



Commonly Used Federal Government Acronyms

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There are few certainties with the federal government beyond always finding new ways to tax the American citizen and new ways to waste it. However, one other certainty is the never ending supply of acronyms that are thrown around Washington D.C. While an entire list of acronyms is almost impossible and a close to full list would fill approximately 17 pages, below is a list of acronyms that REALTORS® may find useful. They include acronyms for many popular agencies, departments and programs; as well as acronyms important for the real estate industry. Acronyms with a (*) next to them indicates it is an important one.

AAPC	Accounting and Auditing Policy Committee
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Text of ADA legislation)
AHS*	American Housing Survey
BEA	Bureau of Economic Analysis
BIA	Bureau of Indian Affairs
BIC	Business Information Center
BLM	Bureau of Land Management
BLS	Bureau of Labor Statistics
BTS	Bureau of Transportation Statistics
BVA	Board of Veterans Appeals
CBO*	Congressional Budget Office
CCR	Commission on Civil Rights
CDBG*	Community Development Block Grants
CDFI	Community Development Financial Institutions
CEA	Council of Economic Advisers
CEN	Bureau of the Census
CEQ	Council on Environmental Quality
CETEC	Topographic Engineering Center
CFOC	Chief Financial Officers Council
CFR*	Code of Federal Regulations
CPI*	Consumer Price Index
CRC	Civil Rights Center
CRP	Conservation Reserve Program
CRS	Congressional Research Service; Community Relations Service
DHS	Department of Homeland Security
DOC	Department of Commerce
DOD	Department of Defense
DOE	Department of Energy
DOI	Department of the Interior

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DOJ*	Department of Justice
DOL	Department of Labor
DOS	Department of State
DOT	Department of Transportation
ECOSOC	Economic and Social Council
ECP	Emergency Conservation Program
ED	Department of Education
EDA	Economic Development Administration
EEOC	Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
EM	Office of Environmental Management
EO*	Executive Order
EPA*	Environmental Protection Agency
ERS	Economic Research Service
ESA	Employment Standards Administration; Economics and Statistics Administration
Fannie Mae*	Federal National Mortgage Association
FASAB	Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board
FBCI	Faith-Based and Community Initiatives
FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation
FCC*	Federal Communications Commission
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
FDIC*	Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
FEC*	Federal Election Commission
FEMA*	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
FFB	Federal Financing Bank
FHA*	Federal Housing Administration
FHFB*	Federal Housing Finance Board
FIA	Federal Insurance Administration
FNMA	Federal National Mortgage Association
FOIA*	Freedom of Information Act
FR*	Federal Register
FRB*	Federal Reserve Board
Freddie Mac*	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation
FRS*	Federal Reserve System; Federal Relay Service
FTC*	Federal Trade Commission
GAO*	Government Accountability Office
Ginnie Mae*	Government National Mortgage Association
GNMA	Government National Mortgage Association
HHS	Department of Health and Human Services
HUD*	Department of Housing and Urban Development
IMF	International Monetary Fund
INS	Immigration and Naturalization Service (replaced by USCIS)
IRS*	Internal Revenue Service
LOC*	Library of Congress
MSA*	Metropolitan Statistical Area
NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
NCUA	National Credit Union Administration
NEC	National Economic Council
NHI	National Highway Institute

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NIH	National Institutes of Health
NPS	National Park Service
OCC*	Comptroller of the Currency
OCD	Office of Community Development
OCE	Office of the Chief Economist
OFHEO*	Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight
OFM	Office of Financial Management
OFR	Office of the Federal Register
OMB*	Office of Management and Budget
OMHAR	Office of Multifamily Housing Assistance Restructuring
PHA	Public Housing Agency
PIH	Office of Public and Indian Housing
RD	Rural Development
RECD	Rural Economic & Community Development (replaced by RD)
RHS	Rural Housing Service
SEC	Securities and Exchange Commission; Space Environment Center
Stat.*	United States Statutes at Large
Treas.*	Treasury Department
U.S.C.*	United States Code
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
VA*	Department of Veterans Affairs
ZIP (Code)	Zone Improvement Plan