

Council jargon & acronyms

A glossary explaining jargon and acronyms commonly used in local government

Jargon/acronym	Meaning
17A	Local Government Act (2002) requirement (section 17a) – review of the cost-effectiveness of services provided to the community.
AMP	Asset Management Plan
BCA	Building Consent Authority
BSO	Business Support Officer
CCO	Council Controlled Organisation
CCTO	Council Controlled Trading Organisation
CDEM	Civil Defence Emergency Management
CMO	Catchment Management Officer
CPI	Consumer Price Index
EAP	Employee Assistance Programme
ELT	Executive Leadership Team
EM	Elected Member
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
Iwi	Māori Tribe

Jargon/acronym	Meaning
L&D	Learning and Development
LGA	Local Government Act 2002
LGOIMA	Local Government Official Information & Meetings Act 1987
LTP	Long Term Plan
MP	Member of Parliament
NZ IFRS	New Zealand equivalent to International Financial Reporting Standards
P&C	People and Capability (aka HR)
PCA	Possum Control Area
PCBU	Person Controlling a Business or Undertaking (Health & Safety at Work Act 2015)
PIF	Performance Improvement Framework
PIP	Performance Improvement Plan
PO	Purchase Order
PPO	Pest Plant Officer
RMA	Resource Management Act 1991
RSAP	Regional Safety Action Plan
SLT	Senior Leadership Team

Jargon/acronym	Meaning
SOI	Statement of Intent (financial)
TLA	Territorial Local Authority – a legal term for a city or district council
TA	Territorial Authority
UAC	Uniform Annual Charge
UAGC	Uniform Annual General Charge

Organisations within the local and central government sectors are also often referred to using acronyms. The most commonly used ones are listed below.

Jargon/acronym	Meaning
AO	Audit Office (aka Audit New Zealand Mana Arotake Aotearoa)
G-REG	Government Regulatory Practice Initiative
IANZ	International Accreditation New Zealand
LGNZ	Local Government New Zealand Ko Tātou
MBIE	Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment
MfE	Ministry for the Environment
NGO	Non-government organisation (NGOs are also referred to as Community & Voluntary Organisations)
NTU	National Transition Unit – related to waters reform
SOLGM	Taituarā (Society of Local Government Managers)