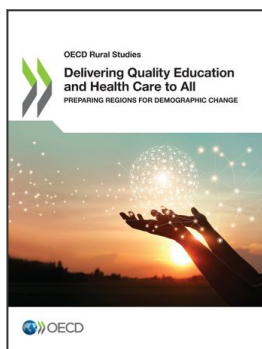


Abbreviations and acronyms

ABI	American Broadband Initiative (US)
ACARA	Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting
ACCESS	Accelerating Connected Care and Education Support Services on the Internet (US)
ADSL	Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line
B4RN	Broadband for the Rural North (UK)
BCPs	Broadband connection points
BTOP	Broadband Technology Opportunities Programme (US)
CARES	Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (US)
CENETEC	<i>Centro Nacional de Excelencia Tecnológica en Salud</i> (Mexico)
CFP	Community Fibre Partnership (UK)
CHF	Congestive health failure
CIB	Canada Infrastructure Bank (Canada)
CNAM	National Health Insurance Fund / <i>Caisse nationale de l'Assurance Maladie</i> (France)
COPD	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
COVID-19	Coronavirus disease 2019
CRTC	Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunication Commission (Canada)
DCN	Dakota Carrier Network (US)
DOCSIS	Data Over Cable Service Interface Specification
DRGs	Diagnostic related groups
DSL	Digital Subscriber Line
EC	European Commission
EU	European Union
FCC	Federal Communications Commission (US)
FSOs	Free-space optical
FTTC	Fibre to the Curb
FTTH	Fibre to The Home
FTTN	Fibre to the Node
FTTP	Fibre to the Premises
GBVS	Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme (UK)
GDP	Gross domestic product
GG	General government
GP	General practitioner
GVCs	Global value chains

HEIs	Higher education institutions
ICBN	Inter-County Broadband Network (US)
ICT	Information and communication technology
IoT	Internet of Things
IT	Information technology
ISCED	International Standard Classification of Education
ISED	Innovation Science and Economic Development (Canada)
LAI	Local Autonomy Index
LEO	Low Earth Orbit
LTE	Long-Term Evolution
MSP	<i>Maisons de santé pluriprofessionnelles</i> (France)
NBI	National Broadband Ireland
NBN	National Broadband Network (Australia)
NGBEP	Next Generation Broadband Expansion Programme
NHS	National Health Service (UK)
PISA	Programme for International Student Assessment
PLATO	Programmed Logic for Automated Teaching Operations (US)
PPP	Public-private partnership
PPP	Purchasing power parity
PRISMA	Program on Research for Integrating Services for the Maintenance of Autonomy (Canada)
RAI	Regional Authority Index
RDOF	Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (US)
RFP	Request for proposals
SARS-CoV-2	Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2
SBVS	Scottish Broadband Voucher Scheme (UK)
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SHI	Social health insurance
SMEs	Small-and medium-sized enterprises
TALIS	Teaching and Learning International Survey
TL2 / TL3	Territorial level 2 / Territorial level 3, i.e. large / small regions
UAs	Urbanised Areas
UCs	Urban Clusters
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
USDA	US Department of Agriculture
VDSL	Very high-speed Digital Subscriber Line
WHO	World Health Organization
WIP	Workforce Incentive Program (Australia)



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