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Abbreviations used in this document

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|--------------|---|
| AA | Annual Allowance |
| AE | Automatic Enrolment |
| APC | Additional Pension Contributions |
| AVC | Additional Voluntary Contributions |
| CIPFA | Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy |
| CPI | Consumer Prices Index |

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|--------------|---|
| DB | Defined benefit |
| DWP | Department for Work and Pensions |
| EEA | European Economic Area |
| FRC | Financial Reporting Council |
| GAD | Government Actuary's Department |
| GDPR | General Data Protection Regulations |
| GMP | Guaranteed Minimum Pension |
| HMRC | Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs |
| HMT | Her Majesty's Treasury |
| IRMP | Independent registered medical practitioner |
| LGA | Local Government Association |
| LGPC | Local Government Pensions Committee |
| LTA | Lifetime Allowance |
| MaPS | Money and Pensions Service |
| MHCLG | Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government |
| NI | National Insurance |
| PASA | Pensions Administration Standards Association |
| PDP | Pension Dashboards Programme |
| PLSA | Pensions and Lifetime Savings Association |
| PMI | Pensions Management Institute |
| RPI | Retail Prices Index |
| SAB | Scheme Advisory Board |
| SCAPE | Superannuation Contributions Adjusted for Past Experience |
| SFGB | Single Financial Guidance Body |
| SPPA | Scottish Public Pensions Agency |
| TPO | The Pensions Ombudsman |
| TPR | The Pensions Regulator |
| TPS | Teachers' Pension Scheme |
| TUO | Tell Us Once |

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