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Abbreviations

<i>Aeron.</i> , Aeronautics	<i>L.</i> , Latin
<i>Astron.</i> , Astronautics	<i>Math.</i> , Mathematics
<i>(Aust.)</i> , Australia	<i>Met.</i> , Meteorology
<i>Bib.</i> , Bible	<i>Mil.</i> , Military
<i>(Can.)</i> , Canada	<i>Mus.</i> , Music
<i>Chem.</i> , Chemistry	<i>Naut.</i> , Nautical
<i>Cin.</i> , Cinema	<i>(NZ)</i> , New Zealand
<i>DP.</i> , Data Processing	<i>Obs.</i> , Obsolete
<i>Elec.</i> , Electrical	<i>Phot.</i> , Photography
<i>Fin.</i> , Finance	<i>Phys.</i> , Physics
<i>Fr.</i> , French	<i>Psychol.</i> , Psychology
<i>Gael.</i> , Gaelic	<i>Ptg.</i> , Printing
<i>It.</i> , Italian	<i>Russ.</i> , Russian
<i>IVR</i> , International	<i>(SAfr)</i> , South Africa
Vehicle Registration	<i>(US)</i> , United States

Pronunciation Key

a	as in fat	o	as in pot	yoo	as in cure
ā	as in date	ō	as in tone	u	as in cut
ä	as in car	ô	as in law	ʊ	as in fur
e	as in ten	oo	as in tool	ə	as in agent
ē	as in meet	oo	as in pull	sh	as in dash
i	as in hit	yoo	as in few	ŋ	as in ring
ī	as in bite				

Notes to the User

1. Entries are set out in alphabetical order, but where two or more abbreviations consist of the same letters, they are set out as in the following example:

CD 1. Canadian Forces Decoration 2.
Chancery Division 3. Civil Defence 4.
contagious disease 5. Corps Diplomatique
C/D 1. Certificate of Deposit 2.
Customs Declaration
Cd Chem. cadmium
cd candela
cd. 1. cord 2. could
c.d. cash discount
c/d carried down

2. Definitions within entries follow alphabetical order (see above example).
3. In the interests of economy, it has not been possible to include all the variations of capitals or lower case, and punctuated or unpunctuated entries. Generally, the unpunctuated version with capitals is given, but this by no means suggests that it is the only version in use.
4. Definitions may be supplemented by a field label, *eg* Chem., *IVR*, *Math.*, or a country of use, *eg* (Aust.), (Can.).

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A

- A** 1. Absolute 2. Academician
 3. Academy 4. Acting 5. Adjutant
 6. Admiral 7. Adult 8. Advanced
 9. alcohol 10. alto 11. Amateur
 12. America(n) 13. ampere
 14. Ångström 15. anode 16. answer
 17. April 18. *Math.* area 19. *Chem.*
 argon 20. Artillery 21. Associate
 22. atomic weight 23. *IVR* Austria
- Å** Ångström unit
- a** 1. acceleration 2. acre 3. are (unit of
 measure)
- a.** 1. about 2. accepted 3. acid
 4. active 5. actual 6. address
 7. adjective 8. age 9. alto 10. ampere
 11. *anno* (*L.* year) 12. anode
 13. anonymous 14. answer 15. *ante* (*L.*
 before) 16. *aqua* (*L.* water) 17. area
 18. arrive
- A1** first class
- AA** 1. Achievement Age 2. Advertisers'
 Association 3. Air Attaché 4. Alcoholics
 Anonymous 5. Anglers' Association
 6. anti-aircraft 7. Architectural
 Association 8. Associate in Accounting
 9. Associate in Agriculture 10. Associate

in Arts **11.** Augustinians of the Assumption **12.** Automobile Association

AAA **1.** Agricultural Adjustment Administration (US) **2.** Amateur Athletic Association **3.** American Accounting Association **4.** American Automobile Association **5.** anti-aircraft artillery **6.** Australian Automobile Association

AAAA **1.** Amateur Athletic Association of America **2.** American Association of Advertising Agencies **3.** Australian Association of Advertising Agencies

AAAL American Academy of Arts and Letters

AAAS **1.** American Academy of Arts and Sciences **2.** American Association for the Advancement of Science **3.** Associate of the American Antiquarian Society

AAB **1.** American Association of Bioanalysts **2.** Association of Applied Biologists

AABL Associated Australian Banks in London

AABM Australian Association of British Manufacturers

AAC **1.** Agricultural Advisory Council **2.** Amateur Athletic Club **3.** *anno ante Christum* (*L.* in the year before Christ) **4.** Army Air Corps **5.** automatic amplitude control

AACCA Associate of the Association of
Certified and Corporate Accountants

AACE American Association of Cost
Engineers

AACL Association of American
Correspondents in London

AACP Anglo-American Council on
Productivity

AACR American Association for Cancer
Research

AACS Airways and Air Communications
Service (US)

AADC Air Aide-de-Camp

AAE 1. American Association of
Engineers 2. Association for Adult
Education

AAEC Australian Atomic Energy
Commission

AAEE 1. Aircraft and Armament
Experimental Establishment 2. American
Association of Electrical Engineers

AAeE Associate in Aeronautical
Engineering

AAF Army Air Force (US)

AAFA Anglo-American Families
Association

AAFCE Allied Air Forces Central Europe

AAFIS Army and Air Force Intelligence
Staff

AAFNE

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AAFNE Allied Air Forces Northern
Europe

AAFSE Allied Air Forces Southern
Europe

AAFSS Advanced Aerial Fire Support
System

AAG 1. Assistant Adjutant-General
2. Association of American Geographers

AAHE American Association for Higher
Education

AAI 1. Architectural Association of
Ireland 2. Associate of the Chartered
Auctioneers' and Estate Agents' Institute
3. Association of Art Institutions

AAIA 1. Associate of the Association of
International Accountants 2. Associate of
the Australian Institute of Advertising

AAII Associate of the Australian
Insurance Institute

AAL 1. Academy of Art and Literature
2. Association of Assistant Librarians

AALL American Association for Labor
Legislation

AALPA Associate of the Incorporated
Society of Auctioneers and Landed Property
Agents

AAM 1. air-to-air missile 2. Anti-
Apartheid Movement 3. Association of
Assistant Mistresses

AAMC 1. Association of American

Medical Colleges 2. Australian Army
Medical Corps

AANA Australian Association of National
Advertisers

A & A additions and amendments

A & M 1. Agricultural and Mechanical
2. *Hymns* Ancient and Modern

A & N Army and Navy

A & R Artist and Repertoire

A & SH Argyll and Sutherland
Highlanders

AAP Australian Associated Press

AAPA Advertising Agency Production
Association

AAPC All African Peoples' Conference

AAPHI Associate of the Association of
Public Health Inspectors

AAPO All African Peoples' Organization

AAPS American Association for the
Promotion of Science

AAPSS American Academy of Political
and Social Science

AAPSW Associate of the Association of
Psychiatric Social Workers

AAPT American Association of Physics
Teachers

AAQMG Assistant Adjutant and
Quartermaster General

a.a.r. 1. against all risks 2. average
annual rainfall

AAS 1. *Academiae Americanae Socius*
(L. Fellow of the American Academy of
Arts and Sciences) 2. American Academy
of Arts and Sciences 3. American
Antiquarian Society 4. American
Astronautical Society 5. American
Astronomical Society 6. Associate in
Applied Science 7. Association of
Architects and Surveyors 8. Australian
Academy of Science 9. Auxiliary
Ambulance Service

AASA Associate of the Australian Society
of Accountants

AASE Australian Associated Stock
Exchanges

AASF Advanced Air Striking Force

AASS *Americanae Antiquariae
Societatis Socius* (L. Associate of the
American Antiquarian Society)

AATA Anglo-American Tourist
Association

AATUF All-African Trade Union
Federation

AAU Amateur Athletic Union

AAUN American or Australian
Association for the United Nations

AAUP American Association of
University Professors

AAUQ Associate in Accountancy,
University of Queensland

AAUW American Association of University Women

AB 1. able-bodied seaman 2. *Artium Baccalaureus* (L. Bachelor of Arts)

Ab Chem. alabamine

ab. about

ABA 1. Amateur Boxing Association
2. American Bankers' Association
3. American Bar Association 4. American Booksellers' Association 5. Antiquarian Booksellers' Association 6. Associate of the British Archaeological Association
7. Association of British Archaeologists

ABAA 1. Antiquarian Booksellers' Association of America 2. Associate of the British Association of Accountants and Auditors

ABAC Association of British Aero Clubs and Centres

ABAF Association of British Adoption and Fostering Agencies

ABAI Amateur Basketball Association of Ireland

ABAS Amateur Basketball Association of Scotland

Abb. 1. Abbess 2. Abbey 3. Abbot

ABBA Amateur Basket Ball Association

abbr., abbrev. 1. abbreviated

2. abbreviation

ABC 1. Advance Booking Charter

2. American Broadcasting Company
 3. Associated British Cinemas 4. Audit
 Bureau of Circulations 5. Australian
 Broadcasting Commission 6. automatic
 binary computer

ABCA Army Bureau of Current Affairs

ABCB Association of Birmingham
 Clearing Banks

ABCC 1. Association of British Chambers
 of Commerce 2. Association of British
 Correspondence Colleges

ABCM Associate of the Bandsman's
 College of Music

ABD Association of British Detectives

abd. 1. abdicated 2. abridged

ABF 1. Actors' Benevolent Fund
 2. Associated British Foods

ABFM American Board of Foreign
 Missions

ABH alpha-benzene-hexachloride

ABI Associate of the Institute of
 Bookkeepers

ABIA Associate of the Bankers' Institute
 of Australasia

ab init. *ab initio* (L. from the beginning)

ABIS Association of Burglary Insurance
 Surveyors

abl. ablative

ABLA American Business Law
 Association

ABLC Association of British Launderers and Cleaners

ABLS 1. Association of British Library Schools 2. Bachelor of Arts in Library Science

ABM 1. anti-ballistic missile
2. Associate in Business Management
3. Australian Board of Missions

ABMEWS anti-ballistic missile early warning system

ABMEX Association of British Mining Equipment Exporters

ABMPM Association of British Manufacturers of Printers' Machinery

ABOCF Association of British Organic and Compound Fertilisers

ABP 1. arterial blood pressure
2. Associated Book Publishers

Abp. Archbishop

ABPA Australian Book Publishers' Association

ABPC American Book Publishers' Council

ABPI Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry

ABPN Association of British Paediatric Nurses

ABPsS Associate of the British Psychological Society

abr. 1. abridged 2. abridgment

ABRO Animal Breeding Research
Organization, Edinburgh

ABRS Association of British Riding
Schools

ABRSM Associated Board of the Royal
Schools of Music

ABS 1. American Bible Society.

2. American Bureau of Shipping

3. Associate of the Building Societies

Institute 4. Association of Broadcasting
Staff

abs. 1. absence 2. absent 3. absolute
4. abstract

ABSM Associate of the Birmingham
School of Music

absol. absolute

abs. re. *absente reo* (*L.* the defendant
being absent)

abstr. abstract

ABSW Association of British Science
Writers

ABT Association of Building Technicians

abt. about

ABTA 1. Allied Brewery Traders'
Association 2. (*ab'tə*) Association of
British Travel Agents 3. Australian British
Trade Association

ABTAPL Association of British
Theological and Philosophical Libraries

ABTSA Assoc

Surgeons and A

ABTT Associa

Technicians

ABU Asian Broadcasting Union

ABus Associate in Business (US)

abv. above

ABZ Association of British Zoologists

AC 1. Advisory Committee 2. Aero

Club 3. Air Command 4. Air

Commodore 5. Air Control 6. Air Corps

7. Air Council 8. Aircraftman 9. Alpine

Club 10. Alternating Current

11. Ambulance Corps 12. analog

computer 13. analytical chemist

14. Annual Conference 15. *ante Christum*

(*L.* before Christ) 16. Appeal Case

17. Appeal Court 18. Army Corps

19. Army Council 20. Artillery College

21. Arts Council 22. Assistant

Commissioner 23. Athletic Club

24. Atlantic Charter 25. *Auditor Camerae*

(*L.* Auditor of the Papal Treasury)

26. Companion of the Order of Australia

A/C 1. account 2. account current

Ac *Chem.* actinium

ac. 1. acre 2. activity

a.c. 1. *ante cibum* (*L.* before meals)

2. author's correction

ACA 1. Agricultural Cooperative

Association (now ACMS) 2. Associate of the Institute of Chartered Accountants (of England and Wales) 3. Australian Council for Aeronautics

acad. 1. academic 2. academy

AC & AE Association of Chemical and Allied Employers

ACAS 1. (ā'kas) Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service 2. Assistant Chief of Air Staff

ACATS Association of Civil Aviation Technical Staffs

ACC 1. Administrative Coordination Committee 2. Advanced Communications Course 3. Air Coordinating Committee (US) 4. Army Catering Corps 5. Associated Chemical Companies

acc. 1. acceleration 2. accent 3. accepted 4. accompanied 5. according 6. account 7. accusative

ACCA Association of Certified and Corporate Accountants

Accad. Accademia

acce. acceptance

accel. *Mus. accelerando* (It. more quickly)

ACCI Association of Chambers of Commerce of Ireland

ACCO 1. Associate of the Canadian