

Glossary of Terms and acronyms used in Publication Scheme

Term used	Explanation
Court	The University's governing body.
Environmental information	Information requested which is environmental in nature and falls within the definition in the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004
ELIR	Enhancement-Led Institutional Review (includes reporting on the University's academic provision by the Quality Assurance Agency)
Freedom of Information	Information requested which is non-environmental, and governed under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002
HESA	Higher Education Statistics Agency
ICO	Information Commissioner's Office (regulates under the data protection legislation)
Innovation Vouchers	These support collaboration between business and universities.
Integrated Report	Abertay University's annual report on its activities and finances (details contained in Technical Annex) at the end of July
Internal Review	An internal review available to requesters under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002
Intellectual Property	The fruits of brainwork which are legally recognised and protected.
KTP	Knowledge Transfer Partnership (UK Government funded knowledge transfer mechanism designed to increase the competitiveness of the UK's industrial base.)
OSIC	Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner. (regulates under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002)
Procurement	The regulated processes for purchasing goods and services required by the University.
Progression	A student is required by the University's Regulations to satisfy certain requirements before being able to proceed to the next year of study
QAAS	Quality Assurance Agency for Scotland (teaching and learning)
RAE	Research Assessment Exercise (replaced by REF)
REF	Research Excellence Framework (for grading research output)
SAAS	Student Awards Agency for Scotland

SFC	Scottish Funding Council for Higher and Further Education
SIC	See OSIC
SLC	Student Loans Company
Technical Annex	See Integrated Report
Validation	Academic courses where a university acts as an external examination body or validates the examinations and qualifications of others, including joint awards.