

HEY LEP Employment & Skills Board Glossary of Terms

Acronym	Full name	What is it?	Further details
CEC	Careers & Enterprise Company	The national body for careers education in England supporting schools and colleges to deliver modern, 21 st Century careers education.	https://www.careersandenterprise.co.uk/
CEIAG	Careers, Education Information Advice & Guidance	The term used to describe fully careers advice.	n/a
DfE	Department for Education	The Department for Education is responsible for children's services and education, including early years, schools, higher and further education policy, apprenticeships and wider skills in England.	Department for Education - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
ERB	Employer Representative Body	A non-public organisation which represents industry	n/a
FE	Further education	Further education includes any study after secondary education that is not part of higher education (that is, not taken as part of an undergraduate or graduate degree). Courses range from basic English and maths to Higher National Diplomas (HNDs).	https://www.gov.uk/further-education-courses
IoT	Institute of Technology	Institutes of Technology (IoTs) are employer-focused providers specialising in delivering higher technical education across England. They are collaborations between further education (FE) providers, higher education (HE) providers or universities and employers.	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/institutes-of-technology--2
*	Lifetime Skills Guarantee	Government initiative to offer adults without an A-Level or equivalent qualifications a free, fully funded college course.	https://www.gov.uk/government/news/hundreds-of-free-qualifications-on-offer-to-boost-skills-and-jobs
LDSP	Local Digital Skills Partnership	LDSPs are designed to build regional capacity to improve digital skills capability at all levels. They bring together and connect partners from the public, private and third sectors to upskill the current workforce, advance digital inclusion, and raise awareness of the importance of digital skills regionally	https://www.gov.uk/guidance/digital-skills-partnership
LSR	Local Skills Report	Local Skills Reports set out the current skills priorities for the local economy reflecting the LEP geography. They are reviewed annually and published in January of each year.	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/skills-advisory-panels
LSIP	Local Skills Improvement Plan	Successor to Local Skills Reports. LSIPs are employer-led plans which will set out the key	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications

		changes needed in a place to make technical skills training more responsive to local labour market skills needs.	tions/skills-accelerator-trailblazers-and-pilots
MCA	Mayoral Combined Authority	A combined authority (CA) is a legal body set up using national legislation that enables a group of two or more councils to collaborate and take /collective decisions across council boundaries. While established by Parliament, CAs are locally owned and have to be initiated and supported by the councils involved	Combined authorities Local Government Association
NCS	National Careers Service	The national body responsible for the provision of careers information, advice and guidance available to all people living in England.	https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/
QiCS	Quality in Careers Standard	The Quality in Careers Standard is the national quality award for careers education, information, advice and guidance (CEIAG) in secondary schools, colleges and work-based learning	https://www.qualityincareers.org.uk/
SDF	Strategic Development Fund	SDF will provide investment to enable areas across England to reshape their teaching and training provision and update their facilities in preparation for the roll out of the Local Skills Improvement Plans.	https://www.gov.uk/guidance/skills-accelerator-apply-now
SAP	Skills Advisory Panel	Skills Advisory Panels are local partnerships that work to identify and address local skills priorities. They aim to strengthen the link between employers and skills providers including colleges, independent training providers and universities	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/skills-advisory-panels
*	Skills Bootcamps	Skills Bootcamps offer free, flexible courses of up to 16 weeks. They are available for adults aged 19 or over who are either in work or recently unemployed and live in England.	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/find-a-skills-bootcamp/list-of-skills-bootcamps
T Level	T Level	Equivalent to 3 A Levels, T Levels were introduced in September 2020 and focus on vocational skills. They can help students into skilled employment, higher study or apprenticeships.	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/introduction-of-t-levels/introduction-of-t-levels
USF	Unit for Future Skills	The Unit for Future Skills is an analytical and research unit within the Department for Education. It has been set up to improve the quality of jobs and skills data, working across government to make this available and more accessible to policy makers, stakeholders and the general public.	Unit for Future Skills - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
UKSPF	UK Shared Prosperity Fund	The UKSPF provides £2.6 billion of new funding for local investment by March 2025. It mitigates against the loss of European Funding and will spent against three investment priorities: (1) community & place (2) supporting local business (3) people & skills	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-prospectus/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-prospectus