Procedures for Air Navigation Services – ICAO Abbreviations and Codes (PANS-ABC, Doc 8400)

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Abbreviation	PANS-ABC Meaning	Details of Difference
ALA	Aircraft alighting area	In Australia, ALA means 'Aircraft Landing Area'
ARO	Air traffic services reporting office	In Australia, ARO means 'Aerodrome Reporting Officer'
ATCSMAC	Air traffic control surveillance minimum altitude chart (followed by name/title)	Australia uses RTCC (Radar terrain clearance chart) instead of ATCSMAC (Air traffic control surveillance minimum altitude chart)
AWOS	Automated Weather Observation System	Australia uses AWS (automatic weather station) instead of AWOS.
CAA	Civil Aviation Authority or Civil Aviation Administration	Australia's civil aviation authority is called CASA - Civil Aviation Safety Authority
COT	At the Coast	In Australia, COT means 'Coastal'
D-ATIS	Data Link Automatic Terminal Information Service (pronounced "DEE-ATIS")	In Australia DATIS means 'Digital Automatic Terminal Information Service'
EUR RODEX	European regional OPMET data Exchange	Not used
eFPL	Filed flight plan exchanged via flight and flow — information for a collaborative environment (FF-ICE) services	Australia has not yet implemented FF-ICE and associated electronic flight plan abbreviations
FPL	Filed flight plan exchanged via aeronautical fixed service (AFS)	In Australia, FPL means 'Filed Flight Plan Message'
M	MACH Number	In Australia, the letter M is also used a prefix in the identification of a Military Operating Area
MET REPORT	Local routine meteorological report	In Australia, MET REPORT means 'Aviation routine weather report'
MOCA	Minimum obstacle clearance altitude	Australia uses LSALT (lowest safe altitude) instead of MOCA (minimum obstacle clearance altitude)
MTOM	Maximum take-off mass	Australia uses MTOW (Maximum Take-off Weight) instead of MTOM (Maximum Take-off mass)
NAPD	Noise Abatement Departure Procedure	Australia uses NAP (Noise Abatement Procedure) instead of NAPD (Noise Abatement Departure Procedure)
PCL	Pilot Controlled Lighting	Australia uses PAL (pilot activated lighting) instead of PCL (Pilot Controlled Lighting)
PFP	Preliminary flight plan	Australia has not yet implemented FF-ICE and associated preliminary flight plan abbreviation
QNH	Altimeter sub-scale setting to obtain elevation when on the ground	Australia defines QNH as "Altimeter subscale setting to obtain elevation or altitude"
RQ	'Request (to be used in AFS as a procedure signal)'	In Australia, RQ means 'Require(d)'
TL	Till (followed by time by which weather change is forecast to end)	Australia uses the abbreviation TILL instead of TL as the abbreviation for the time by which weather change is forecast to end
TRA	Temporary Reserved Airspace	In Australia, TRA means 'temporary restricted area'