



What Is an Acronym?

An **acronym** is a word formed by taking the **initial letters** of a phrase or group of words and combining them into a new term that is **pronounced as a word**.

- **Example:**
 - **RADAR** = *Radio Detection And Ranging*
 - **SCUBA** = *Self-Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus*
 - **NATO** = *North Atlantic Treaty Organization*

If the letters are pronounced individually (like FBI or CPU), it's technically called an **initialism**, though many people still refer to these as acronyms .



Acronyms in Your Curriculum Context

Given your focus on **technical education, assessment systems, and portfolio design**, acronyms can streamline communication and documentation. Here are a few you might use or develop:

Acronym	Full Form	Application
IMS	Information Management System	For learner data and assessment tracking
CPD	Continuing Professional Development	Used in portfolio formatting and career progression
TVET	Technical and Vocational Education and Training	Core to your curriculum domain
NSQF	National Skills Qualification Framework	For competency alignment and modular design
LMS	Learning Management System	For digital delivery and evidence logging
PPI	Physical Plant Integrity	For engineering compliance and safety modules
		For practical experience