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Acronyms

ACER Australian Council for Educational Research

APEC Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation

BFUG Bologna Follow-Up Group (for the Bologna Process fostering the European Higher Education Area)

CEDEFOP Centre Européen pour le Développement de la Formation Professionnelle (European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training)

CEET Monash University-ACER Centre for the Economics of Education and Training

CEPES European Centre for Higher Education (of UNESCO)

CHEA Council for Higher Education Accreditation (of UNESCO)

CHED Commission on Higher Education, the Philippines

CPELL Centre for Postcompulsory Education and Lifelong Learning University of Melbourne

ECTS European Credit Transfer Scheme

ECVET European Credit System for VET

EDNET Education Network, subgroup of HRDWG

ETF European Training Foundation

EQF European Qualifications Framework for Lifelong Learning

EU European Union

HRDWG Human Resources Development Working Group of APEC

KRIVET Korea Research Institute for Vocational Training

NQF National qualifications framework

OECD Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

TESDA Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, the Philippines

TVET Technical and vocational education and training

UNESCO United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

VET Vocational education and training

VRQA Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority