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List of abbreviations

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| ACQWS | Advisory Committee on Quality of Water Supplies |
| AI | Avian influenza |
| AMO | Antiquities and Monuments Office |
| ArchSD | Architectural Services Department |
| ASBs | Advisory and statutory bodies |
| ASCP | After School Care Programme |
| CCDS | Comprehensive Child Development Service |
| CCPSAs | Counselling centres for psychotropic substance abusers |
| CDF | Child Development Fund |
| CEDAW | United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women |
| CFS | Centre for Food Safety |
| CHO | Commissioner for Heritage's Office |
| CMCs | Chinese medicine clinic |
| CoE | Certificate of Entitlement |
| CoP | Commission on Poverty |
| COSH | Hong Kong Council on Smoking and Health |
| COY | Commission of Youth |
| CPCE | Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education |
| CPs | Clinical psychologists |
| CRC | Convention on the Rights of the Child |
| CRDA | Central Registry of Drug Abuse |
| CSD | Correctional Services Department |
| CSSA | Comprehensive Social Security Assistance |
| DCs | District Councils |
| DDO | Disability Discrimination Ordinance |

List of abbreviations

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| DH | Department of Health |
| DM 1997 | The Design Manual: Barrier Free Access 1997 |
| DM 2008 | The Design Manual: Barrier Free Access 2008 |
| DTRCs | drug treatment and rehabilitation centres |
| EDB | Education Bureau |
| EETC | Early Education and Training Centre |
| eHR | Electronic health record |
| EOC | Equal Opportunities Commission |
| EPEV | Equal pay for work of equal value |
| ERB | Employees Retraining Board |
| EXITERS | Extending Care Patients Intensive Treatment, Early Diversion and Rehabilitation Stepping Stone |
| FCTC | Framework Convention on Tobacco Control |
| FDHs | Foreign domestic helpers |
| FEHD | Food and Environmental Hygiene Department |
| FHB | Food and Health Bureau |
| FHS | Family Health Service |
| FSDO | Family Status Discrimination Ordinance |
| GCE | General Certificate in Education |
| GDP | Gross Domestic Product |
| GISOU | The Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation Unit |
| GRA | Government's General Revenue Account |
| GRS | Government Records Service |
| HA | Hospital Authority |
| HAB | Home Affairs Bureau |
| HAD | Home Affairs Department |
| HD | Housing Department |

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| HES | Household Expenditure Survey |
| HI | Hearing impairment |
| HKADC | Hong Kong Arts Development Council |
| HKALE | Hong Kong Advanced Level Examination |
| HKAPA | Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts |
| HKCAAVQ | Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications |
| HKCEE | Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination |
| HKDHA | Hong Kong's Domestic Health Accounts |
| HKDSE | Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination |
| HKFDC | Hong Kong Film Development Council |
| HKSAR | Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China |
| ICCPR | International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights |
| ICERD | The International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination |
| ICH | Intangible cultural heritage |
| ICHA | The International Classification for Health Accounts |
| ID | Intellectual disability |
| IFSCs | Integrated family service centres |
| IGCSE | International General Certificate of Secondary Education |
| IP in KG-cum-CCC | Integrated Programme in Kindergarten-cum-Child Care Centre |
| ISCs | Integrated services centres |
| ITACs | Industry Training Advisory Committees |
| ITF | Innovation Technology Fund |
| IVE | Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education |
| IVRSC | Integrated Vocational Rehabilitation Services Centre |

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| JJOs | Judges and Judicial Officers |
| JUPAS | Joint University Programmes Admissions System |
| LCSD | Leisure and Cultural Services Department |
| LegCo | The Legislative Council |
| LWB | Labour and Welfare Bureau |
| MAW | Minimum Allowable Wage |
| MCHCs | Maternal and Child Health Centres |
| MDC | Manpower Development Committee |
| MHCCCs | Mutual Help Child Care Centres |
| MOI | Medium of instruction |
| MPF | Mandatory Provident Fund |
| NAAP | Neighbourhood Active Ageing Project |
| NCD | Non-communicable Diseases |
| NCS | non-Chinese speaking |
| NGOs | Non-governmental organisations |
| NSCCP | Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project |
| NSS | New Senior Secondary |
| OECD | The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development |
| OT | Occupational therapy |
| PATHS | Positive Adolescent Training through Holistic Social Programme to Adulthood: A Jockey Club Youth Enhancement Scheme |
| PCC | Public Complaints Committee |
| PD | Physically disability |
| PEVS | Pre-primary Education Voucher Scheme |
| PND | Postnatal depression |
| Previous Concluding Observations | The Committee's Concluding Observations of 13 May 2005 |

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| PRH | Public rental housing |
| PT | Physiotherapy |
| PWDs | Persons with disabilities |
| PYJ | Project <i>Yi-jin</i> |
| QF | Hong Kong Qualifications Framework |
| R&D | Research and development |
| RAC | Rehabilitation Advisory Committee |
| RAG | Research Advisory Group |
| RDO | Race Discrimination Ordinance |
| RTHK | Radio Television Hong Kong |
| SACs | Substance abuse clinics |
| SARS | Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome |
| SBI | School of Business and Information Systems |
| SCCC | Special Child Care Centre |
| SCS | Specification of Competency Standards |
| SDO | Sex Discrimination Ordinance |
| SEN | Special educational needs |
| SFAA | Student Financial Assistance Agency |
| SFS Scheme | Support for Self-reliance Scheme |
| SMW | Statutory minimum wage |
| SSA | Social Security Allowance |
| SSAIP | Social Security Assistance Index of Prices |
| ST | Speech therapy |
| STI | Sexually Transmitted Infection |
| SWD | Social Welfare Department |
| Task Force | Task Force on Youth Drug Abuse |
| TFP | Task Force on Poverty |

List of abbreviations

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| The Committee | The Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights |
| The Covenant | International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights |
| The initial report | The initial report of the HKSAR submitted in 1999 |
| the Permit | Permit for Proceeding to Hong Kong and Macao |
| the Police | The Hong Kong Police Force |
| The previous report | The second report of the HKSAR under the Covenant submitted in 2003 |
| The Report | The third report of the HKSAR under the Covenant |
| TPB | Town Planning Board |
| TSA | Territory-wide System Assessment |
| UGC | University Grant Committee |
| UNCRPD | The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities |
| UNESCO | United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization |
| UNHCR-HK | The Hong Kong Sub-Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees |
| VTC | Vocational Training Council |
| WHO | World Health Organisation |
| WIPO | World Intellectual Property Organization |
| WKCD | West Kowloon Cultural District |
| WKCDA | West Kowloon Cultural District Authority |
| WoC | Women's Commission |
| WPM | Wage Protection Movement for Cleaning Workers and Security Guards |
| WSD | Water Supplies Department |
| YPTP | Youth Pre-employment Training Programme |
| YTP | Youth Training Programme |
| YWETS | Youth Work Experience and Training Scheme |