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## Preface

The manufacture of abbreviations is one of the largest and fastest growing industries in the world today. Wartime is generally a great period of growth, but the tremendous extension in the development of technology has caused the last two decades to be boom years. The rate of growth is so high that it is possible that hundreds of abbreviations of all kinds in the fields of science, economics and administration alone have been created daily in the Western world. Many of them may never be known outside their own circles; many may be discarded and many may soon be forgotten. My principal task in this new compilation, therefore, has been to provide a representative selection of the old and the new (omitting the potentially ephemeral) to serve the purposes of the student and scholar, the administrator, the business man, the exporter and the community of the general reader at home and at work.

To produce this dictionary of abbreviations it has been necessary to communicate with a large number of organizations throughout the world; and I have recorded the abbreviations substantially in the style in which I have received or otherwise collected them.

This has demonstrated that the modern practice of omitting from abbreviations the full point (period) continues to grow, and it is particularly true in military and data processing terms. The unpointed style, too, may be used for advertising or for bold headings while the pointed is kept for more formal use; but on the whole the inconsistency of usage is noticeable, particularly in the names of institutions and organizations, even when a pronounceable style of abbreviation is accepted. The North Atlantic Treaty Organization, for example, can be found variously in official publications as NATO, NATO, N.A.T.O. Pointed and unpointed styles of all categories, not necessarily organizations, are grouped separately in this dictionary. Correspondingly, single letter abbreviations or symbols which may occur in small letters or capitals, pointed or unpointed, are placed in separate groups. The reader who does not find an entry in one group should look in another, in most cases adjoining.

Some organizations including the professions and government departments specify an official abbreviation for a particular word, yet a variant of the official may be found in general or common use. Where this happens and space permits I have shown both styles, and identified the official one.

I have not, however, attempted to dictate a single correct style when several styles can be used by the same organization. I have sought to incorporate abbreviations (contractions, shortened forms, initials and their variants), and symbols (the conventional signs of the arts and the sciences) from as many fields of global activity as is possible within the practical limits of a book of some 200,000 words. Everyday abbreviations in common currency have their places here, but special emphasis has been placed on economic and commercial matters including particularly employers' associations and trade union organizations. The proliferation of the acronym, a pronounceable name of convenience formed of initial letters of organizations, etc. e.g. *Oxfam*, *Ensa* or of parts of words, e.g. *radar*, *radio detection and ranging*, has been a marked feature of twentieth-century abbreviation and many examples are given here. The acronymous title is indeed so highly valued that the title of an organization may well be formulated from the several letters of an apposite word describing its interest or function.

The Dictionary contains around 25,000 entries with a total of over 37,000 definitions, many extended by explanations.

A dictionary that has to deal with any aspect of the technical terms and speech of an innovating society must necessarily be a growing concern, and I will be grateful to readers for suggestions for the improvement and extension of the present work.

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1973

## Entries and Definitions

This dictionary contains abbreviations of different kinds and alphabetical signs and symbols. The term abbreviations includes contracted and shortened forms of words and phrases, and acronyms and initials.

All entry headings are printed in bold type and are arranged in strict alphabetical order. Those with lower-case (small) letters in roman (ordinary) type come before those with roman capital or small letters. Headings without full points (periods) come before those with full points. The following order of 'C' is an example:

ca, cA, Ca, CA, ca., Ca., c.a, c.a., c.A., C.a., C.A, CA., C.A.

Subordinate modifications include accents, hyphens and obliques such as cǎ, ca', c<sup>o</sup>, c-a, c/a, c and a, c & a, and are followed by entries containing numbers, as ca<sup>3</sup>, ca<sub>3</sub>, ca-3 and ca/3. Signs based on letters of the alphabet or numerals e.g. @, £, % and foreign type characters come after the modifications. Entries prefixed by a numeral appear in the alphabetical sequence of the first letter following the numeral.

Headings which require the use of italic type for words and phrases not naturalized in English follow the corresponding roman type entry.

The common practice of omitting the full point after the last letter of a contracted form, if it is the last letter of the word, is not followed in the dictionary. It is to be understood therefore that unpointed contractions are here advisedly so printed. Signs and symbols do not necessarily carry the initial letters of the words they stand for, and are unpointed.

In definitions small letters are used for common nouns in preference to capital letters if either form is admissible. Capitals are used for 'proper names', all words written with a capital initial letter. Plurals formed by the addition of 's' have not usually been regarded, but abnormal formations may be given. A single tense only of verb abbreviations is defined.

The heading is followed by a simple definition, preceded in the case of languages other than English by the name of the language involved, the definition in that language in italics, and translation into English unless

it is unnecessary. To save repetition of the word 'or', an oblique sign is used to indicate alternative definitions. The definition may be supplemented by a phrase or sentence of explanation or (in brackets) a subject reference such as chem., mus., or naut., the country of origin or use, or a cross-reference to a related entry.

# Abbreviations

*in the Dictionary in definitions and explanatory phrases*

*abbrev.* abbreviation  
*abol.* abolish; abolition  
*accy.* accountancy  
*A.D.* Anno Domini  
*admin.* administrative  
*Admin.* Administration  
*advert.* advertising  
*aero.* aeronautics  
*agric. Agric.* agriculture  
*alt.* alternative  
*amal.* amalgamated  
*ann.* annual  
*approx.* approximately  
*arch.* architecture  
*Argen.* Argentina  
*assn.* Assn. association  
*astr.* astronomy  
*ath.* athletics  
*Atl.* Atlantic  
*attrib.* attributed  
*Aust.* Australia

*B.C.* before Christ  
*Belg.* Belgian; Belgium  
*B.F.P.* British Fishing Port Registration  
*bibliog.* bibliography  
*biol.* biology  
*bk.* book  
*bot.* botany  
*Bp.* Bishop  
*Braz.* Brazil  
*Brit.* Britain; British  
*B.V.R.* British Vehicle Registration

*c* circa  
*Can.* Canada  
*cap.* capital  
*cartog.* cartography  
*cent.* century  
*Ch.* Church  
*chem.* chemistry  
*co. Co.* company  
*C. of E.* Church of England  
*Col.* Columbia  
*Coll.* College  
*colloq.* colloquial  
*com.* commerce  
*Confed.* Confederation  
*Czech.* Czechoslovakia

*Dan.* Danish  
*Den.* Denmark  
*dent.* dentistry  
*dip.* diplomacy  
*Dom. Rep.* Dominican Republic  
*dyn.* dynamics

*E.* East  
*Ecu.* Ecuador  
*educ.* education  
*E.E.C.* European Economic Community  
*E. Ger.* East Germany (G.D.R.)  
*elec.* electrical; electricity  
*Eng.* England; English  
*engn.* engineering  
*E.S.S.A.* Environmental Science Services Administration  
*estab.* established

*F.A.O.* Food and Agriculture  
 Organization  
*Fed.* Federation  
*fem.* feminine  
*fin.* finance; financial  
*F.P.* Fishing Ports Registration  
*Fr.* French  
*freem.* freemasonry

*G.B.* Great Britain  
*G.D.R.* German Democratic Re-  
 public (E. Ger.)  
*geog.* geography  
*Ger.* German; Germany  
*Gib.* Gibraltar  
*Gk.* Greek  
*govt(s).* government(s)

*h.m.* head master  
*H.M.S.O.* Her/His Majesty's Sta-  
 tionery Office  
*Hond.* Honduras  
*hort.* horticulture  
*H.Q.* Headquarters

*I.C.A.M.* International Civil Air-  
 craft Markings  
*ichth.* ichthyology  
*i.e.* *id est* that is  
*inhab.* inhabitants  
*insce.* insurance  
*Intern.* International  
*Is.* Island  
*It.* Italian  
*I.V.R.* International Vehicle Regis-  
 tration

*Jap.* Japan  
*jnl.* journal  
*jnt.* joint

*knlt.* knitting

*L.* Latin  
*leg.* legal  
*Lond.* London  
*Ltd.* Limited  
*Lux.* Luxembourg

*Madag.* Madagascar  
*magnet.* magnetics  
*math.* mathematics  
*mech.* mechanics  
*med.* medical; medicine  
*met.* meteorology  
*Mex.* Mexico  
*mil.* military  
*M.O.D.* Ministry of Defence  
*mon.* monetary  
*mus.* music

*N.* North  
*N.A.S.A.* National Aeronautics  
 and Space Administration  
*Nat.* National  
*N.A.T.O.* North Atlantic Treaty  
 Organization  
*naut.* nautical  
*nav.* navigation  
*Neth.* Netherlands  
*N.I.* Northern Ireland  
*Nor.* Norway  
*N.S.W.* New South Wales  
*numis.* numismatics  
*N.Z.* New Zealand

*organ.* organization

*Pak.* Pakistan  
*Pan.* Panama  
*Para.* Paraguay  
*phar.* pharmacy  
*photo.* photography  
*phys.* physics  
*pol.* political  
*Pol.* Poland; Polish  
*Port.* Portugal; Portuguese  
*Presby.* Presbyterian  
*psy.* psychology  
*pub.* publication; publishing

*R.A.F.* Royal Air Force  
*rail.* railroad; railway  
*R.C.* Roman Catholic  
*R.C.A.F.* Royal Canadian Air  
 Force  
*Rep.* Republic  
*RoSPA* Royal Society for the Pre-  
 vention of Accidents  
*Russ.* Russia; Russian

*s* sign; symbol  
*S.* South  
*S. Afr.* South Africa  
*sci.* science  
*Scot.* Scotland; Scottish  
*Shake.* Shakespeare  
*ship.* shipping  
*Soc.* Society  
*Sp.* Spanish  
*Swed.* Sweden; Swedish  
*Switz.* Switzerland

*Tanz.* Tanzania  
*tax.* taxation  
*tech.* technical  
*tex.* textiles  
*transp.* transport  
*T.U.* Trade Union  
*T.U.C.* Trades Union Congress  
*Turk.* Turkey; Turkish  
*typ.* typography

*U.K.* United Kingdom  
*UKAEA* United Kingdom Atomic  
 Energy Authority

*UNESCO* United Nations Educa-  
 tional, Scientific and Cultural  
 Organization  
*Univ.* University  
*U.N.O.* United Nations Organiza-  
 tion  
*Uru.* Uruguay  
*U.S.* United States  
*U.S.A.* United States of America  
*USAF* United States Air Force  
*USN* United States Navy  
*U.S.S.R.* Union of Soviet Socialist  
 Republics

*Ven.* Venezuela  
*Vic.* Victoria (Aust.)

*W.* West  
*W. Ger.* West Germany  
*WW1* 1914–1918 war  
*WW2* 1939–1945 war

*Zamb.* Zambia

# A

**a** about; acre; acreage; acting; active; adjective; advance; advanced; afternoon; alcohol; anonymous; answer; atto-, 10<sup>-18</sup>

**a** *L. ante*, before

Ⓐ at (com.)

**A** *s* Aberdeen (B.F.P.); adult, designating films suitable for adult audiences; Ampère, unit of elec. current; *s* Argon (also Ar); atomic weight; Australia; Australian; Austria (I.V.R.); *s* London (B.V.R.)

**A** *Alto* (mus.)

**Å** Ångström, unit of measurement, named after Ångström

**A**<sup>1</sup> *It. A due*, for, or divided between, two voices or instruments (mus.)

**a.** *Fr. accepté*, on bills of exchange; accepted; *Ger. acceptiert*, on bills of exchange; acid; actual; address; age; amateur; area; arrive; arriving

**ā.**, **ḡ.**, **ā.**, **ḡ.** *s* in med. prescriptions, of each a like quantity, or equal parts

**a.** *L. anno*, in the year; *L. annus*, year; *L. ante*, before; *L. aqua*, water

**A.** absolute; academician; academy; *Fr. avancer*, to accelerate a clock; ace; acting (rank); adjutant; admiral; air; Alfred; *Fr. Altesse*, Highness; America; American; Amos (Bible); amma (epin); anode (elec.); anterior; annual (hort.); armoured; art; article; artillery; assistant; associate; athletic; August

**ā.** *s* in med. prescriptions, of each a like quantity

**A.** *It. alto* (mus.)

**A.1.** *s* 'first-class' ships in Lloyd's Register

**aa** absolute alcohol; acting appointment; approximate absolute; arithmetic average; author's alteration

**AA** *s* Alloa (B.F.P.); anti-Aircraft, also Ack Ack; *Aerolineas Argentinas*, Argentine Airlines; American Airlines; *s* Hampshire (B.V.R.)

**ḡ.** *s* in med. prescriptions, of each a like quantity

**a.a.** always afloat; *s* take one of each (photo.)

**AA.** *s* Certificate issued by Mercantile Marine Office which states that all crew matters pertaining to vessel are in order

**ḡ.** *s* in med. prescriptions, of each a like quantity

**A.A.** advertising agency; Advertising Association; age allowance (tax.); Air Attaché; Alcoholics Anonymous; all along; Anglers' Association; Architectural Association; Army Act; Associate in Accounting; Associate in Agriculture; Associate in Arts; Association of Agriculture; audio-animatronics; Augustinians of the Assumption; Automobile Association

**A.A.** *L. Archaeologia Aeliana; Astronautica Acta*, jnl. of the Intern. Astronautical Fed.

**A. & A.** additions and amendments

**A-A-A** amino-acid lysine

**A.A.A.** Agricultural Adjustment Act (U.S.A.); Agricultural Adjustment Administration (U.S.A.); Allied Artists of America; Amateur Athletic Association, founded in 1880; American Airship Association; American Anthropological Association; American Automobile Associa-

tion; Army Audit Agency (U.S.A.); Association of Attenders and Alumni (of the Hague Academy of International Law); Association of Average Adjusters; Australian Automobile Association

A.A.A.A. American Association for the Advancement of Atheism; American Association of Advertising Agencies; American Aviation Association of America; Australian Association of Advertising Agencies

A.A.A.E. American Association of Airport Executives

A.A.A.L. American Academy of Arts and Letters

A.A.A.M. American Association of Aircraft Manufacturers

AAAN American Academy of Applied Nutrition

A.A.A.S. 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

AABB American Association of Blood Banks

AA BB split shot standards (angling)

AABC American Amateur Baseball Congress; Association for the Advancement of Blind Children (U.S.A.)

A.A.B.L. Associated Australian Banks in London

A.A.B.M. Association of American Battery Manufacturers; Australian Association of British Manufacturers

AAC Aeronautical Advisory Council; Agricultural Advisory Council; Alaskan Air Command (USAF); American Alpine Club; American Cement Corporation

A.A.C. Amateur Athletic Club; Army Air Corps; *Associação Académica de Coimbra*, Coimbra Academic Assn. (Port.); Austrian Alpine Club; automatic amplitude control

A.A.C. *L. anno ante Christum*, in the year before Christ

AACB Aeronautics and Astronautics Coordinating Board (U.S.A.)

AACC American Association of Contamination Control; American Association of Clinical Chemists; area approach control centre

A.A.C.C.A. Associate of the Association of Certified and Corporate Accountants

A.A.C.E. Aberdeen Association of Civil Engineers; American Association of Cost Engineers

A.A.C.O.B.S. Australian Advisory Council on Bibliographical Services

A.A.C.P. American Association for Child Psychiatry; Anglo-American Council on Productivity

A.A.C.R. Association for the Advancement of Civil Rights (Gib.)

A.A.C.S. Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society; Airways and Air Communications Service (U.S.A.)

aad alloxazine adenine dinucleotide  
A.A.D.C. air *aide-de-camp*; army air defense command (U.S.A.)

AADE American Association of Dental Editors/Examiners

AADS army air defense system (U.S.A.)

AAE American Association of Engineers; Association for Adult Education

A.A.E.C. Australian Atomic Energy Commission

A.Ae.E. Associate of Aeronautical Engineering

A.A.E.E. Aircraft and Armament Experimental Establishment

AAES Association of Agricultural Education Staffs; Australian Army Education Service

AAEW Atlantic airborne early warning

AAF, A.A.F. Army Air Force (U.S.A.)

A.A.F. Auxiliary Air Force, *now* R.Aux.A.F.

safe anti-aircraft fire control

AAFCE Allied Air Forces Central Europe

A.A.F.I.S. Army and Air Force Intelligence Staff

A.A.F.N.E. Allied Air Forces Northern Europe

A.A.F.S.E. Allied Air Forces Southern Europe

A.A.G. Air Adjutant-General; Assistant Adjutant-General; Association of American Geographers

A.A.G.O. Associate of American Guild of Organists

A.A.G.S. Association of African Geological Surveys

AAHPER American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation

A.A.I. Associate of the Chartered Auctioneers' and Estate Agents' Institute; Association of Art Institutions

AAIA Association of American Indian Affairs

A.A.I.A. Associate of the Association of International Accountants; Associate of the Australian Institute of Advertising

AAID American Association of Industrial Dentists

**AAIE** American Association of Industrial Editors/Engineers

**A.A.I.L.** Associate of the Australian Insurance Institute

**AAIN** American Association of Industrial Nurses

**A.A.L.** Academy of Art and Literature; Arctic Aeromedical Laboratory (U.S.A.); Association of Assistant Librarians

**A.A.L.D.** Australian Army Legal Department

**A.A.L.L.** American Association of Law Libraries

**A.A.L.P.A.** Incorporated Society of Auctioneers and Landed Property Agents

**A.A.L.S.** Association of American Library Schools

**A.A.L.T.** American Association of Library Trustees

**AAM** air-to-air missile; American Association of Microbiology; American Association of Museums; Australian Air Mission

**A.A.M.** Anti-Apartheid Movement; Association of Assistant Mistresses in Secondary Schools

**A.A.M.C.** Australian Army Medical Corps

**AAMS** American Air Mail Society

**AAMW** Association of Advertising Men and Women (U.S.A.)

**A.A.M.W.S.** Australian Army Medical Women's Service

**A.A.N.A.** Australian Association of National Advertisers

**A.A.N.S.** Australian Army Nursing Service

**A.A.N.S.W.** Archives Authority of New South Wales

**AAO** American Association of Orthodontists

**a.a.O.** Ger. *am angeführten Orte*, at the place quoted

**AAOA** Ambulance Association of America

**A.A.O.C.** Australian Army Ordnance Corps

**AAOM** American Academy of Occupational Medicine

**AAP** *Apollo* Applications Programme (U.S.A.); Australian Associated Press

**AAPA** American Association of Port Authorities

**A.A.P.C.** All African People's Conference

**AAPE** American Academy of Physical Education

**A.A.P.G.** American Association of Petroleum Geologists

**A.A.P.H.I.** Associate of the Association of Public Health Inspectors

**AAPOR** American Association of Public Opinion Research

**A.A.P.P.** Association of Amusement Park Proprietors

**A.A.P.S.** American Association for the Promotion of Science

**AAPSO** Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Organisation

**A.A.P.S.S.** American Academy of Political and Social Science

**A.A.P.S.W.** Associate of the Association of Psychiatric Social Workers

**AAPT** American Association of Physics Teachers; Associate of the Association of Photographic Technicians; Association of Asphalt Paving Technologists (U.S.A.)

**AAPTS & R** Australian Association for Predetermined Time Standards and Research

**A.A.Q.M.G.** acting/assistant quartermaster-general

**a.a.r.** after action report; against all risks; aircraft accident record/report; average annual rainfall

**A.A.R.** Association of American Railroads

**AARP** American Association of Retired People

**A.A.S.** Aberdeen Art Society; American Antiquarian Society; American Astronomical/Astronomical Society; Army Air Service; Associate in Applied Science; Association for Archery in Schools; Association of Asian Studies; Association of Architects and Surveyors; Australian Academy of Science; Auxiliary Ambulance Service

**A.A.S. L. *Academiae Americanae Socius***, (Fellow of the) American Academy of Arts and Sciences; **L. *Acta Apostolicae Sedis***, Acts of the Apostolic See, official publication of the Holy See

**A.A.S.A.** Associate of the Australian Society of Accountants

**AASB** American Association of Small Businesses

**A.A.S.C.** Allied Air Support Command; Australian Army Service Corps

**A.A.S.F.** Advanced Air Striking Force

**AASG** Association of American State Geologists

**AASHO** American Association of State Highway Officials

**AASL** American Association of School/State Librarians

**AASM** Associated African States and Madagascar, agreement signed Yaoundé, 1963

**AASR** Airport and Airways Surveillance Radar (Raytheon)

**A.A.S.S.** American Association for Social Security

A.A.S.S. *L. Americanae Antiquarianae Societatis Socius*, Associate of the American Antiquarian Soc.

A.A.S.T.C. Associate in Architecture Sydney Technical College

AAT achievement anxiety test (psy.); Anglo-Australian Telescope, on N.S.W., Australia

A.A.T.A. Anglo-American Tourist Association

AATC Army Aviation Test Command (U.S.A.)

AATCC American Association of Textile Colour Chemists

A.A.T.N.U. Fr. *Administration de l'assistance technique des Nations Unies*, United Nations Technical Assistance Admin.

AATRI Army Air Traffic Regulation and Identification (U.S.A.)

AATT American Association of Textile Technology

A.A.T.T.A. Arab Association of Tourism and Travel Agents

A.A.T.U.F. All-African Trade Union Federation

A.A.U. Agricultural Adjustment Unit, Newcastle Univ.; Amateur Athletic Union (U.S.A.); Association of American Universities

A.A.U.N. American/Australian Association for United Nations

AAUP American Association of University Presses/Professors

A.A.U.Q. Associate in Accountancy University of Queensland (Aust.)

A.A.U.W. American Association of University Women

A.A.V.C. Australian Army Veterinary Corps

AAVS American Anti-Vivisection Society

AAWC Australian Advisory War Council

AAZPA American Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums

ab air break; anchor bolt

Ab alabamine (chem.)

AB *s* a human blood type of the ABO group; automated bibliography; *s* Aberystwyth (B.F.P.); *s* Worcestershire (B.V.R.)

ab. It. *abitanti*, population; about

a/b. airborne

a.B. Ger. *auf Bestellung*, on order

A/B. *Aktiebolaget*, limited company (Swed.)

A.B. able-bodied seaman; advisory board; air board; Fr. *Alliance balkanique*, Balkan Alliance; *L. Artium Baccalaureus*, Bachelor of Arts; asthmatic bronchitis

ABA AB Aerotransport (Swedish divi-

sion of SAS); Amateur Boxing Association

A.B.A. American Bankers' Association; American Bar Association; American/Australian Booksellers' Association; Associate of the British Archaeological Association; Association of British Archaeologists

A.B.A.A. Antiquarian Booksellers' Association of America; Associate of British Association of Accountants and Auditors

A.B.A.C. Association of British Aero Clubs and Centres

A.B.A.I. Amateur Basketball Association of Ireland

A.B.A.S. Amateur Basketball Association of Scotland

abb. abess; abbey; It. *abbonamento*, subscription; abbot; It. *abbuono*, allowance or discount (com.)

Abb., Abbild. Ger. *Abbildung*, illustration

A.B.B.A. Amateur Basket Ball Association; American Board of Bio-Analysis

abbr., abbrev. abbreviate; abbreviated; abbreviation; It. *abbreviazione*, abbreviation

Abby Abigail

ABC advanced biomedical capsule; alphabet; already been converted; American Broadcasting Company; Audit Bureau of Circulations, alt. forms OJD (Fr.), IVW (Ger.), IAD (It.) (advert.); automatic brake control

A.B.C. Aerated Bread Company; air bridge to Canada; America-Britain-Canada; American Book-prices Current; animal birth control; alum, blood, clay and charcoal, employed as precipitants in process of sewage treatment; Argentina-Brazil-Chile; Associated British Cinemas; Australian Bankruptcy Cases; Australian Broadcasting Commission; automatic binary computer

ABCA Army Bureau of Current Affairs

A.B.C.B. Association of Birmingham Clearing Banks

A.B.C.C. Association of British Chambers of Commerce; Association of British Correspondence Colleges

A.B.C.D. American, British, Chinese, Dutch powers in Pacific, WW2; Atomic Biological and Chemical Protection and Damage Control

A.B.C.F.M. American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions

ABC Islands Aruba, Bonaire, Curaçao (Neth. Antilles)

ABCM Associate of Bandsmen's Col-

lege of Music; Association of British Chemical Manufacturers, *now* CIA  
 ABD advanced base depot (USN);  
 American Board of Dermatology  
 abd. abdians; abdicate; average body dose (radiation)  
 A.B.D.A. American, British, Dutch, Australian Command in Pacific WW2  
 abdom. abdomen; abdominal  
 Abe Abraham; Abram  
 Aber. Aberdeen; Aberdonian  
 Aberc. Abercrombian; Abercrombie  
 Abf. Ger. *Abfahrt*, departure  
 A.B.F. Actors' Benevolent Fund;  
 Associated British Foods  
 A.B.F.M. American Board of Foreign Missions  
 A.B.G.B. Ger. *Allgemeines Bürgerliches Gesetzbuch*, Austrian Civil Code  
 abkg. Ger. *abgekürzt*, abbreviated  
 Abh. Ger. *Abhandlungen*, transactions, treatises  
 A.B.I. Associate of the Institute of Book-keepers; It. *Associazione Bibliotecari Italiani*, Assn. of It. Librarians  
 A.B.L.A. Associate of the Bankers' Institute of Australasia  
 A.B.I.M. American Board of International Missions; Association of British Insecticide Manufacturers  
 ab init. L. *ab initio*, from the beginning  
 abk. Ger. *abgekürzt*, abbreviated  
 abl, ablat. ablative  
 Abl. Sp. *Abril*, April  
 ABLA American Business Law Association  
 A.B.L.C. Association of British Launderers & Cleaners  
 ABLE activity balance line evaluation  
 A.B.L.S. Association of British Library Schools; Bachelor of Arts in Library Science  
 A.B.M. anti-ballistic missile; assistant beach master; Associate in Business Management; Australian Board of Missions; automatic batch mix  
 ABMA American Brush Manufacturers' Association; army ballistic missile agency  
 A.B.M.A.C. Association of British Manufacturers of Agricultural Chemicals  
 ABMEWS Anti-ballistic missile early warning system  
 A.B.M.P.M. Association of British Manufacturers of Printers' Machinery  
 A.B.M.S. American Bureau of Metal Statistics  
 A.B.M.U. American Baptist Missionary Union  
 aba airborne  
 Abn. Aberdeen  
 A.B.N. Anti-bolshevik Bloc of Nations

ABNE Association for the Benefit of Non-contract Employees  
 ABO s a classification of human blood; American Board of Ophthalmology / Opticianry / Orthodontics / Otolaryngology  
 abo. aboriginal  
 A.B.O.F. Association of British Organic Fertilisers  
 ABOG American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology  
 A-bomb atomic bomb, first detonated experimentally 16 July 1945, first used operationally at Hiroshima 6 Aug. 1945 and at Nagasaki 9 Aug. 1945  
 ABOS American Board of Oral / Orthopedic Surgery  
 ABP American Board of Pathology / Pediatrics / Pedodontics / Peridontology / Prosthodontics  
 Abp. Archbishop  
 A.B.P. arterial blood pressure; Associated Book Publishers  
 A.B.P.A. Australian Book Publishers' Association  
 A.B.P.C. American Book Publishers' Council; Associated British Picture Corporation  
 ABPD American Board of Pediatric Dermatology  
 A.B.P.I. 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  
 A.B.Ps.S. Associate of the British Psychological Society  
 A.B.P.V.M. Association of British Plywood and Veneer Manufacturers  
 ABR American Board of Radiology; s *Real Aerovias Brasil*, Brazilian airline  
 abr. abridge; abridgement  
 Abr. Abraham  
 ABRACADABRA Abbreviations and Related Acronyms Associated with Defense, Astronautics, Business and Radio-electronics, title of publication of Raytheon Co. of Lexington, Mass.  
 ABRES advanced ballistics re-entry system  
 A.B.R.F.M. Association of British Roofing Felt Manufacturers  
 A.B.R.O. Animal Breeding Research Organization, Edinburgh; Army in Burma Reserve of Officers  
 A.B.R.R.M. Association of British Reclaimed Rubber Manufacturers  
 A.B.R.S. Association of British Riding Schools

**A.B.R.S.M.** Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music

**ABS** acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene copolymer (plastic); sodium alkyl benzene sulphonate

**abs.** absence; absent; absolute; absorbent; abstract; Fr. *aux bon soins de*, in care of

**Abs.** Ger. *Absatz*, paragraph; Ger. *Absender*, sender

**A.B.S.** American Bible Society; American Board of Surgery; American Bureau of Shipping; Architects' Benevolent Society; Associate of the Building Societies Institute; Association of Broadcasting Staff

**Abschn.** Ger. *Abschnitt*, paragraph or chapter

**abs.re.** L. *absente reo*, the defendant being absent

**abs.feb.** L. *absent febre*, when there is no fever (med.)

**A.B.S.I.** Associate of the Boot and Shoe Institution

**ABSIE** American Broadcasting Station in Europe, WW2

**A.B.S.M.** Associate of Birmingham & Midland Institute School of Music; — (T.T.D.) Teacher's Training Diploma

**A.B.S.M.G.P.** Associate Member of the British Society of Master Glass-Painters

**absol.** absolute

**abs.re.** L. *absente reo*, the defendant being absent

**abstr.** abstract

**abs.visc.** viscosity, absolute

**A.B.S.W.** Association of British Science Writers

**abt.** about

**Abt.** Ger. *Abteilung*, division or part

**A.B.T.** Association of Building Technicians

**A.B.T.A.** Allied Brewery Traders' Association; Association of British Travel Agents; Australian British Trade Association

**ABTAC** Australian Book Trade Advisory Committee

**ABTICS** Abstract and Book Title Index Card Service of the Iron and Steel Institute

**ABTUC** All-Burma Trade Union Congress

**A.B.U.** Asian Broadcasting Union, H.Q. Tokyo; Assembly of the Baptist Union

**A.-B.U.** Anglo-Belgian Union

**abv.** above

**Abv** Abraham; Abram

**A.B.Y.A.** Association of British Yacht Agents

**a/c** account; Port. *ao cuidado de*, care of

**Ac** s actinium (chem.)

**AC** alternating current; s Warwickshire (B.V.R.)

**A/C** account; aircraft; aircraftman

**ac.** acre; activity

**a.c.** It. *a capo*, new line; Fr. *à compte*, on account; advisory committee; Fr. *année courante*, this year; It. *assegno circolare*, banker's draft or cashier's check; author's correction

**a.c.** L. *anno corrente*, this year; L. *ante cibum*, before meals (med.)

**a.c.** Port. *antes de Cristo*, before Christ (BC); It. *avanti Cristo*, before Christ (BC)

**A.C.** aero-club; air command; air commodore; air control; air corps; air council; aircraftman; Alpine Club; alternating current (elec.); ambulance corps; analogue computer; analytical chemist; annual conference; appeal case/court; army corps/council; artillery college; arts council; assistant commissioner; athletic club; Atlantic Charter; L. *Auditor Camerae*, Auditor of the Papal Treasury; It. *Azione Cattolica*, Catholic Action, non-political organization aiming to educate the social and moral conscience of Italy

**A. & C.** addenda and corrigenda; Antony and Cleopatra (Shake.)

**A.C.** L. *ante Christum*, before Christ

**A.C.A.** adjacent-channel attenuation; advanced combat aircraft; Agricultural Co-operative Association; American Composers' Alliance; Amusement Caterers' Association; Anglers' Co-operative Association; Arts Council of America; Associate (of the Institute of) Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, or Ireland; Australian Council for Aeronautics

**A.C.A.A.** Associate of the Australasian Institute of Cost Accountants

**ACAB** Army Contract Adjustment Board (U.S.A.)

**Acad.** academic; academical; academy

**Acad.b.a.** Fr. *Académie des beaux-arts*, Academy of Fine Arts

**Acad. fran.** Fr. *Académie française*, French Academy

**ACADI** *Association des Cadres Dirigeants de l'Industrie*, Assn. of Industrial Executives (France)

**Acad. med./mus./sci.** Academy of medicine/music/science

**Acad.St.Cec.** It. *Accademia di Santa Cecilia*, Rome

**A.C. & A.E.** Association of Chemical and Allied Employers