

## Glossary of UK educational terms (including abbreviations/acronyms)

<b>Further education (FE)</b>	Post-16, non-compulsory, non-HE, education
<b>Higher education (HE)</b>	Usually at universities, includes undergraduate (first) degrees, and postgraduate degrees - masters (e.g. MA) and doctorates (e.g. PhD)
<b>Pre-service teacher training</b>	Initial teacher training, to train students to become qualified teachers; various routes available (see attached)
<b>In-service teacher training</b>	Post-qualification teacher training; various options, including one day courses or one year part-time
<b>CPD (continuing professional development)</b>	On-going training while in employment to update and add to skills and knowledge
<b>PGCE (postgraduate certificate in education)</b>	Initial teacher training for those with a first degree
<b>Cert. Ed. (Certificate in Education)</b>	Initial teacher training, usually for those without a degree, who may already be working within FE
<b>Numeracy</b>	A basic set of general mathematical skills that enable an individual to function in specific personal, work and societal situations. Note: The term numeracy is currently the subject of international debate in terms of its definition and function within mathematics
<b>Literacy</b>	'The ability to read, write and speak in English at a level necessary to function at work and in society in general.' (UK <i>Adult Literacy Core Curriculum</i> , p.3)
<b>ESOL (English to speakers of other languages)</b>	Mainly for asylum seekers, refugees, long-term immigrants who intend to live permanently in the UK
<b>EFL (English as a foreign language)</b>	Mainly for short-term students in the UK who will return to their own countries
<b>ESL (English as a second language)</b>	Usually used in the United States (US) for ESOL

<b>E1-L2 (Entry 1 – Level 2)</b>	Student skill levels (see chart). Level 2 is approximately upper-intermediate/advanced level.
<b>Level 1 - Level 5</b>	Teacher qualification levels (see chart). Level 5 is equivalent to postgraduate level.
<b>Differentiation</b>	Teaching so that each learner's individual different level, style, or learning needs, are attended to within the group – in contrast to teaching a whole class as one homogeneous group (see <i>Access for All</i> )
<b>Learner</b>	A general term covering students, pupils, trainees, etc. Increasingly preferred in adult education
<b>Student</b>	General term for one who studies – usually for post-16 young adults/adults, e.g. in FE and HE
<b>Pupil</b>	Usually a term for school, pre-16, children
<b>Trainee</b>	A participant on a training course, e.g. for teacher training
<b>Trainer</b>	A teacher/tutor on a training (professional, work-related) course
<b>Tutor</b>	Implies closer contact than a teacher; tutors are usually in charge of one particular group of students and responsible for their pastoral (welfare and personal/social issues) care, e.g. group tutor, tutor group, personal tutor
<b>Mentor</b>	An experienced practitioner who is available for and gives support and advice to a trainee/novice
<b>PDC (Professional Development Centre)</b>	A centre for CPD and training for teachers
<b>LLUK (Lifelong Learning UK) – see <i>FENTO</i></b>	Formerly FENTO (see below).
<b>FENTO (Further Educational National Training Organisation) – see <i>LLUK</i></b>	Since 1/2005 termed Lifelong Learning UK (LLUK). The national lead body for the development, quality assurance and promotion of national standards within further education.

<b>QCA (Qualifications and Curriculum Authority)</b>	Developers of national standards for basic skills
<b>C&amp;G (City and Guilds)</b>	An examining board, relating to FE exams
<b>RSA (Royal Society of Arts)</b>	An examining board, relating to EFL/ESOL exams
<b>UCLES (University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate)</b>	An examining board, relating to EFL/ESOL exams
<b>CELTA (Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults)</b>	An initial teaching qualification for EFL/ESOL teachers
<b>DELTA (Diploma in English Language Teaching to Adults)</b>	A post-experience professional qualification for EFL/ESOL teachers
<b>IELTS (International English Language Testing System)</b>	An internationally recognised English language qualification; an IELTS score of 6-7 is the usual language requirement for entrance to UK universities
<b>Basic skills</b>	A new initiative, including adult literacy, numeracy and language (ESOL in the UK); now also ICT
<b>Key skills</b>	A new initiative, consisting of communication, application of number, ICT, working with others, improving own learning and performance, and problem solving; usually aimed at 16 -18 year olds on vocational courses, to give learners the transferable skills required to work and learn effectively
<b>'Essential' skills</b>	A proposed new initiative to merge basic and key skills
<b>OHP (overhead projector)</b>	Machine using OHTs (overhead transparencies) for giving presentations (an alternative to using powerpoint and a laptop)
<b>TP (teaching practice)</b>	Includes placements for trainee teachers
<b>DfES (Department for Education and Skills)</b>	Government department responsible for all education sectors, both pre- and post-16
<b>APEL (accreditation of prior</b>	A process whereby students can apply for

<b>experience and learning)</b>	exemption from certain parts of a course if they have previously studied the same content elsewhere
<b>IT (information technology)</b>	See <a href="http://ferl.becta.org.uk/display.cfm?page=487">http://ferl.becta.org.uk/display.cfm?page=487</a>
<b>ICT (information and communication technology)</b>	See <a href="http://ferl.becta.org.uk/display.cfm?page=487">http://ferl.becta.org.uk/display.cfm?page=487</a>
<b>ILT (information and learning technology)</b>	See <a href="http://ferl.becta.org.uk/display.cfm?page=487">http://ferl.becta.org.uk/display.cfm?page=487</a>
<b>Self-assessment</b>	Assessment of one's own positive and negative aspects for evaluation purposes and for planning future direction and activities