Retirement / Pensions</a>
NPC	National Parents Council - Primary	<a href="http://www.npc.ie">www.npc.ie</a>
NPCpp	National Parents Council - Post-Primary	<a href="http://www.npcpp.ie">www.npcpp.ie</a>
Numeracy	The ability to carry out numerical calculations	<a href="#">Literacy and Numeracy Learning for Life</a>
OCG	Oiriúnú le hAghaidh Cáilíochta sa Ghaeilge: exam that allows teachers with foreign qualifications to satisfy the Irish language requirement for primary teaching	<a href="#">Irish Language Requirement: Primary</a>
October Returns (pupil data)	Annual collection of data on pupil enrolments provided by recognised post-primary schools to the Department - See also PPOD	<a href="#">October Returns Post Primary Pupils</a>
OECD	The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development	<a href="http://www.oecd.org">www.oecd.org</a>
Oideas	Former academic journal of the Department of Education and Skills	<a href="#">Oideas</a>

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OLCS	On-Line Claim System	<a href="#">Online Claim System (OLCS)</a>
Parental Leave	Unpaid leave available to teachers and special needs assistants to facilitate the care of their children.	<a href="#">Parental Leave</a>
Paternity Leave	Leave not exceeding three (3) days which is available teachers and	Paternity Leave
Patron (school)	In general, the patron of a school can be an individual or a group and represents the owners of the school. The patron may manage the school personally or may appoint a person or group, such as a Board of Management, to act as manager.	<a href="#">The Education System</a>
Paypath	PayPath is the method by which wages/salaries may be paid directly into bank or building society accounts	<a href="#">Payroll / Financial</a>
PE	Physical Education - component of primary and post-primary curricula	<a href="http://www.ncca.ie">www.ncca.ie</a>
PLC	Post Leaving Certificate course	<a href="#">Post Leaving Certificate PLC</a>
Post-graduate	Referring to studies which takes place after first university degree, or student who undertakes same	<a href="#">National Framework of Qualifications</a>
Post-Primary/Second-level School	School where child undergoes second compulsory stage of education. Post-primary education consists of a 3 year Junior Cycle, followed by a 2/3 year Senior Cycle. A Transition Year (TY) may be included as part of a Senior Cycle.	<a href="#">Find a School</a>
PPP	Public Private Partnership	<a href="#">Building Works</a>
PPSN	Personal Public Service Number. It is a unique identifier for use in any transactions you may have with public bodies. This is available from the Client Identity Section in the Department of Social Protection.	<a href="http://www.welfare.ie">www.welfare.ie</a>
Primary/ National School	School where child completes first compulsory stage of education.	<a href="#">Find a School</a>
Principal	The Principal is responsible for running the school. S/he answers to	<a href="#">The Education System</a>
Probation	Process whereby the professional competence of new primary	<a href="#">Inspections</a>
PRSI	Pay Related Social Insurance	<a href="http://www.welfare.ie">www.welfare.ie</a>
PSPR	Public Service Pension Reduction	<a href="#">Public Service Pension Reduction (PSPR)</a>
Redeployment	Redistribution of surplus permanent and CID-holding teachers to fill permanent posts	<a href="#">Teacher Allocations and Staffing</a>
Remediation	Used particularly in reference to works which are designed to eliminate or reduce environmental hazards	<a href="#">Remediation Programmes</a>
Residential Institution	Used to refer to industrial schools, reformatories and other institutions that were subject to state regulation or inspection and in which children historically resided	<a href="#">Former Residents of Industrial Schools</a>
Resource Teacher (RT)	A resource teacher (RT) helps schools to support children with low-incidence special needs arising from disability	<a href="http://www.ncse.ie">www.ncse.ie</a>

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Retention	Used in relation to the retention of students in the educational system	<a href="#">The Education System</a>
RPT	Regular Part-time Teacher	<a href="#">Education Staff</a>
SCG	Scrúdú le haghaidh Cáilíochta sa Ghaeilge: exam that allows teachers with foreign qualifications to satisfy the Irish language requirement for primary teaching	<a href="#">Irish Language Requirement: Primary</a>
School Completion Project	Programme aimed at assisting young people to stay in primary and second-level education	<a href="http://www.dcy.gov.ie">www.dcy.gov.ie</a>
SCP	see School Completion Project	<a href="http://www.dcy.gov.ie">www.dcy.gov.ie</a>
SEC	State Examinations Commission is the agency responsible for delivering and assessing State Examinations (post-primary level)	<a href="http://www.examinations.ie">www.examinations.ie</a>
SESS	see Special Education Support Service	<a href="http://www.sess.ie">www.sess.ie</a>
Secondment	Temporary assignment of a teacher to a vacant position in an external organisation where the work to be carried out by the seconded teacher is of clear benefit to the educational system and/or is in the public interest.	<a href="#">Secondment / Exchanges</a>
Section 29 Appeal	Section 29 of the Education Act 1998 allows parents, and students who have reached the age of 18, to appeal certain decisions made by a school's Board of Management. Appeals may be made about a decision to expel, suspend (for more than 20 school days in any one school year) or refuse to enrol a student.	<a href="#">Appeal against Permanent Exclusion, Suspension or Refusal to Enrol</a>
SEN	Special Educational Needs	<a href="http://www.ncse.ie">www.ncse.ie</a>
SENO	Special Education Needs Organiser (SENOs) are appointed by the NCSE to provide a direct local service to the parents of children with special educational needs and to schools within geographical areas. This involves identifying the needs of children and deciding on the level of resources schools required.	<a href="http://www.ncse.ie">www.ncse.ie</a>
September Returns	September Returns are a return of each post-primary teacher's timetable within a given school as of the 1st September.	<a href="#">September Returns Post Primary Teacher Timetables</a>
SESS	The role of the Special Education Support Service (SESS) is to enhance the quality of learning and teaching in relation to special educational provision.	<a href="http://www.sess.ie/">http://www.sess.ie/</a>

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Short Term Placement	Short Term Placements are pupils coming from another country on a temporary basis or exchange programme, of which the duration is less than a full academic year.	<a href="#">The Education System</a>
Single Sex School	Referring to schools which teach boys and girls separately	<a href="#">Find a School</a>
SNA	Special Needs Assistants (SNAs) care for pupils with disabilities or certain medical conditions in school.	<a href="http://www.ncse.ie">www.ncse.ie</a>
Social Inclusion	Referring to collection of measures to combat disadvantage	<a href="#">DEIS - Delivering Equality of Opportunity in Schools</a>
Special Needs	Referring to specialist education requirements of children who face physical, mental or developmental challenges	<a href="http://www.ncse.ie">www.ncse.ie</a>
Special School	Refers to school catering to pupils with severe physical and mental disabilities and behavioural problems.	<a href="#">Find a School</a>
SPHE	Social, Personal and Health Education - strand of primary and post-primary curricula	<a href="http://www.ncca.ie">www.ncca.ie</a>
Standardisation of the school year	Refers to the standardisation of schools breaks at Christmas, Easter and mid-terms	<a href="#">School Holidays</a>
Statutory Leave	Leave to which a person is entitled i.e. annual leave and public holidays, maternity leave, parental leave, force majeure, carer's leave, adoptive leave	<a href="#">Breaks / Leave</a>
Superannuation	Referring to pension or payments made toward a future pension	<a href="#">Retirement / Pensions</a>
Syllabus	Outline of a subject or course	<a href="http://www.ncca.ie">www.ncca.ie</a>
Tender	A formal quotation to provide a service or carry out works for a fixed price	<a href="#">School Design</a>
Third Level	Refers to education delivered by tertiary level bodies such as universities, colleges and Institutes of Technology	<a href="#">The Education System</a>
Transition Year (TY)	Optional year which may be included as part of Senior Cycle at post-primary level. Allows students to experience a wide range of educational inputs, including work experience. Not exam-based.	<a href="http://www.ncca.ie">www.ncca.ie</a>
Trustee (school)	The Trustees are the persons nominated by the Patron as trustees of the school. They undertake that the buildings shall continue to be used as a school for the term of the lease and guarantee that the Board of Management shall properly insure the premises and the contents.	<a href="#">The Education System</a>
TUI	Teachers' Union of Ireland	<a href="http://www.tui.ie">www.tui.ie</a>
Under-graduate	A student at a college or university who has yet to obtain a degree, or in reference to studies which such a student would undertake	<a href="#">National Framework of Qualifications</a>



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USC	Universal Social Charge	<a href="http://www.revenue.ie/en/index.html">http://www.revenue.ie/en/index.html</a>
VEC	Vocational Education Committee (VECs) were statutory education authorities which have responsibility for vocational educational training, youth work and a range of other statutory functions, now Education and Training Boards	<a href="http://www.etbi.ie">www.etbi.ie</a>
VTHVI	Visiting Teacher for the Hearing & Visually Impaired Provides advice and support to ensure that the needs of children and young peoples with hearing and visual impairments are met	<a href="#">Visiting Teacher Service</a>
Vocational School	Vocational schools are state-established second level schools which are administered by Vocational Education Committees (VECs)	<a href="http://www.etbi.ie">www.etbi.ie</a>
Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme (VTOS)	Second chance education and training programme which provides courses of up to two years for unemployed people.	<a href="#">VTOS</a>
Voluntary Secondary School	Voluntary Secondary schools are privately owned and managed, usually by religious bodies	<a href="http://www.jmb.ie">www.jmb.ie</a>
Whole School Evaluation (WSE)	WSEs are inspections carried out on primary and post-primary schools. Reports of these inspections are posted on the Department's website.	<a href="#">Whole School Evaluations</a>
Youthreach	Inter-departmental initiative for early school leavers	<a href="#">Youthreach</a>