

NHS Scotland Assure - Assurance Service Master Glossary

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| Abbreviation | Abbreviation Meaning |
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| A&E | Accident and Emergency |
| AAV | Air Admittance Valve |
| ABS | Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene |
| ac | Alternating Current |
| ACB | Air Circuit Breaker |
| ACDP | Advisory Committee on Dangerous Pathogens |
| ACH | Air Changes per Hour - an indicative measure of air volume added or removed from a space in an hour |
| ACRs | Authority Construction Requirements (or BCRs -Board Construction Requirements) -SFT briefing documents |
| ADB | Activity DataBase - tool for NHS department, room, equipment briefing, mandated by CEL(2010)19 |
| AE | Authorising Engineer |
| AE(HV) | Authorising Engineer (High Voltage) |
| AE(LV) | Authorising Engineer (Low Voltage) |
| AE(V) | Authorising Engineer (Ventilation) |
| AE(W) | Authorising Engineer (Water) |
| AEDET | Achieving Excellence Design Evaluation Toolkit - NHS quality assessment part of SCIM & mandated by CEL(2010)19 |
| AEO | Accountable Emergency Officer |
| AHU | Air Handling Unit |
| AGOL | Accessible Goods-Only Lift |
| AGS | Anaesthetic Gas Scavenging |
| AGSS | Anaesthetic Gas Scavenging System |
| AMB | Assumed Maximum Demand |
| ANC | Association of Noise Consultants |
| AP | Authorised Person |
| AP(HV) | Authorised Person (High Voltage) |
| AP(LV) | Authorised Person (Low Voltage) |
| AP(W) | Authorised Person (Water) |
| ARHAI | Antimicrobial Resistance and Healthcare Associated Infection (or HPS) -part of NHS Scotland NSS Board |
| AVR | Automatic Voltage Regulator |
| AVSU | Area Valve Service Unit |
| AWWARF | American Water Works Association Research Foundation |
| BACnet | Building Automation Control Network |
| BAS | Building Automation System |
| BASEC | British Approvals Services for Electrical Cables |
| BCGA | British Compressed Gas Association |
| BCGA | British Compressed Gases Association |
| BCM | Business Continuity Management |
| BCP | Business Continuity Plan |
| BCRs | Board Construction Requirements (or ACRs- Authority Construction Requirements) -SFT briefing documents |
| BEMS | Building Energy Management System |
| BIFM | British Institute of Facilities Managers |
| BIM | Building Information Modelling, mandated by Scot Gov Apr 2017, now developed as part of CDE |
| BMS | Building Management System |
| BPR | Batch Processing Record |
| BRE | Building Research Establishment |
| BREEAM | Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method - an assessment mandated by CEL(2010)19 |
| BS | British Standard |
| BSI | British Standards Institution |
| BSRIA | Building Services Research & Information Association |
| CCA | Critical Care Areas |
| CCRA | (UK) Climate Change Risk Assessment (HM Government, 2012) |
| CCTV | Closed-Circuit television |
| CCU | Coronary Care Unit or Cardiac Care |
| CDE | Common Data Environment - a shared platform for Digital facilities/ BIM mandate in development for NHS Scotland |
| CDM | Construction, Design and Management regulations |
| CDP | Contractors Designed Portion - a D&B construction package the contractor or sub-contractor have design responsibility for |
| CDU | Central Decontamination Unit |
| CE | European Conformity |
| CEL | Chief Executive Letter (Scottish Gov Health Policy Letter - 2007 to 2018) |
| CEN | European Standardization Committee |
| CENELEC | The European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization |
| CFU | Colony Forming Unit |
| CHIP2 | Chemicals Hazard Information and Packaging for Supply |
| CHP | Combined Heat and Power - electricity generation plant |
| CIBSE | Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers |
| CIG | Capital Investment Group - NHS Scotland business case approval body, run by SGHSCD |
| CLS | Cryogenic Liquid System |
| CMO | Chief Medical Officer (also a Scottish Gov Policy Letter from CMO) |
| CNO | Chief Nursing Officer (also a Scottish Gov Policy Letter from CNO) |
| CO | Carbon Monoxide |
| CO2 | Carbon Dioxide |
| Coliform | Gram Negative Bacteria |
| COSHH | Control of Substances Hazardous to Health |
| CP | Competent Person |
| CP (HV) | Competent Person (High Voltage) |
| CP (LV) | Competent Person (Low Voltage) |
| CP (W) | Competent Person (Water) |
| CP23 | Code of Practice 23 |
| CP30 | Code of Practice 30 |
| CP4 | Code of Practice 4 |
| CP6 | Code of Practice 6 |
| CP7 | Code of Practice 7 |
| CPAP | Continuous Positive Airway Pressure |
| CPC | Circuit Protective Conductor |
| CPD | Continuing Professional Development |
| CQC | Care Quality Commission |
| CR | Contractors Representative |
| CSA | Cross Sectional Area |
| CSF | Cerebral Cerebrospinal Fluid |
| CSO | Contract Supervising Officer |
| CT | Current Transformer |
| CT | Computed Tomography |
| CTSA | Counter Terrorism Security Advisor |
| CW | Cold Water |
| D&B | Design & Build - plus procurement variations of this e.g. DBF, DBFM, DBFO = Design, Build, Fund & Manage or & Operate |
| DAVs | Dental Air Systems |
| DB | Distribution Board |
| dB | Decibel |
| DBP | Disinfectant By-Product |
| DBU | Distribution Unit |
| dc | Direct Current |
| DCC | Direct Digital Control |
| DCLG | Department for Communities and Local Government |
| DCWS | Domestic Cold Water Service |
| Dead leg | A section of pipe that no longer maintains regular water flow. |
| DECT | Digital Enhanced Cordless telecommunications |
| DH or DoH | Department of Health - responsible for NHS facility Guidance in England, until transferred (circa 2015) to NHS Improvement / NHS England |
| DHCW | Domestic Hot and Cold Water |
| DHCWS | Domestic Hot and Cold Water System |
| DHW | Domestic Hot Water |
| DHWS | Domestic Hot Water Service |
| Di | Deionisation |
| DIN | The German Institute for Standardization |
| DL | Directorate Letter (Scottish Gov Health Policy Letter - post 2019) |
| DMO | Designated Medical Officer |
| DNO | Distribution Network Operator |
| DNO | Designated Nursing Officer |
| Dnt.w | Weighted Standardised Level Difference |
| DOP | Dispersed Oil Particulate |
| DRUPS | Diesel Rotary Uninterrruptible Power Supplies |
| DSR | Domestic Services Room |
| DTC | Diagnostic and Treatment Centres |
| DWQR | Drinking Water Quality Regulator |
| EA | Environment Agency - England |
| EBB | Earth Bonding Bars |
| EBME | Electronic and Biomedical Equipment |
| EBS | Emergency Bed Service |
| EC | European Conformity |
| ECC | Elective Care Centre |
| ECG | Electrocardiogram |
| EColi | Escherichia Coli |
| ECT | Electroconvulsive Therapy |
| ED | Emergency Department |
| EDDS | Endoscope Decontamination Documentation System |
| EDU | Endoscope Decontamination Units |
| EEA | European Economic Area |
| EEC | European Economic Community |
| EFAs | Estates & Facilities Alerts (IRIC Safety Alert) |
| EHSR | Essential Health and Safety Requirements |
| EI | Extreme Inverse |
| ELV | Extra Low Voltage |
| EMC | Electromagnetic Compatibility |
| EMCD | Electromagnetic Compatibility Directives |
| EMI | Electromagnetic Interference |
| EMS | Energy Management System |
| EPDM | Ethylene Propylene Diene Monomer |
| EPLO | Emergency Planning Liaison Officer |
| EPR | Electronic Patient Records |
| ERB | Earth Reference Bar |
| ERIC | Estates Return Information Collection - England |
| ERM | Emergency Reserve Manifold |
| ERMS | Emergency Reserve Manifolds |
| ESD | Electrostatic Discharge |
| ESM | Emergency Supply Manifold |
| ESTS | European Standards and Technical Specifications |
| ETSI | European Telecommunications Standards Institute |
| EU | European Union |
| EWDs | Endoscope Washer Disinfectors |
| FAA | Free Air Aspirated |
| FAD | Free Air Delivery |
| FBC | Full Business Case - a key stage of the NHS Scotland business case process |
| FELV | Functional Extra Low Voltage |
| FFL | Finished Floor Level |
| FL | Full Load |
| Firecode | NHS Guidance series on Fire Safety incl SHTM 80s, SFPNs - mandated by CEL(2008)25 |
| FM | Facilities Management |
| FMT | Facilities Monitoring Tool |
| FPCI | Filtration Plant Cut-In |
| FPCO | Filtration Plant Cut-Out |
| FR | Fire Rated |
| FRA | Flood Risk Assessment |
| FS or Framework | Framework Scotland 1 (2008-2013), 2 (2013-2021) and 3 (2021- ) -Public sector and NHS Scotland design & build procurement route run by HFS |
| GCFID | Gas Chromatography with a Flame Ionisation Detector |
| GLC | Gas Liquid Chromatography |
| GN2 | Guidance Note 2 |
| GN3 | Guidance Note 3 |
| GN7 | Guidance Note 7 |
| Gram | Gram method of staining to differentiate bacteria |
| Gram | Bacteria that do not retain stain in the Gram method |
| GRP | Glass-Reinforced Plastic |
| GSM | Global System for Mobile Communication |
| GSPRs | General Safety and Performance Requirements |
| GTR | Glennie Technical Requirements |
| GUI | Graphical User Interface |
| H&S | Health and Safety |
| HAA | Haloacetic Acids |
| HAI | Healthcare Associated Infection |
| HAI SCRIBE | Healthcare Associated Infection - System for Controlling Risk in the Built Environment (mandatory tool) part of SHFN 30 series |
| HAIRT | Healthcare Associated Infection Reporting Template |
| HAZs | Hazard Alerts (IRIC Safety Alert) |
| HBC | High Breaking Capacity |
| HBN | Health Building Note - an NHS facility Guidance publication |
| HDL | Health Directorate Letter (Scottish Gov Health Policy Letter - 2000 to 2007) |
| HDR | High Dose Rate |
| HDU | High Dependency Unit |
| HEFMA | Health Estates and Facilities Management Association |
| HEI | Healthcare Environment Inspectorate - part of Health Improvement Scotland |
| HEPA | High-Efficiency Particulate Air (Filter) |
| HFN | Health Facilities Notes - an NHS facility Guidance publication |
| HFS | Health Facilities Scotland - part of NHS Scotland NSS Board |
| HIS | Health Improvement Scotland |
| HLD | High Level Disinfected |
| HLIP | High Level Information Pack |
| HPC | Heterotrophic |
| HPC | Heterotrophic Plate Count |
| HPS | Health Protection Scotland (or ARHAI) -part of NHS Scotland NSS Board |
| HRC | High Rupturing Capacity |
| HSDU | Hospital Sterile Disinfection Unit |
| HSE | Health and Safety Executive |
| HSG | Health and Safety (Executive) Guidance publications |
| HSW | Health and Safety at Work |
| HTHW | High Temperature Hot Water |
| HTM | Health Technical Memoranda - an NHS facility Guidance publication |
| Hub | NHS Scotland Potential DBFM / DBFO / DBF procurement route - for community facilities, run by SFT |
| HV | High Voltage |
| HVAC | Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning |
| HWL | High Water Level Sensor |
| HWS | Hot Water System |
| Hz | Hertz (Frequency) |
| IA | Initial Agreement - a key stage of the NHS Scotland business case process |
| IAP | Inspection Assembly and Packing |
| ICD / ICPD | Infection Prevention and Control Doctor |
| ICM / ICPM | Infection Prevention and Control Manager |
| ICN / ICPN | Infection Prevention and Control Nurse |
| ICRP | International Commission |
| ICU | Intensive Care Unit or Critical Care ward |
| IDMT | Inverse Definite Minimum Time |
| IDU | Infectious Disease Unit |
| IEC | International Electrotechnical Commission |
| IEE | Institution of Electrical Engineers (now IET) |
| IEM | Integrated Emergency Management |
| IET | The Institute of Engineering and Technology |
| IFUs | Instructions For Use |
| IGBT | Insulated-Gate Bipolar Transistor |
| IGRT | Image Guided Radiotherapy |
| IHEEM | Institute of Healthcare Engineering and Estate Management |
| IM&T | Information Management and Technology |
| IMD | Insulation Monitoring Device |
| IMRT | Intensity Modulated Radiotherapy |
| IP | Ingress Protection (rating) |
| IP | Internet Protocol |
| IPC | Infection Prevention and Control |
| IPCN | Infection Prevention and Control Nurse |
| IPCT | Infection Prevention and Control Team |
| IPS | Isolated Power Supplies (now medical IT system) |
| IPS | Integrated Plumbing System |
| IQ | Installation Qualification |
| IRIC | Incident Reporting and Investigation Centre - part of HFS, responsible for Safety Alerts publications |
| ISO | International Standards Organisation |
| ISS | Intake Substation |
| IT | Impedance Terra Earthed |
| IT | Information Technology |
| ITU | Intensive Therapy Unit |
| IV | Intravenous |
| K | Kelvin |
| KPIs | Key Performance Indicators |
| KSAR | Key Stage Assurance Review |
| L | Latent heat of dry saturated steam at temperature |
| L1 | Life Protection (fire alarm system highest standard) |
| LAN | Local Area Network |
| LBTC | Logbook Template Sutomisable |
| LBTS | Logbook Template Standard |
| LCA | Legionella Control Association |
| LCD | Liquid Crystal Display |
| LDRP | Labour, Delivery, Recovery, Post-Partum Room |
| LDU | Local Decontamination Unit |
| LED | Light Emitting Diode |
| LLDPE | Linear Low-Density Polyethylene |
| LLE | Low Level Extract |
| Lnt.w | Weighted Standardised impact sound pressure level |
| LOLER | Lifting Operation and Lifting Equipment Regulations |
| LPS | Lightning Protection System |
| LRF | Local Resilience Forum |
| LRPA | Laser Radiation Protection Advisor |
| LSMS | Local Security Management Specialists |
| LTHW | Low Temperature Hot Water (45-65°C) |
| LV | Low Voltage |
| LVA | Line Valve Assembly |
| LVs | Line Valves |
| LWL | Low Water Level Sensor |
| M&E or MEP | Mechanical and Electrical (and Plumbing) |
| M&T | Monitoring and Targeting |
| M-Bus | Mod-Bus |
| Mc | Mass of Condensate |
| MCB | Miniature Circuit Breaker |
| MCC | Motor Control Centre |
| MCCB | Moulded Case Circuit Breaker |
| MD | Maximum Demand |
| MDA | Medical Device Alert |
| Medical IT | Medical Impedance Terra (earthed) [also previously known as IPS] |
| MEIGaN | Medical Electrical Installation Guidance Notes {no longer applicable} |
| MEL | Management Executive Letter (Scottish Gov Health Policy Letter - 1992 to 2000) |
| MES | Model Engineering Specification |
| MES D08 | Health Technical Memorandum 04-01 Supplement performance specification thermostatic mixing valves (healthcare premises) |
| MET | Main Earth Terminal |
| mg | Milligram |
| m | Metre |
| MGA | Medical Gas Association |
| MGPS | Medical Gas Pipeline System |
| MHRA | Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency - UK-wide body |
| min | Minute |
| ml | Millilitres |
| MLCs | Multi-leaf Collimators |
| mm | Milimetres |
| MPE | Medical Physics Expert |
| MPR | Master Processing Record |
| MRI | Magnetic Resonance Imaging |
| MRL | Machine-Room-Less Lifts |
| MTHW | Medium Temperature Hot Water (90-120°C) |
| MV | Medical Vacuum |
| Mw | Initial Mass of the Water in the Flask |
| MWUA | Maine Water Utilities Association |
| NAP | National Adaptation Programme |
| NBS | National Building Specification |
| NCGs | Non-Condensable Gases |
| NCSS | NHS Scotland National Cleaning Services Specification |
| NDAP | NHS Scotland Design Assessment Process - part of SCIM and mandated by CEL(2010)19 |
| NDG | National Decontamination Guidance |
| NDMA | N-Nitrosodimethylamine |
| NEAT | NHS Environmental Assessment Tool |
| NHS | National Health Service |
| NHS PAM | NHS Premises Assurance Model |
| NHSS | NHS Scotland |
| NIB | National Infrastructure Board |
| NIPCM | National Infection Prevention and Control Manual - guidance published by HPS |
| NIST | Non-Interchangeable Screw Thread |
| NNU | Neonatal Units |
| NO | Nitrogen Oxide |
| NO2 | Nitrogen Dioxide |
| NR | Noise Rating |
| NRV | Non Return Valve |
| NSS | National Services Scotland - an NHS Scotland Board |
| NTP | Normal Temperature and Pressure |
| O&M | Operation & Maintenance - manuals or data on safe use, provided to client by contractor, mandated by CDM |
| OARs | Organs at Risk |
| OBC | Outline Business Case - a key stage of the NHS Scotland business case process |
| oC | Degrees Celsius |
| OCB | Oil Circuit Breaker |
| OEM | Original Equipment Manufacturer |
| OES | Occupational Exposure Standards |
| OFN | Oxygen-Free Nitrogen |
| OJEC/OJEU | Official Journal of the European Community/Union |
| ONAN | Oil Natural Circulation, air natural flow |
| OQ | Operational Qualification |
| P | Proportional Control |
| P&ID | Pipework and Installation Diagram |
| P+I | Proportional and Integral Control |
| P+I+D | Proportional and Integral and Derivative Control |
| PA | Public Address |
| PA | Pseudomonas Aeruginosa |
| PAA | Peracetic Acid |
| PACS | Picture Archiving and Communication System |
| PAMS | Property and Asset Management Strategy |
| PB | Polybutylene |
| PCD | Post Commissioning Documentation |
| PCR | Polymerase Chain Reaction |
| PD | Portfolio Document |
| PDR | Pulsed Dosed Rate |
| PE | Polyethylene |
| PEC | Protective Earth Conductor |
| PEFEx | Property & Environment Forum Executive - HFS precursor organisation in NHS Scotland |
| PEI | Primary Electrical Infrastructure |
| PELV | Protective Extra Low Voltage |
| PES | Public Electrical Supply |
| PES | Programmable Electronic System |
| PET | Protective Earth Terminal |
| PEX | Cross-Linked Polyethylene |
| PF | Power Factor |
| PFC | Power Factor Correction |
| PFI | Private Finance Initiative -NHS potential design, build & fund procurement route, superceeded by PPP, NPD |
| PGMC | Performance-Guaranteed Maintenance Contract |
| pH | Power of Hydrogen |
| Ph. Eur. | European Pharmacopoeia |
| PHE | Public Health England |
| PHLS | The Public Health Laboratory Service |
| PHX | Plate Heat Exchanger |
| PISS | Pin-Index Safety System |
| PLGS | Pathology Laboratory Gas System |
| PME | Protective Multiple Earthing |
| PMI | Project Manager’s Instruction |
| POM | Polyoxymethylene |
| POU | Point of Use |
| PPE | Personal Protective Equipment |
| PPM | Planned Preventative Maintenance |
| ppm | Parts per million |
| PPP | Public Private Partnership - an NHS potential DBF, DBFM procurement route, incl NPD variant run by SFT |
| PPS | Primary Power Source |
| PPVL | Positive Pressure Ventilated Lobby |
| PQ | Performance Qualification |
| PRV | Pressure Reducing Valve |
| PSA | Pressure Swing Absorber |
| PSCC | Prospective Short-Circuit Current |
| PSCP | Principal Supply Chain Partner - an NHS Scotland Frameworks /FS procurement route term contractor |
| PSSR | Pressure Systems Safety Regulations |
| PUWER | Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations |
| PV | Photovoltaic Cell |
| PVC | Polyvinyl Chloride |
| PVC-C | Chlorinated Polyvinyl Chloride |
| PVC-U | Unplasticised Polyvinyl Chloride |
| QC | Quality Controller |
| RAMS | Regional Asset Management Strategy |
| RCBO | Residual Current Breaker with Overcurrent |
| RCD | Residual Current Device |
| RCI | Radio Carrier Identification |
| RDD | Reviewable Design Data |
| RDS | Room Data Sheets - NHS ADB briefing document defining each room function, environment & equipment |
| REF | Restricted Earth Fault |
| RF | Radio Frequency |
| RIBA | Royal Institute of British Architects - publish RIBA Plan of Work: industry definition for design & construction stages |
| RIDDOR | Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations |
| RMD | Reusable Medical Device |
| RMS | Root Mean Square |
| RMU | Ring Main Unit |
| RO | Reverse Osmosis |
| RPSGB | Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain |
| RSC | Royal Society of Chemistry |
| Rw | Weighted Sound Reduction Index |
| s | Second |
| SA | Strategic Assessment - a key stage of the NHS Scotland business case process |
| SANs | Safety Alert Notice (IRIC Safety Alert) |
| SBRT | Stereotactic Body Radiation Therapy |
| SCADA | Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition |
| SCART | Statutory Compliance Audit and Risk Tool - published by HFS |
| SCBU | Special Care Baby Unit or Neonatal Ward |
| SCIM | Scottish Capital Investment Manual - the NHS Scotland business case process Guidance documents |
| SEDWQA | Scottish Executive Drinking Water Quality Unit |
| SELV | Seperated Extra LV |
| SELV | Safety Extra Low Voltage |
| SEM | Scanning Electron Microscope |
| SEPA | Scottish Environment Protection Agency |
| SF6 | Sulphur Hexafluoride |
| SFPN | Scottish Fire Practice Notes - an NHS Scotland facility Guidance publication |
| SFPUC | San Francisco Public utilities Commission |
| SFRS | Scottish Fire and Rescue Service |
| SFT | Scottish Futures Trust - public sector infrastructure agency - run PPP/ NPD & HUB procurement routes |
| SGHSCD | Scottish Government Health and Social Care Directorate |
| SHAPE | Strategic Health Asset Planning Evaluation Tool - NHS England guidance |
| SHFN | Scottish Health Facilities Note - an NHS Scotland facility Guidance publication |
| SHPN | Scottish Health Planning Note - an NHS Scotland facility Guidance publication |
| SHTM | Scottish Health Technical Memorandum - an NHS Scotland facility Guidance publication |
| SHTN | Scottish Hospital Technical Note - an NHS Scotland facility Guidance publication |
| SI | Systeme Internationale |
| SICPs | Standard Infection Control Precautions - HPS guidance publication |
| SIP | Session Initiation Protocol |
| SL | Soft Landings, a process to improve transition from construction to in-use, part of SCIM Commissioning guide |
| SOP | Standard Operating Procedures |
| SP&N | Single Phase and Neutral |
| SPPN | Scottish Procurement Policy Note -Scottish Government publication |
| SPS | Secondary Power Source |
| SPV | Special Purpose Vehicle |
| SSD | Sterile Services Department |
| SSI | Surgical Site Infection |
| STEL | Short term Exposure Limit |
| STI | Speech Transmission Index |
| STP | Standard Temperature and Pressure |
| SuDS | Sustainable Drainage Systems |
| SWA | Steel Wire Armoured |
| SWL | Safe Working Load |
| T&C | Terms and Conditions |
| TBI | Total Body Irradiation |
| TC | Technical Committee |
| TCP | Transmission Control Protocol |
| TETRA | Trans-European Trunked Radio Access |
| TFL | Time Fuses Links |
| THD | Total Harmonic Distortion |
| THMs | Trihalomethanes |
| THND | Technical Handbook (Non Domestic) |
| TIS6 | Technical Information Sheet 6 |
| TMT | Thermostatic Mixing Tap |
| TMV | Thermostatic Mixing Valve |
| TN-C | Combined Neutral and Earth throughout the electrical distribution system |
| TN-C-S | Neutral and Earth is combined at point of supply and separate throughout the electrical installation |
| TN-S | Separate Neutral and Earth throughout the electrical system |
| TOE | Transoesophageal Echocardiograph |
| TOX | Total Organic Halogen |
| TP&N | Three-phase and Neutral |
| TPS | Tertiary Power Supply |
| TS | Temperature Sensor |
| TSE | Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy |
| TU | Terminal Unit |
| TVC | Total Viable Counts |
| TWA | Time Waited Average |
| UCV | Ultra Clean Ventilation |
| UDI | Unique Device Identifier |
| UHF | Ultra-High Frequency |
| UKAS | United Kingdom Accreditation Service |
| UMTS | Universal Mobile Telecommunications Service |
| UPS | Uninterruptible Power Supply |
| USEPA | United States Environmental Protection Agency |
| UV | Ultraviolet |
| UWRAA | Urban Water Reseach Association of Australia |
| VAV | Variable Air Volume |
| vCJD | Variant Creutzfeldt Jakob Disease |
| VDU | Visual Display Unit |
| VDV | Vibration Dose Value |
| VFC | Volt-Free contact |
| VIE | Vacuum Insulated Evaporator |
| VoIP | Voice over Internet Protocol |
| VPM | Volume Parts Per Million |
| VRLA | Valve Regulated Lead Acid (battery) |
| VT | Voltage Transformer |
| VVVF | Variable Voltage Variable Frequency |
| WAGS | Waste Anaesthetic Gas System |
| WBC | Whole Blood Count |
| WC | Water Closet |
| WHO | World Health Organization |
| WIMS | Works Information Management System |
| WRAS | Water Regulations Advisory Scheme |
| WRAS | Water Supply Regulations Advisory Scheme |
| WSG | Water Safety Group |
| WSP | Water Safety Plan |
| XLPE | Cross-Linked Polyethylene Cable |