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Preface

During the last few decades abbreviations have proliferated to such an extent that they now form a major – and still increasing – part of the language. Most English dictionaries, however, do not fully reflect this important addition to our vocabulary, typically including only a selection of the better known abbreviations. The *Oxford Dictionary of Abbreviations* is designed to fill this gap, providing explanations for the bewildering variety of abbreviations in use today.

This dictionary caters for all levels of usage, from the colloquial, as in **yuppie** and **POETS day**, to the highly specialized abbreviations used in scientific and technical fields. The advances in all aspects of science and technology, notably computing, are reflected in the extensive coverage of abbreviations in these fields in the dictionary. Similar coverage is given to the body of abbreviations generated by the business and financial communities, the medical profession (especially in the fields of immunology and genetics), and the world of sport. For this new edition over 1700 new abbreviations and senses have been added in these and other fields. The second edition also takes account of the recent proliferation of abbreviations used in personal and other advertisements. Field labels or brief explanations are provided for these and other abbreviations when necessary. As well as abbreviations used in English-speaking countries, the dictionary also includes a selection of abbreviations of foreign terms and organizations, especially those likely to be encountered by businessmen and others with contacts abroad; translations or brief explanations are given for these entries. When the country of origin of an abbreviation is not evident from the definition, a geographical label precedes the definition.

The entries cover all types of shortened forms of words and phrases, including initialisms, such as **BBC** and **FBI**; acronyms (i.e. initialisms that are pronounced as words, rather than as a series of letters), such as **Aids** and **NATO**; shortenings, for example **Gen.** (for General, Geneva, etc.); and symbols for units of measurement, chemical elements, airlines, postal districts, vehicle registration offices, and so on. A selection of symbols that are not formed from letters of the Roman alphabet is given in an Appendix to the dictionary. A pronunciation guide (in brackets preceding the definition), using the International Phonetic Alphabet, is provided for acronyms; an explanation of the guide is given on page ix.

Often there are several possible forms for an abbreviation, with variations in upper and lower case and in the use of points. In deciding the forms of the entry words in this dictionary, the editors have used a number of conventions. Points have been omitted for acronyms (e.g. **Aids**), for all-

capital abbreviations (e.g. **NUJ**), for degrees and other qualifications consisting of upper and lower-case letters (e.g. **BSc**, **FIBiol**), and in other cases when this can be done without flouting convention or causing confusion with a real word (e.g. **plc** rather than p.l.c.). Shortenings are usually followed by a point unless the last letter of the shortened form is the last letter of the word (e.g. **gdn** = garden, guardian). When two or more forms are equally common, variants are included in brackets before the definition.

Pronunciation Guide

The symbols used in indicating pronunciations of acronyms and certain other abbreviations are those of the International Phonetic Alphabet. The following consonants have their usual English sounds: b, d, f, h, k, l, m, n, p, r, s, t, v, w, z. Additional symbols are as follows:

ɑ: as in bar (bɑ:)	j as in yet (jet)
æ as in cat (kæt)	dʒ as in job (dʒɒb)
aɪ as in buy (baɪ)	ŋ as in bring (brɪŋ)
au as in gout (gaʊt)	o as in got (gɒt)
tʃ as in cheese (tʃi:z)	əʊ as in go (gəʊ)
ɛ as in get (get)	ɔ: as in law (lɔ:)
ə as in paper ('peɪpə)	ɔɪ as in coin (kɔɪn)
ə as in able (erəbəl)	ʃ as in shin (ʃɪn)
ɜ: as in turn (tɜ:n)	ʒ as in measure ('meɜʒə)
eɪ as in pay (peɪ)	θ as in thaw (θɔ:)
ɛə as in fair (feə)	ð as in then (ðen)
ɪ as in pin (pɪn)	ʊ as in wool (wʊl)
i: as in be (bi:)	u: as in new (nju:)
ɪə as in hear (hɪə)	ʌ as in cup (kʌp)

For acronyms of two or more syllables the stressed syllables are preceded by the marks ' or , in the pronunciation. The most strongly stressed syllable is preceded by ', as in 'peɪpə (paper); weakly stressed syllables are preceded by ,, as in 'kʊmɪ,kɒn (Comecon). Unstressed syllables are not preceded by stress marks, as in 'meməri (memory).

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A

a (ital.) *Physics*, symbol for acceleration • symbol for are(s) (metric measure of land) • symbol for atto- (prefix indicating 10^{-18} , as in **am**, attometre) • symbol for year (Latin *annus* or French *année*) • indicating the first vertical row of squares from the left on a chessboard

a. about • *accepté* (French: accepted; written on a bill of exchange) • accepted • acre(s) • acreage • acting • actual • address • adjective • advance(d) • afternoon • age • *akzeptiert* (German: accepted; written on a bill of exchange) • *Music* alto • amateur • anno (Latin: in the year) • anonymous • answer • ante (Latin: before) • aqua (Latin: water) • arrive(s) • arriving • *Baseball* assist(s)

a 2 *Music* a due (Italian: for two (voices or instruments))

A *British fishing port registration for Aberdeen* • *Physics*, symbol for absolute (temperature) • (ital.) *Physics*, symbol for absorbance • *Cards*, symbol for ace • *Chem.*, symbol for acid-catalysed reaction • (ital.) *Chem.*, symbol for activity • *Biochem.*, symbol for adenine • *Biochem.*, symbol for adenosine • *Films* adult (former certification) • *Education* Advanced (in **A level**) • (ital.) *Chem.*, symbol for affinity • symbol for ammeter (in circuit diagrams) • *Physics*, symbol for ampere(s) • *Physics*, symbol for ampere-turn • *Botany*, symbol for androecium (in a floral formula) • anode • (ital.) *Maths.*, symbol for area • symbol for an arterial road (as in **A1**, **A40**, etc.) • assault (in **A-day**) • atom(ic) (as in **A-bomb**) • austral (former monetary unit of Argentina) • *international vehicle registration* for Austria • avancer (French: go faster; on a clock or watch regulator) • (ital.) *Chem.*, symbol for Helmholtz function • (bold ital.) *Physics*, symbol for magnetic vector potential • *Physics*, symbol for mass number • (ital.) *Physics*, symbol for nucleon number • (ital.) *Electronics*,

symbol for Richardson constant • symbol for ten (in hexadecimal notation) • *Med.*, indicating a blood group or its associated antigen (see also under **ABO**) • *Education*, indicating the highest mark or grade for work • indicating managerial, professional (occupational grade) • indicating a musical note or key • *Astronomy*, indicating a spectral type • indicating a standard paper size (see under **A0-A10**) • *Logic*, indicating a universal affirmative categorical proposition

Å *Physics*, symbol for angstrom unit

A. (or **Ac**) academician • academy • acreage • acre(s) • adjutant • admiral • air • Altesse (French: Highness) • *Music* alto • America(n) • *Bible* Amos • *Horticulture* annual • answer • anterior • April • armoured • article • artillery • art(s) • assistant • associate • athletic • August • Australia(n)

A0 indicating a standard paper size, 841 × 1189 mm

A1 indicating a standard paper size, 594 × 841 mm • indicating (in Lloyd's Register) ships maintained in good and efficient condition

A2 *international civil aircraft marking* for Botswana • indicating a standard paper size, 420 × 594 mm

A3 *international civil aircraft marking* for Tonga • indicating a standard paper size, 297 × 420 mm

A4 indicating a standard paper size, 210 × 297 mm

A5 *international civil aircraft marking* for Bhutan • indicating a standard paper size, 148 × 210 mm

A6 *international civil aircraft marking* for United Arab Emirates • indicating a standard paper size, 105 × 148 mm

A7 *international civil aircraft marking* for Qatar • indicating a standard paper size, 74 × 105 mm

A8 *airline flight code for Aerolineas Paraguayas • indicating a standard paper size, 52 × 74 mm*

A9 *indicating a standard paper size, 37 × 52 mm*

A9C *international civil aircraft marking for Bahrain*

A10 *indicating a standard paper size, 26 × 37 mm*

A40 *international civil aircraft marking for Oman*

3A *international civil aircraft marking for Monaco*

5A *international civil aircraft marking for Libya*

9A *international civil aircraft marking for Croatia*

aa (or **aa**) *Med. ans* (Greek: of each; specifying quantities of ingredients in prescriptions)

a.a. absolute alcohol • acting appointment • after arrival • *Shipping* always afloat • approximate absolute • area administrator • arithmetic average • attendance allowance • author's alteration • *Photog.*, indicating that one print should be made of each negative

AA administrative assistant • advertising agency • Advertising Association • age allowance (for taxation) • Air Attaché • Alcoholics Anonymous • *British fishing port registration for Alloo* • *Chem.* allyl alcohol • *airline flight code for American Airlines* • American Aviation (aircraft) • *Biochem.* amino acid • *Chem.* andesine anorthosite • Anglers' Association • anti-aircraft • *Physics* antiproton accumulator • *Biochem.* arachidonic acid • Architectural Association • *Chem.* aristolochic acid • Army Act • *Biochem.* ascorbic acid • Associate in Accounting • Associate in Agriculture • Associate in (or of) Arts • Association of Agriculture • Astronautica Acta (journal of the International Astronautical Federation) • *Physics* atomic absorption • *Physics* atomic adsorption • Augustinians of the Assumption • author's alteration • Automobile Association • *Chem.* azelaic acid • *British vehicle registration for Bournemouth* • indicating a certificate issued for a ship stating that all crew matters are in order • (formerly) indicating a film not be shown to a child under 14 unless accompanied by an adult • *Electricity*, indicating a size of

battery or cell • *Angling*, indicating a size of fine split weights

AA1 (or **AA-one**) *Finance*, indicating a very high quality rating for credit

AAA *Med.* abdominal aortic aneurysm • (USA) Agricultural Adjustment Act • (USA) Agricultural Adjustment Administration • Allied Artists of America • Amateur Athletic Association • American Accounting Association • American Automobile Association • *Biochem.* amino acid analogue(s) • (or **triple A**) anti-aircraft artillery • (USA) Army Audit Agency • Association of Average Adjusters • Australian Association of Accountants • Australian Automobile Association • Automobile Association of America • *Finance*, indicating the highest quality rating for credit

AAAA Amateur Athletic Association of America • American Association of Advertising Agencies • Associated Actors and Artists of America (trade union) • Australian Association of Advertising Agencies

AAAC all-aluminium alloy conductor

AAAI American Association for Artificial Intelligence • Associate of the Institute of Administrative Accountants

AAAL American Academy of Arts and Letters

AAAM American Association of Aircraft Manufacturers

AA&QMG Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster-General

AAAS American Academy of Arts and Sciences • American Academy of Asian Studies • American Association for the Advancement of Science • Associate of the American Antiquarian Society

AAB Aircraft Accident Board • Association of Applied Biologists

AABC American Amateur Baseball Congress

AABL Associated Australian Banks in London

AABM Australian Association of British Manufacturers

AABW Antarctic Bottom Water

AAC *US Air Force* Alaskan Air Command • Aeronautical Advisory Council • Agricultural Advisory Council • Amateur Athletic Club • anno ante Christum (Latin: in the year before Christ) • Army Air Corps • *Electronics* automatic amplitude control

- AACB** (USA) Aeronautics and Astronautics Coordinating Board • Association of African Central Banks
- AACC** American Association of Clinical Chemists • *Aeronautics* area-approach control centre
- AACE** American Association of Cost Engineers • Association for Adult and Continuing Education
- AACP** American Association for Child Psychiatry • Anglo-American Council on Productivity
- AACR** *Bibliog.* Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules
- AACS** Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society • (USA) Airways and Air Communications Service • *Computing* automated-access control system
- AAD** *Med.* atlantoaxial dislocation
- AADC** air aide-de-camp • (USA) Army-Air Defense Command
- AADFI** Association of African Development Finance Institutions
- AADS** (USA) Army-Air Defense System
- AAE** American Association of Engineers
- AAEC** Australian Atomic Energy Commission
- AAE** Associate in Aeronautical Engineering
- AAEE** (or **A & AEE**) Aircraft and Armament Experimental Establishment • American Association of Electrical Engineers
- AAES** Association of Agricultural Education Staffs • Australian Army Education Service
- AAEW** Atlantic airborne early warning
- AAF** Allied Air Forces • (USA) Army Air Forces
- AAFC** anti-aircraft fire control
- AAFCE** Allied Air Forces in Central Europe
- AAFIS** Army and Air Force Intelligence Staff
- AAFNE** Allied Air Forces in Northern Europe
- AAFSE** Allied Air Forces in Southern Europe
- AAGR** Associate in Agriculture
- AAG** Air Adjutant-General • Assistant Adjutant-General • Association of American Geographers
- AAGS** Association of African Geological Surveys
- AAHPR** American Association for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation
- AAIA** Associate of the Association of International Accountants • Associate of the Australian Institute of Advertising • Association of American Indian Affairs
- AAIB** Associate of the Australian Institute of Bankers
- AAII** Associate of the Australian Insurance Institute
- AAIL** American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters
- AAL** *Meteorol.* above aerodrome level • Academy of Art and Literature • (USA) Arctic Aeromedical Laboratory • Association of Assistant Librarians
- AALA** American Association for Laboratory Accreditation
- AALD** Australian Army Legal Department
- AALL** American Association of Law Libraries
- AAM** air-to-air missile • American Association of Microbiology • American Association of Museums • (formerly) Anti-Apartheid Movement • Association of Assistant Mistresses in Secondary Schools • Australian Air Mission
- AAMI** *Med.* age-associated memory impairment
- AAMW** (USA) Association of Advertising Men and Women
- AAMWS** Australian Army Medical Women's Service
- AANA** Australian Association of National Advertisers
- A & A** additions and amendments
- A&AEE** Aeroplane and Armament Experimental Establishment
- a&b** assault and battery
- A & C** addenda and corrigenda • (ital.) Antony and Cleopatra (Shakespeare)
- A&E** accident and emergency (medical specialty or hospital department)
- a&h** Insurance accident and health
- a&i** Insurance accident and indemnity
- A & I** (USA) Agricultural and Industrial (college)
- A & M** (USA) Agricultural and Mechanical (college) • Ancient and Modern (hymn book)
- A & N** Army and Navy (Club or Stores)
- A & NI** Andaman and Nicobar Islands
- A & P** advertising and promotion • (New Zealand) Agricultural and Pastoral (Association, Show, etc.)

- a&r** assault and robbery
- A & R** artists and recording • artists and repertoire *or* repertory (as in **A & R man**)
- a&s** *Insurance* accident and sickness
- A & SH** Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders
- AANS** Australian Army Nursing Service
- AAO** American Association of Orthodontists • Anglo-Australian Observatory
- AAOC** Australian Army Ordnance Corps
- AAOM** American Academy of Occupational Medicine
- AAOO** American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology
- AAP** affirmative action programme • *Chem.* alumina—aluminum phosphate • Association of American Publishers • Australian Associated Press • *Astronautics* (USA) Apollo Applications Program
- AAPA** Advertising Agency Production Association • American Association of Port Authorities
- AAPB** American Association of Pathologists and Bacteriologists
- AAPC** All African People's Conference
- AAPE** American Academy of Physical Education
- AAPG** American Association of Petroleum Geologists
- AAPHI** Associate of the Association of Public Health Inspectors
- AAPM** American Association of Physicists in Medicine
- AAPS** American Association for the Promotion of Science
- AAPSO** Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Organization
- AAPSS** American Academy of Political and Social Science
- AAPSW** Associate of the Association of Psychiatric Social Workers
- AAPT** American Association of Physics Teachers • Associate of the Association of Photographic Technicians
- a.a.r.** after action report • *Insurance* against all risks • aircraft accident record (*or* report) • average annual rainfall
- AAR** Association of American Railroads
- AARP** American Association of Retired Persons
- AAS** *RC Church* Acta Apostolicae Sedis (Latin: Acts of the Apostolic See; publication) • American Academy of Sciences • American Antiquarian Society • American Astronautical Society • American Astronomical Society • Andersen air sampler • Army Air Service • Associate in Applied Science • Association of Asian Studies • atomic absorption spectrometry (*or* spectroscopy *or* spectro-photometry) • Australian Academy of Science • Auxiliary Ambulance Service • Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (Latin *Academiae Americanae Socius*)
- AASA** Associate of the Australian Society of Accountants
- AASB** *Aeronautics* aerodynamically air-staged burner • American Association of Small Businesses
- AASC** Allied Air Support Command • Australian Army Service Corps
- AASF** Advanced Air Striking Force
- AASG** Association of American State Geologists
- A'asia** Australasia
- AASM** Associated African States and Madagascar (treaty)
- AASR** Airport and Airways Surveillance Radar (Raytheon)
- AASS** Associate of the American Antiquarian Society (Latin *Americanae Antiquarianae Societatis Socius*)
- AAT** *Psychol.* achievement anxiety test • *Med.* alpha-1-antitrypsin (treatment for cystic fibrosis) • Anglo-Australian Telescope (Siding Spring, NSW) • Association of Accounting Technicians • *Med.* asymptomatic autoimmune thyroiditis
- AATA** (eɪ'ɑ:tə) Anglo-American Tourist Association
- AATNU** Administration de l'assistance technique des Nations Unies (French: United Nations Technical Assistance Administration)
- AATT** American Association of Textile Technology
- AATTA** Arab Association of Tourism and Travel Agents
- AATUF** All-African Trade Union Federation (replaced by OATUU)
- AAU** (USA) Amateur Athletic Union • Association of American Universities
- AAUN** American Association for United Nations • Australian Association for United Nations
- AAUP** American Association of University Presses • American Association of University Professors (trade union)

AAUW American Association of University Women

AAV *Microbiol.* adeno-associated virus • assault amphibious vehicle

AAVC Australian Army Veterinary Corps

AAVS American Anti-Vivisection Society

AAWC Australian Advisory War Council

AAZPA American Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums

ab. about • abridgment

a.b. anchor bolt • *Baseball* (times) at bat

a/b airborne

a.B. *Commerce auf Bestellung* (German: on order)

Ab antibody • (formerly) *Chem.*, symbol for astatine (originally called alabamine; see under At)

AB *postcode* for Aberdeen • *British fishing port registration* for Aberystwyth • able(-bodied) seaman or rating • advisory board • air board • airborne • *US Air Force* Airman Basic • Alberta (Canada) • Alliance balkanique (French: Balkan Alliance) • ammonia for bees (applied for stings) • antiballistic (missile) • asthmatic bronchitis • *Baseball* (times) at bat • *Physics* atomic bremsstrahlung • automated bibliography • (USA) Bachelor of Arts (Latin *Artium Baccalaureus*) • *British vehicle registration* for Worcester • indicating a human blood group containing A and B antigens (see also under ABO)

A/B (Sweden) Aktiebolaget (joint-stock company)

ABA Botany abscisic acid • Amateur Boxing Association • American Badminton Association • American Bankers' Association • American Bar Association • American Basketball Association (now merged with the National Basketball Association) • American Book Award • American Booksellers Association • Antiquarian Booksellers' Association • Associate in Business Administration • Association of British Archaeologists • Australian Bankers' Association

ABAA Antiquarian Booksellers' Association of America

ABAC Association of British Aero Clubs and Centres

abb. abbey • *Commerce* abbuono (Italian: allowance or discount)

Abb. Abbey • Abbot (or Abbess)

ABB Accounting activity-based budgeting

ABBA ('æbə) American Board of Bio-Analysis

abbrev. (or **abbr.**) abbreviation

ABC Accounting activity-based costing (as in **ABC method**) • Advance Booking Charter (airline ticket) • advanced bio-medical capsule • air bridge to Canada • *Med.* airway, breathing, circulation (in first aid) • America-Britain-Canada • American book-prices current • American Broadcasting Companies • analysis of benefits and costs • animal birth control • Argentina-Brazil-Chile • Aruba, Bonaire, Curaçao (in **ABC Islands**) • Associated British Cinemas • Atanasoff-Berry computer • atomic, biological, and chemical (weapons or warfare) • Audit Bureau of Circulation • Australian Broadcasting Corporation • automatic binary computer • automatic brake control

ABCA American Business Communication Association • Army Bureau of Current Affairs

ABCB Association of Birmingham Clearing Banks

ABCC Association of British Chambers of Commerce • Association of British Correspondence Colleges

ABCD American, British, Chinese, Dutch (powers in the Pacific in World War II) • atomic, biological, and chemical protection and damage control

ABCFM American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions

ABCM Associate of Bandsmen's College of Music

abd. abdicate(d) • abdomen • abdominal

ABD *US Navy* advanced base depot • all but dissertation (of a candidate reading for a higher degree) • (or **abd**) average body dose (of radiation)

ABDA ('æbda) American, British, Dutch, Australian (Command in the Pacific; World War II)

abdom. abdomen • abdominal

ABDP Association of British Directory Publishers

ABE *Chem.* acetone-butanol-ethanol (solvent)

ABEd (USA) Bachelor of Arts in Education

Aber. Aberdeen • Aberdonian

ABERCOR ('æbə,kɔː) Associated Banks of Europe Corporation

abf *Colloquial* absolute bloody final (drink)

- Abf.** Abfahrt (German: departure)
- ABF** Actors' Benevolent Fund • Associated British Foods
- ABFD** Association of British Factors and Discounters
- ABFM** American Board of Foreign Missions
- ABGB** Allgemeines Bürgerliches Gesetzbuch (German; the Austrian Civil Code)
- abgk.** abgekürzt (German: abbreviated)
- ABGWU** (USA) Aluminum Brick and Glass Workers International Union
- Abh.** Abhandlungen (German: transactions or treatises)
- ABH** actual bodily harm
- ABI** *Computing* application binary interface • Associate of the Institute of Book-keepers • Association of British Insurers
- ABIA** Association of British Introduction Agencies
- ab init.** ab initio (Latin: from the beginning)
- ABINZ** Associate of the Bankers' Institute of New Zealand
- ABIOS** *Computing* advanced basic input/output system
- abl.** ablative
- ab¹ abril** (Spanish: April)
- ABL** atmospheric boundary layer
- ABLA** ('æblə) American Business Law Association
- ABLJ** adjustable buoyancy lifejacket
- ABLS** Association of British Library Schools • (USA) Bachelor of Arts in Library Science
- ABM** antiballistic missile • Associate in Business Management • Australian Board of Missions • automatic batch mix
- ABMA** Army Ballistic Missile Agency
- ABMAC** ('æbmæk) Association of British Manufacturers of Agricultural Chemicals
- ABMEWS** ('æbmju:z) antiballistic missile early warning system
- ABMPM** Association of British Manufacturers of Printers' Machinery
- ABMT** *Med.* allogeneic bone-marrow transplantation
- abn** airborne
- Abn** Aberdeen
- ABN** *Chem.* acid-base-neutral • Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations
- ABNE** Association for the Benefit of Non-contract Employees
- ABO** American Board of Ophthalmology • American Board of Orthodontics • American Board of Otolaryngology • *Med.*, indicating a blood group system based on the presence or absence of antigens A and B (see also under A; AB; B; O)
- ABOF** Association of British Organic Fertilizers
- ABOG** American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology
- A-bomb** atom bomb
- ABOS** American Board of Oral Surgery • American Board of Orthopedic Surgery
- Abp** Archbishop
- ABP** American Board of Pathology • American Board of Pediatrics • American Board of Periodontology • American Board of Prosthodontics • *Biochem.* androgen-binding protein • *Med.* arterial blood pressure • Associated Book Publishers • Associated British Ports
- ABPA** Australian Book Publishers' Association
- ABPC** American Book Publishers' Council • Associated British Picture Corporation
- ABPI** Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry
- ABPN** American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology • Association of British Paediatric Nurses
- ABPO** Advanced Base Personnel Officer
- ABPS** American Board of Plastic Surgery
- ABPVM** Association of British Plywood and Veneer Manufacturers
- abr.** abridge(d) • abridgment
- ABR** American Board of Radiology • *Med.* auditory brainstem recording
- ABRACADABRA** ('æbrə'kæ'dæbrə) Abbreviations and Related Acronyms Associated with Defense, Astronautics, Business, and Radio-electronics (publication of Raytheon Company, Lexington, USA)
- ABRC** Advisory Board for the Research Councils
- ABRES** advanced ballistic re-entry system
- ABRO** ('æbrəu) Animal Breeding Research Organization • Army in Burma Reserve of Officers
- ABRS** Association of British Riding Schools
- ABRSM** Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music

ABRV advanced ballistic re-entry vehicle

abs. absence (or absent) • absolute • absorbent • abstract

a.b.s. aux bons soins (de) (French: care of, c/o; on postal addresses)

ABS *Chem.* acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene (type of plastic) • *Chem.* alkyl benzene sulphonate (usually of sodium) • American Bible Society • American Board of Surgery • American Bureau of Shipping • Antiblockiersystem (in **ABS brake**); German: antilocking system • antilock braking system • Architects' Benevolent Society • Australian Bureau of Statistics

ABSA Association of Business Sponsorship of the Arts

abs. re. *Law* absente reo (Latin: the defendant being absent)

abs. feb. *Med.* absente febre (Latin: when there is no fever)

ABSIE ('æbst) American Broadcasting Station in Europe (in World War II)

ABSM Associate of the Birmingham School of Music

ABSM(TTD) Associate of the Birmingham School of Music (Teacher's Training Diploma)

absol. absolute

abs. re. *Law* absente reo (see **abs. re.**)

abstr. abstract(ed)

abs. visc. absolute viscosity

ABSW Association of British Science Writers

abt about

Abt. Abteilung (German: division or part)

ABT advanced backplane technology • advanced bi-CMOS technology • Association of Building Technicians

ABTA ('æbtə) Allied Brewery Traders' Association • Association of British Travel Agents • Australian British Trade Association

ABTAC ('æbtæk) Australian Book Trade Advisory Committee

ABTUC All-Burma Trade Union Congress

ABU Asian Broadcasting Union • Assembly of the Baptist Union

A-BU Anglo-Belgian Union

abv. above

ABWR *Nuclear physics* advanced boiling water reactor

ac. acre • activity

a.c. a capo (Italian: new line) • (or **a.c.**) a

compte (French: on account) • advisory committee • *Physics* alternating current • année courante (French: this year) • anno corrente (Latin: this year) • *Med.* ante cibum (Latin: before meals; in prescriptions) • assegno circolare (Italian: banker's draft or cashier's check) • author's correction

a/c account • account current • ao cuidado de (Portuguese: care of, c/o; on postal addresses)

aC antes de Cristo (Portuguese: before Christ; BC) • avanti Cristo (Italian: before Christ; BC)

Ac *Chem.*, symbol for acetyl (ethanoyl) group • *Chem.*, symbol for actinium • (ital.) *Meteorol.* altocumulus

AC airline flight code for Air Canada • *Chem.* activated carbon • *Chem.* activated charcoal • *Chem.* active centre • *Med.* acute cholecystitis • *Chem.* acyl-oxygen cleavage • *Biochem.* adenylate cyclase • advanced CMOS • Aero Club • Air Command • Air Commodore • air conditioning • air control • Air Corps • Air Council • aircraftman • Alcohol Concern (a charity) • Alpine Club • *Physics* alternating current • *Meteorol.* altocumulus • Ambulance Corps • analogue computer • analytical chemist • angular correlation • annual conference • ante Christum (Latin: before Christ) • *Law* Appeal Case(s) • Appeal Court • appellation contrôlée (see under AOC) • Army Corps • Army Council • artillery college • Arts Council • Assistant Commissioner • Athletic Club • Atlantic Charter • Auditor Camerae (Latin: Auditor of the Papal Treasury) • Azione Cattolica (Italian: Catholic Action; social organization) • Companion of the Order of Australia • British vehicle registration for Coventry

A/C account • account current • air conditioning • aircraft • aircraftman

ACA *Telecom.* adjacent-channel attenuation • advanced combat aircraft • Agricultural Cooperative Association • American Camping Association • American Canoe Association • *Chem.* ammoniacal copper arsenate • Anglers' Cooperative Association • Arts Council of America • Associate of the Institute of Chartered Accountants • Association of Consulting Actuaries • Australian Consumers' Association • Australian Council for Aeronautics

7-ACA *Chem.* 7-aminocephalosporanic acid

ACAA Agricultural Conservation and Adjustment Administration • American Coal Ash Association • Associate of the Australasian Institute of Cost Accountants

ACAB ('erkæb) (USA) Army Contract Adjustment Board

acac ('æk,æk) *Chem.* acetylacetonate ion (used in formulae)

acad. academic(al) • (or **Acad.**) academy

Acad. fran. Académie française (French literary academy)

ACADI (France) Association des cadres dirigeants de l'industrie (Association of Industrial Executives)

Acad. med. Academy of medicine

Acad. mus. Academy of music

Acad. sci. Academy of science

ACAE Advisory Council for Adult and Continuing Education

ACAL Advanced Computer Architecture Laboratory

AC & U (USA) Association of Colleges and Universities

ACAO Assistant County Advisory Officer

Acap. Acapulco

ACAR *Physics* angular correlation of annihilation radiation

ACAS (or **Acas**; 'erkæs) Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service • Assistant Chief of Air Staff

ACB Association Canadienne des Bibliothèques (French: Canadian Library Association) • Australian Cricket Board

ACBG *Med.* aorto-coronary bypass graft

ACBI Associate of the Institute of Bookkeepers

ACBS Accrediting Commission for Business Schools

ACBSI Associate of the Chartered Building Societies Institute

ACBWS automatic chemical-biological warning system

acc. accelerate • acceleration • accent • Commerce acceptance • Commerce accepted • Music accompanied (by) • Music accompaniment • according (to) • Book-keeping account • accountant • Grammar accusative

ACC (New Zealand) Accident Compensation Corporation • Computing accumulator • *Chem.* acid copper chromate • *Med.* acute cardiovascular

collapse • Administrative Coordination Committee • advanced communications course • Agricultural Credit Corporation Ltd • Anglican Consultative Council • annual capital charge • *Med.* antibody-dependent complement-mediated cytotoxicity • army cadet college • Army Catering Corps • *Scouting* Assistant County Commissioner • Associated Chemical Companies • Association of County Councils

ACCA Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce of America • Agricultural Central Cooperative Association • Associate of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants • Association of Certified and Corporate Accountants

ACCC Association of Canadian Community Colleges

ACCD American Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities

acce. Commerce acceptance

accel. *Music* accelerando (Italian; with increasing speed)

access. accessory

ACCHAN Allied Command Channel (in NATO)

ACCM Advisory Council for the Church's Ministry

ACCO Association of Child Care Officers

accom. accommodation

accomp. accompanied • accompaniment • accompany

ACCP American College of Chest Physicians

accred. accredited

ACCS Associate of the Corporation of Secretaries (formerly Corporation of Certified Secretaries)

acct. accountant • account(ing)

ACCT Association of Cinematograph, Television, and Allied Technicians

accum. accumulative

accus. Grammar accusative

accy accountancy

acd. accord

ACD *Med.* acid citrate dextrose (as in **ACD solution**) • *Med.* acquired cystic disease of the kidney • *Chem.* anode-cathode distance

ACDA Advisory Committee on Distinction Awards • (USA) Arms Control and Disarmament Agency • Aviation Combat Development Agency

- ACDAS** Automatic Control and Data Acquisition System
- AC/DC** (or **AC-DC**) *Physics* alternating current/direct current • *Colloquial, indicating bisexual*
- ACDCM** Archbishop of Canterbury's Diploma in Church Music
- ACdre** Air Commodore
- ACDS** Assistant Chief of Defence Staff
- acdt** accident
- ACE** *Astronomy* Advanced Composition Explorer • advanced computing environment • *Engineering* advanced cooled engine • (ets) Advisory Centre for Education • *Med.* alcohol-chloroform-ether (anaesthetic) • (ets) Allied Command Europe • American Council on Education • (ets) *Biochem., Med.* angiotensin-converting enzyme (as in **ACE inhibitor**) • (USA) Army Corps of Engineers • Association for the Conservation of Energy • (Member of the) Association of Conference Executives • Association of Consulting Engineers • Association of Cultural Exchange • Australian College of Education • (ets) *Computing* Automatic Computing Engine
- ACEA** Action Committee for European Aerospace
- ACEd.** Associate in Commercial Education
- ACEEE** American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy
- ACEF** Australian Council of Employers' Federations
- ACER** Australian Council for Educational Research
- ACERT** Advisory Council for Education of Romanians and other Travellers
- ACES** *Chem.* *N*-(2-acetamido)-2-aminoethanesulphonic acid
- acet.** acetone
- ACET** Advisory Committee on Electronics and Telecommunications • *Med.* Aids care, education, and treatment
- ACEWEX** Allied Command Europe Weather Exchange
- ACF** (Canada) Académie Canadienne Française (French Canadian Academy) • (South Africa) Active Citizen Force • *Physics* angular correlation function • Army Cadet Force • *Chemical engineering* autogenous-carrier flotation process • Automobile Club de France
- ACFA** Army Cadet Force Association
- ACFAS** (Canada) Association Canadienne-Française pour l'avancement des sciences (French-Canadian Association for the Advancement of Science)
- ACFHE** Association of Colleges of Further and Higher Education
- ACFI** Associate of the Clothing and Footwear Institute
- ACFM** *Physics* alternating-current field measurement
- acft** aircraft
- ACG** An Comunn Gaidhealach (Gaelic: The Gaelic Society; the Highland Association) • Assistant Chaplain-General • automatic control gear
- ACGB** Arts Council of Great Britain
- ACGBI** Automobile Club of Great Britain and Ireland
- ACGI** Associate of the City and Guilds Institute
- ACGS** Assistant Chief of the General Staff
- ACH** *Biochem.* acetylcholine
- ACH** *Building trades* air changes per hour • *Banking* automated clearing house
- ACHe** *Biochem.* acetylcholinesterase
- ACHR** American Society of Human Rights
- AChS** Associate of the Society of Chiropractors
- ACI** Alliance coopérative internationale (French: International Cooperative Alliance) • Alloy Castings Institute • American Concrete Institute • army council instruction • Associate of the Institute of Commerce • Automobile Club d'Italia
- ACIA** Associate of the Corporation of Insurance Agents • *Computing* asynchronous communications interface adapter
- ACIAA** Australian Commercial and Industrial Artists' Association
- ACIarb** Associate of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- ACIB** Associate of the Chartered Institute of Bankers • Associate of the Corporation of Insurance Brokers
- ACIC** (USA) Aeronautical Charting and Information Center
- acid.** *Med.* acidulated drop
- ACIGS** Assistant Chief of the Imperial General Staff
- ACII** Associate of the Chartered Insurance Institute
- ACILA** Associate of the Chartered Institute of Loss Adjusters