

C Common abbreviations

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| AAMC | Association of American Medical Colleges |
| AAME | American Academy of Medical Ethics |
| ACC | Accident Compensation Corporation |
| ACCC | Australian Competition and Consumer Commission |
| ACCME | Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education |
| ACEM | Australasian College for Emergency Medicine |
| ACGME | Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education |
| ACSHP | Australasian College of Sexual Health Physicians |
| ACSP | Australasian College of Sports Physicians |
| AFOM | Australasian Faculty of Occupational Medicine |
| AFPHM | Australasian Faculty of Public Health Medicine |
| AFRM | Australasian Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine |
| AHPAF | Allied Health Professional Associations' Forum |
| AHR | Assisted human reproductions |
| AMA | American Medical Association |
| AMC | Australian Medical Council |
| AMPA | Accident and Medical Practitioners Association |
| ANZCA | Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists |
| APC | Annual practising certificate |
| ASBP | Australasian Society of Breast Physicians |
| ASMS | Association of Salaried Medical Specialists |
| AVE | Advanced vocational education |
| BAB | Branch advisory body |
| BMI | Body mass index |
| BMJ | British Medical Journal |
| BPAC | Best Practice Advocacy Centre |
| CAC | Complaints Assessment Committee (called PCC under HPCAA) |
| CAM | Complementary and alternative medicine |
| CARM | Centre for Adverse Reactions Monitoring |
| CAT | Competence advisory team |
| CCST | Certificate of completion of specialist training |
| CEO | Chief Executive Officer |
| CEPTSA | Council for Early Postgraduate Training in South Australia |
| CETU | Clinical Education and Training Unit |
| CJA | Criminal Justice Act 1985 |
| CLANZ | Clinical Leaders Association of New Zealand |
| CMA | Chief Medical Advisor |
| CMC | Council of Medical Colleges |
| CME | Continuing medical education |
| CMPC | Committee of Presidents of Medical Colleges |
| COEM | Conférence Européenne des Ordres des Médecins |
| COO | Chief Operating Officer |
| CPD | Continuing professional development |

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| CPMC | Committee of Presidents of Medical Colleges |
| CPMEC | Confederation of Postgraduate Medical Education Councils |
| CPN | Common Person Number |
| CPSQ | Colleague, Patient and Self Questionnaire |
| CQI | Continuous quality improvement |
| CRC | Competence review committee (called PAC under HPCAA) |
| CTA | Clinical Training Agency |
| CTO | Compulsory Treatment Order |
| CYPS | Children and Young Persons Service |
| DAMHS | Director of Area Mental Health Services |
| DAO | Duly authorised officer |
| DCNZ | Dental Council of New Zealand |
| DHAS | Doctors Health Advisory Services |
| DHB | District Health Board |
| DHBNZ | District Health Boards New Zealand |
| DI | District Inspector |
| DO | Doctor of Osteopathy or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree |
| DOP | Director of Proceedings |
| DSAC | Doctors for Sexual Abuse Care Inc |
| DTWR | Doctors in Training Workforce Roundtable |
| ECFMG | Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates |
| EEA | European Economic Area |
| EICS | ECFMG International Credentials Services |
| ERMA | Environmental Risk Management Authority |
| ESR | Institute of Environmental Science and Research |
| EWTD | European Working Time Directive |
| FAIMER | Foundation for Advancement of International Medical Education and Research |
| FBT | Fringe benefit tax |
| FDA | United States Food and Drug Administration |
| FMLAC | Federation of Medical Licensing Authorities in Canada (now FMRAC) |
| FMRAC | Federation of Medical Regulatory Authorities in Canada |
| FSMB | Federation of State Medical Boards |
| GMC | General Medical Council |
| GP | General practitioner |
| GPEP | General Practice Education Programme |
| HDC | Health and Disability Commissioner |
| HGSA | Human Genetics Society of Australasia |
| HIPC | Health Information Privacy Code |
| HON | Health on the Net Foundation |
| HPCAA | Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 |
| HPCSA | Health Professions Council of South Africa |
| HPDT | Health Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal |
| HPI | Health Practitioner Index |
| HRANZ | Health Regulatory Authorities of New Zealand |
| HRC | Health Research Council |
| HWAC | Health Workforce Advisory Committee |
| IAMRA | International Association of Medical Regulatory Authorities |
| IANZ | International Accreditation New Zealand |
| IAPNZ | Institute of Australasian Psychiatrists New Zealand |
| IELTS | International English Language Testing System |

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| IMG | International medical graduate |
| IMS | International medical specialist |
| IPA | Independent Practitioner Associations |
| IPAC | Independent Practitioners' Association Council of New Zealand |
| IPAC | International Physician Assessment Coalition |
| IPRCA | Injury Prevention, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2001 |
| ITO | Industry training organisation |
| JAMA | Journal of the American Medical Association |
| JFICM | Joint Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine |
| JIMEE | Joint International Medical Evaluating Examination |
| LA | Licensing authority |
| MARC | Medicines Adverse Reactions Committee |
| MCC | Medical Council of Canada |
| MDU | Medical Defence Union |
| MECA | Multi Employer Collective Agreement |
| MedSAC | Medical Schools Accreditation Committee |
| Medsafe | The NZ Medicines and Medical Devices Safety Authority |
| MHA | Mental Health Act 1992 |
| MHRT | Mental Health Review Tribunal |
| MoH | Ministry of Health |
| MOH | Medical Officer of Health |
| MOPS | Maintenance of professional standards |
| MOSS | Medical Officer Special Scale |
| MOU | Memorandum of understanding |
| MPA | Medical Practitioners Act 1995 |
| MPDT | Medical Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal |
| MPS | Medical Protection Society |
| MRG | Medical Reference Group |
| NCAA | National Clinical Assessment Authority (UK) |
| NCNZ | Nursing Council of New Zealand |
| NCTN | Northern Clinical Training Network |
| NCWNZ | National Council of Women of New Zealand |
| NECAHR | National Ethics Advisory Committee on Assisted Human Reproduction |
| NEJM | New England Journal of Medicine |
| NFR | Not for resuscitation |
| NGO | Non Governmental Organisations |
| NIDDM | Non-insulin dependent (type 2) diabetes mellitus |
| NZAMM | New Zealand Association of Musculoskeletal Medicine |
| NZDS | New Zealand Dermatological Society |
| NZHIS | New Zealand Health Information Services |
| NZIER | New Zealand Institute of Economic Research |
| NZMA | New Zealand Medical Association |
| NZNO | New Zealand Nurses Organisation |
| NZOA | New Zealand Orthopaedic Association |
| NZODA | New Zealand Overseas Doctors Association |
| NZRDA | New Zealand Resident Doctors Association |
| NZQA | New Zealand Qualifications Authority |
| NZSA | New Zealand Society of Anaesthetists |
| NZUAAU | New Zealand Universities Academic Audit Unit |
| NZREX | New Zealand Registration Examination |
| OIA | Official Information Act |

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| OSCE | Objective Structured Clinical Examination |
| OSH | Occupational Safety and Health Service |
| OTD | Overseas trained doctors |
| PAC | Performance Assessment Committee |
| PAYE | Pay as you earn taxation system |
| PCC | Professional Conduct Committee |
| PEP | Performance evaluation programme |
| PGNZ | Pharmacy Guild of New Zealand |
| PGY1 | Post Graduate Year 1 |
| PGY2 | Post Graduate Year 2 |
| PHA | Public Health Association of New Zealand |
| Pharmac | Pharmaceutical Management Agency Ltd |
| PHO | Primary Health Organisation |
| PLAB | Professional and Linguistic Assessments Board |
| PMA | Pasifika Medical Association of New Zealand |
| PMETB | Postgraduate Medical Education and Training Board |
| PPPR Act | Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act 1988 |
| PRHO | Pre-Registration House Officers |
| PRIMEX | Primary Membership Examination (of RNZCGP) |
| PS | Professional Standards |
| PSNZ | Pharmaceutical Society of New Zealand |
| QA | Quality Assurance |
| QIC | Quality Improvement Committee |
| RA | Responsible authorities |
| RACDS | Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons |
| RACMA | Royal Australasian College of Medical Administrators |
| RACP | Royal Australasian College of Physicians |
| RACS | Royal Australasian College of Surgeons |
| RANZCO | Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists |
| RANZCOG | Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists |
| RANZCP | Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists |
| RANZCR | Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists |
| RBS | Registration Boards Secretariat Limited |
| RC | Responsible Clinician |
| RCPA | Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia |
| RMO | Resident Medical Officer |
| RNZCGP | Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners |
| ROMSAC | Recognition of Medical Specialties Advisory Committee |
| RPL | Recognition of prior learning |
| SAPMEA | South Australian Postgraduate Medical Education Association Inc |
| SEAC | Specialist Education Accreditation Committee |
| SIDS | Sudden infant death syndrome |
| SMAT | Sexual Misconduct Assessment Team |
| SMO | Senior Medical Officer |
| TEC | Tertiary Education Commission |
| Te ORA | Te Ohu Rata O Aotearoa |
| TTMRA | Trans Tasman Mutual Recognition Agreement |
| USMLE | United States Medical Licensing Examination |
| WHO | World Health Organisation |
| WMA | World Medical Association |