

Abbreviations

ABP	alternate base period (USA)
ACV	Algemeen Christelijk Vakverbond (General Christian Trade Unions, the Netherlands)
AF	Arbejdsformidlingen (Danish PES)
AFL	American Federation of Labor
ALG-2	Arbeitslosengeld II (Unemployment Benefits II, Germany)
ALMM	ASEAN Labour Ministers' Meeting
ALMPs	active labour market programmes
AMS	Arbeitsmarktservice (Employment Service, Austria)
AMU	ArbejdsMarkedsUddannelse (Labour Market Training, Denmark)
ARGEn	Arbeitsgemeinschaften (working groups, Germany)
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
BA	Bundesagentur für Arbeit (Federal Employment Agency, Germany)
BFI	Berufsförderinstitute (professional development institutions, Austria)
BMAS	Bundesministerium für Arbeit und Soziale (Federal Ministry of Labour and Social, Germany)
BMASK	Federal Minister for Labour, Social and Consumers' Affairs (Austria)
CAC	Central Arbitration Committee (UK)
CBI	Confederation of British Industry
CEO	chief executive officer
CEP	Concentrated Employment Program (USA)
CES	Commonwealth Employment Service
CETA	The Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (USA)
CGIL	Confederazione generale italiana del lavoro (Italian General Confederation of Labour)
CGTP	Confederação Geral dos Trabalhadores Portugueses (General Confederation of Portuguese Workers)

CIALTI	Inter-administrative Unit for Combating Illegal Work (Luxembourg)
CME	coordinated market economy
ČMKOS	Českomoravská konfederace odborových svazů (Czech–Moravian Confederation of Trade Unions)
COBRA	Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (USA)
CSC	Confédération des Syndicats Chrétiens (Confederation of Christian Trade Unions, Belgium)
CSHO	Compliance Safety and Health Officers (USA)
CVT	continuing vocational training
CWI	Centres for Work and Income (Netherlands)
DA	Danish Employers' Confederation
DEP	Directorate of Enforcement Programs (USA)
DETI	Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment (Ireland)
DILTI	Délégation interministérielle pour lutter contre le travail illégal (Interministerial Delegation to Fight against Illegal Work, France)
DOLE	Department of Labour and Employment (Philippines)
DWEA	Danish Work Environment Authority
DWP	Department for Work and Pensions (UK)
EAA	Employment Assistance Australia
EB	Extended Benefits (USA)
EDWAA	Economic Dislocation and Worker Adjustment Act (USA)
EES	European Employment Strategy
EI	Employment Insurance (Japan)
EMU	economic and monetary union
EOI	export-oriented industrialization
EPL	employment protection legislation
ES	Employment Services (USA)
ETP	Eligible Training Provider (USA)
ETUC	European Trade Union Confederation
ETUI	European Trade Union Institute
EU	European Union
EU–OSHA	European Agency for Occupational Safety and Health (at Work)
EURES	European Employment Services
EZ	Employment Zone (UK)
FÁS	Irish National Training and Employment Authority

FbW	Förderung beruflicher Weiterbildung (Germany)
FEA	Federal Employment Agency (Germany)
FND	Flexible New Deal (UK)
FNV	Federatie Nederlandse Vakbeweging (Federation of Dutch Trade Unions)
GDP	gross domestic product
HCD	human capital development
HRM	human resources management
HRSDC	Human Resources and Skills Development Canada
HSA	Health and Safety Authority (Ireland)
HSE	Health and Safety Executive (UK)
HWSA	Heads of Workplace Safety Authorities (Asia-Pacific)
IBEC	Irish Business and Employers' Confederation
ICTU	Irish Congress of Trade Unions
ILO	International Labour Office; International Labour Organization
IMF	International Monetary Fund
ISI	import substitution industrialization
IRO	Individual Reintegration Agreements (Netherlands)
ITA	individual training account
JCP	Jobcentre Plus (UK)
JSCI	Job Seeker Classification Instrument (Australia)
JTPA	Job Training Partnership Act (USA)
KCTU	Korean Confederation of Trade Unions
LASI	German Committee of the <i>Länder</i> for Occupational Safety and Health
LEC	local employment council
LFA	labor force attachment (USA)
LME	liberal market economy
LMP	labour market programme/policy
LO	Danish Trade Unions
MBO	management by objectives
MERCOSUR	Mercado Común del Sur (Southern Common Market)
MOLSA	Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (Czech Republic)
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
MPSV	Ministerstvo práce a sociálních věcí (Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Czech Republic)
MSC	Manpower Services Commission (UK)
NAO	National Audit Office (UK)
NASWA	National Association of State Workforce Agencies (USA)
NDPB	non-departmental public bodies

NEA	National Employment Agency (Cambodia)
NEC	National Employment Council (Denmark)
NERA	National Employment Rights Authority (Ireland)
NEWWS	National Evaluation of Welfare-to-Work Strategies (USA)
NGO	non-governmental organization
NLI	National Labour Inspectorate (Poland)
NLRA	National Labour Relations Act (UK)
NLRB	National Labor Relations Board (USA)
NPM	new public management
NTB	National Training Board (Cambodia)
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
ÖGB	Österreichischer Gewerkschaftsbund (Austrian Federation of Trade Unions)
OJT	on-the-job training
OMC	open method of coordination
OSH	occupational safety and health
OSHNET	Occupational Safety and Health Network (EU)
PCS	Public and Commercial Services Union (UK)
PES	public employment services
PESO	Public Employment Service Office (Philippines)
PREA	private, for-profit employment agencies
PSA	Public Service Agreement (UK)
REHS	Research Education Health and Safety (EU)
RHSD	Tripartite Council for Economic and Social Agreement (Czech Republic)
SA	social assistance
SMEs	small and medium-sized enterprises
SNAP	Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (USA)
SOA	Special Operating Agency (Cambodia)
SP	Svaz průmyslu a dopravy České republiky (Confederation of Industry of the Czech Republic)
SSA	Social Security Act (UK)
SWEA	Swedish Work Environment Authority
TAA	Trade Adjustment Act (USA)
TANF	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (USA)
TUC	Trades Union Congress (UK)
TVET	technical and vocational education and training
UGT	União Geral de Trabalhadores (General Union of Workers, Portugal)

UA	unemployment assistance
UB	unemployment benefits
UI	unemployment insurance
UK	United Kingdom
USA	United States of America
UWV	Institute for Employee Benefits Schemes (Netherlands)
VDI	State Labour Inspectorate (Latvia)
VET	vocational education and training
WIA	Workforce Investment Act (USA)
WIB	Workforce Investment Board (USA)
WiFis	Wirtschaftsförderungsinstitutionen (Austria)
WIRED	Workforce Innovation and Regional Economic Development (USA)
WKÖ	Austrian Federal Economic Chamber