

Abbreviations for Social and Market Researchers

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AAT	Association of Accounting Technicians
ACA	Association of Consulting Actuaries
ACCA	Association of Chartered Certified Accountants
ACPO	Association of Chief Police Officers
ACRE	Action with Communities in Rural England
AHRC	Arts & Humanities Research Council
ALGIS	Affiliation of Local Government Information Specialists
ALMO	Arms-Length Management Organisation
APA	Association of Police Authorities
APM	Application Portfolio Management
AQR	Association for Qualitative Research
BCSC	British Council of Shopping Centres
BERR	Business Enterprise & Regulatory Reform, Dpt for
BMA	British Medical Association
BMRB	British Market Research Bureau
BRE	Building Research Establishment
BURISA	British Urban & Regional Information Systems Association
CAA	Comprehensive Area Assessment
CAB	Citizens Advice Bureau
CABE	Commission for Architecture & the Built Environment
CAFCASS	Children And Family Court Advisory Support Service
CAM	Controlled Access Microdata
CATI	Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing
CCAB	Consultative Committee of Accountancy Bodies

CCRI	Countryside & Community Research Institute
CD	Compact disc
CEMACH	Confidential Enquiry into Maternal & Child Health
CFA	Chartered Financial Analyst
CHRE	Council for Healthcare Regulatory Excellence
CIPD	Chartered Institute of Personnel & Development
CIPFA	Certified Institute of Public Finance & Accountancy
CILIP	Chartered Institute of Library & Information Professionals
Cosla	Convention of Scottish Local Authorities
CRB	Criminal Record Bureau
CSCI	Commission for Social Care Inspection
CSR	Corporate Social Responsibility
CSRG	Children's Services Research Group (see also 'LEARG')
CSV	Comma-Separated Values Computerized System Validation Character Strength & Values Community Service Volunteers
Defra	Department for Environment & Rural Affairs
DIUS	Department for Innovation, Universities & Skills
DVD	Digital Versatile Disc
DWP	Department for Work & Pensions
ECT	Ealing Community Transport
EIRIS	Ethical Investment Research Services
ERS	Electoral Reform Society
ESRC	Economic & Social Research Council
EULIS	European Land Information Service

DWP	Department for Work & Pensions
FDA	Association of First Division Civil Servants
FMCG	Fast Moving Consumer Goods
FODC	Free On-line Dictionary of Computing
FTP	File Transfer Protocol
GGCSE	General Certificate for Secondary Education
GIS	Geographical Information System
HMR	Housing Market Renewal
HSE	Health & Safety Executive
HTTP	Hyper-Text Transfer Protocol
IA	Intelligent Addressing
ICT	Information & Communication Technologies
IDeA	Improvement & Development Agency
IfL	Institute for Learning
IRRV	Institute of Revenues Rating & Valuation
ISD Scotland	Information Services Division
ISP	Internet Service Provider
ITIL	Information Technology Infrastructure Library
LARCI	Local Authority Research Council Initiative
LARIA	Local Authorities Research & Intelligence Association
LBRO	Local Better Regulation Office
LDF	Local Development Framework
LEARG	Local Education Authorities' Research Group (see also 'CSRG')
LGA	Local Government Association

LINKs	Local Involvement Networks
MBA	Master of Business Administration
MRS	Market Research Society
NACRO	National Association for the Care & Resettlement of Offenders
NADPO	National Association of Data Protection Officers
NAIM	National Association for Information Management
NAO	National Audit Office
NASUWT	National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers
NatCen	National Centre for Social Research
NCB	National Children's Bureau
NCT	National Childbirth Trust
NEET	Not in Employment Education or Training
NEF	New Economics Foundation
NICE	National Institute for Clinical Excellence
NLPG	National Land & Property Gazetteer
NOMIS	National On-line Manpower Information Service
NOMS	National Offender Management Service
NPIA	National Policing Improvement Agency
NSG	National Street Gazetteer
NSPCC	National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children
ODI	Overseas Development Institute
OECD	Organization for Economic Cooperation & Development
OFGEM	Office of Gas & Electricity Markets

Ofqual	Qualifications & Curriculum Authority
OHE	Office of Health Economics
OND	Ordinary National Diploma
OPRC	Office of Public Relations & Communications
ORC	Opinion Research Corporation
ORR	Office of Rail Regulation
PLASC	Pupil Annual School Census
QCA	See 'Ofqual'
RCC	Rural Communities Council
RIEP	Regional Improvement & Efficiency Partnership
RSS	Royal Statistical Society
RTD	Research & Technological Development
RTPI	Royal Town Planning Institute
SAM	Sustainable Asset Management
SARs	Samples of Anonymised Records
SASPAC	Small Area Statistics Package
SEPA	Single European Payments Area
SOLACE	Society of Local Authority Chief Executives
SPSS	Statistical Package for the Social Sciences
SQL	Structured Query Language
SRA	Social Research Association
SSDA	Sector Skills Development Agency
SSRG	Social Services Research Group
TBA	To be announced

TPA	Town Planning Association
TSA	Tenant Services Authority
UKCRN	UK Clinical Research Network
UML	Unified Modelling Language
URL	Uniform Resource Locator
VDI	Virtual Desktop Infrastructure
VFM	Value for Money
VSO	Voluntary Service Overseas
WBL	Work Based Learning