

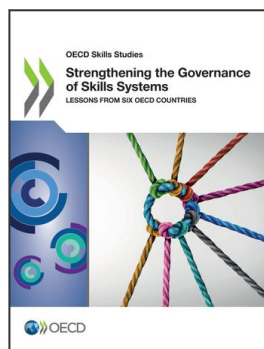
Abbreviations and acronyms

The main abbreviations and acronyms used in the report are listed below.

AIR	American Institutes for Research
ANQ	National Agency for Qualification (Agência Nacional para a Qualificação),
ANQEP	National Agency of Qualification and Vocational Education and Training (Agência Nacional para a Qualificação e o Ensino Profissional)
BA	Federal Employment Agency (Bundesagentur für Arbeit)
BBiG	Federal Law for Vocational Education and Training (Berufsbildungsgesetzes)
BDA	Federal Association of German Employers' Associations (Bundesvereinigung der Deutschen Arbeitgeberverbände)
BDI	Federal Association of German Industry (Bundesverband der Deutschen Industrie)
BfB	Federal Association of Free Vocations (Bundesverband Freier Berufe)
BIBB	Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (Bundesinstitut für Berufsbildung)
BMAS	Federal Ministry for Labour and Social Affairs (Bundesministerium für Arbeit und Soziales)
BMBF	Federal Ministry for Education and Research (Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung)
BMWi	Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (Bundesministerium für Wirtschaft und Energie)
CDU	Christian Democratic Union (Christlich Demokratische Union Deutschlands)
CSU	Christian Social Union in Bavaria (Christlich-Soziale Union in Bayern)
Cedefop	European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training
CMEs	Co-ordinated market economies
CNQ	National Catalogue of Qualifications (Catálogo Nacional de Qualificações)
DEEC	Department of Early Education and Care
DESE	Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
DGB	German Trade Union Confederation (Deutscher Gewerkschaftsbund)
DIHK	Association of German Chambers of Commerce and Industry (Deutscher Industrie- und Handelskammertag)
ECTS	European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System
ECVET	European Credit System for Vocational Education and Training
EHIS	Estonian Education Information System (Eesti hariduse infosüsteem)
EIS	Examination Information System (Eksamite infosüsteem)
ELA	English Language Arts
EQ	Preparatory traineeship (Einstiegsqualifizierung)
ESSA	Every Student Succeeds Act
ETIS	Estonian Research Portal
EWII	Early Warning Indicator Index
EWIS	Early Warning Indicator System
FDP	Free Democratic Party (Freie Demokratische Partei)
GILL	Gyeonggi Provincial Institute for Lifelong Learning (경기도평생교육진흥원)
GNLC	Global Network of Learning Cities
HITSA	Information Technology Foundation for Education (Hariduse Infotehnoloogia Sihtasutus)

HRD	Human Resource Development Service of Korea (한국산업인력공단)
HRK	Conference of University Rectors (Hochschulrektorenkonferenz)
HwO	Trade and Crafts Code (Handwerksordnung)
IAB	Institute for Employment Research (Institut für Arbeitsmarkt und Berufsforschung)
ICT	Information and communications technology
IEFP	Institute for Employment and Vocational Training (Instituto do Emprego e Formação Profissional)
IG	Industrial Union (Industriegewerkschaft)
KEDI	Korean Educational Development Institute (한국교육개발원)
KLI	Korean Labour Institute (한국노동연구원)
KMK	Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder (Kultusministerkonferenz)
KORCHAM	Korean Chamber of Commerce (대한상공회의소)
KRIVET	Korean Research Institute for Vocational Education and Training (한국직업능력개발원)
KSQA	Korean Skills Quality Authority (직업심사능력평가원)
LMEs	Liberal Market Economies
LO	Norwegian Confederation of Trade Unions (Landsorganisasjonen i Norge)
MASCA	Massachusetts School Counsellors Association
MCAS	Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System
MERA	Massachusetts Education Reform Act
NAEP	National Assessment of Educational Progress
NAV	Norwegian Labour and Welfare Administration (Nye arbeids- og velferdsetaten)
NCLB	No Child Left Behind Act
NEET	Not in Education, Employment or Training
NGO	Non-governmental organisation
NHO	Confederation of Norwegian Enterprises (Norwegian Næringslivets Hovedorganisasjon)
NILE	National Institute for Lifelong Education (국가평생교육진흥원)
NPM	New public management
ÕIS	Study Information System (Õppeinfosüsteem)
PIAAC	Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competences
PISA	Programme for International Student Assessment
POCH	Human Capital Operational Programme (Programa Operacional Capital Humano)
POISE	Operational Programme for Social Inclusion and Employment (Programa Operacional Inclusão Social e Emprego)
QNQ	National Qualifications Framework (Quadro Nacional de Qualificações)
RTK	State Support Service Center (Riigi Tugiteenuste Keskus)
SAIS	Admission Information System (Sisseastumise InfoSüsteem)
SANQ	Qualification Needs Anticipation System (Sistema de Antecipação de Necessidades de Qualificações)
SCS	Student course schedule
SER	Socio-Economic Council
SIMS	Student Information Management System
SLDS	Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems
SNQ	National Qualifications System (Sistema Nacional de Qualificações)
SPD	Social Democratic Party (Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands)
SSDR	School Safety Discipline Report
TBU	Norwegian Technical Calculation Committee for Wage Settlements (Teknisk beregningsutvalg for inntektsoppgjørene)
UNIO	Confederation of Unions for Professionals (Utdanningsgruppene Hovedorganisasjon)
VET	Vocational education and training
Virke	Enterprise Federation of Norway
VoC	Varieties of capitalism

VOFO	Norwegian Association for Adult Learning (Voksenopplæringsforbundet)
VOX	Norwegian Agency for Lifelong Learning (Nasjonalt senter for læring i arbeidslivet)
YS	Confederation of Vocational Unions (Yrkesorganisasjonenes Sentralforbund)
ZDH	Central Association of the German Confederation of Skilled Crafts (Zentralverband des Deutschen Handwerks)



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