

LIST OF ACRONYMS USED

- ACU: Advisory Council on Universities
AUT: Advisory Council for Universities and Technikons
BER: Bureau for Economic Research
CESM: Classification of educational subject matter
CPIX: Consumer price index excluding interest on mortgage bonds
CTP: Committee of technikon principals
CUP: Committee of university principals
DST: Department of Science and Technology
DoE: Department of Education
EE: Educational expenditure
ESS: Effective subsidy students
FET: Further education and training
FRD: Foundation for Research Development
FTE: Full-time equivalent
GAAP: Generally Accepted Accounting Practice
GATS: General Agreement on Trade in Services
GDP: Gross domestic product
HAIs: Historically advantaged institutions
HATs: Historically advantaged technikons
HAUs: Historically advantaged universities
HDIs: Historically disadvantaged institutions
HDTs: Historically disadvantaged technikons
HDUs: Historically disadvantaged universities
HE: Higher education
HECS: Higher Education Contribution Scheme
HEFC: Higher Education Funding Council
HEIs: Higher education institutions
HEMIS: Higher Education Management Information System
HEQC: Higher Education Quality Committee
HESA: Higher Education Association of South Africa
IDT: Independent Development Trust
IRDP: Institutional Research Development Programme
MRC: Medical Research Council
MTBPS: Medium-term budget policy statement
MTEF: Medium Term Expenditure Framework
NCES: National Centre for Education Statistics
NCHE: National Commission for higher education

NFF: New Funding Framework
NGO: Non-governmental organisations
NIHE: National Institute of Higher Education
NPHE: National Plan for Higher Education
NQF: National Qualifications Framework
NRF: National Research Foundation
NSC: National Senior Certificate
NSFAS: National Student Financial Aid Scheme
OECD: Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
PCS: Programme Classification System
PQM: Programme-qualification mix
SAPSE: South African Post Secondary Education
SAUVCA: South African Universities Vice Chancellors Association
SET: Science, Engineering and Technology
SC: Senior certificate
TEFSA: Tertiary Education Fund of SA
THRIP: Technology and Human Resources for Industry Programme
Umlasi: General and Further Education and Training Quality Assurance Council
UNDP: United Nations development programme
VC: Vice Chancellors
WFTES: Weighted full time equivalent student
WP3: Education White Paper 3: A Programme for the Transformation of Higher Education
WRC: Water Research Commission