# Dictionaries of Scots Language: Abbreviations (etymology)

Dictionaries of the Scots Language’s online dictionary ([www.dsl.ac.uk](http://www.dsl.ac.uk)) brings together the two major historical dictionaries of the Scots language:

* Modern Scots (after 1700)  
  in *The Scottish National Dictionary* (SND); and
* Older Scots (before 1700)  
  in *A Dictionary of the Older Scottish Tongue* (DOST)

You can find the abbreviations for The Scottish National Dictionary [here](https://dsl.ac.uk/our-publications/scottish-national-dictionary/abbreviations-snd/); and abbreviations for A Dictionary of the Older Scottish Tongue [here](https://dsl.ac.uk/our-publications/a-dictionary-of-the-older-scottish-tongue-dost/abbreviations-dost/).

Abbreviations referencing the etymology of the words in both dictionaries are listed below.

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| Abd | Aberdeen |
| AN | Anglo Norman |
| Angl | Anglian |
| Arg | Argyll |
| Arab. | Arabic |
| CF | Central French |
| Cmb | Cumbria |
| Dmf | Dumfriesshire |
| Du | Dutch |
| e.Ang. | East Anglian |
| E.M.E. | Early Modern English |
| EModE | Early Modern English |
| ESc | Early Scots |
| EScand | East Scandinavian |
| F | French |
| Fær. | Faeroese |
| Flem | Flemish |
| Fr. | French |
| Fris. | Frisian |
| G | German |
| Gael | Gaelic |
| Gen.Sc. | General Scots = known generally wherever Lowland Scots is spoken |
| Ger. | German |
| Gmc. | Germanic |
| Gr | Greek |
| Hebr. | Hebrides |
| Icel. | Icelandic |
| I.E. | Indo-European |
| Ir. | Irish |
| It | Italian |
| L | Latin |
| Lat. | Latin |
| LG | Low German |
| L.Ger. | Low German |
| Lith. | Lithuanian |
| L.Sc. | Lowland Scottish |
| MDu | Middle Dutch |
| ME | Middle English |
| Med. Lat. | Medieval Latin |
| MF | Middle French |
| M.H.Ger. | Middle High German |
| Mid. Eng. | Middle English |
| midl. | Middle English |
| Mid.Sc. | Middle Scots |
| MLG | Middle Low German |
| M.L.Ger. | Middle Low German |
| ModE | Modern English |
| ModSc | Modern Scots |
| ModStE | Modern Standard English |
| MSc | Middle Scots |
| NE | North East |
| nEC | Northern East Central |
| nME | Northern Middle English |
| Norw. | Norwegian |
| OE | Old English |
| OF | Old French |
| O.Fris. | Old Frisian |
| O.H.Ger. | Old High German |
| O.I. or OIr | Old Irish |
| ON | Old Norse |
| O.N.Fr | Old Norman French |
| ONhb or O.North. | Old Northumbrian |
| O.Sax. | Old Saxon |
| OSc | Older Scots |
| O.Slav. | Old Slavonic |
| OWScand | Old West Scandinavian |
| Port | Portuguese |
| PreStE | Pre-Standard English |
| Prim. O.E. | Primitive Old English |
| Sc. | Scots (when no indication of a particular dialect is given); Scottish, Scotch |
| Scand | Scandinavian |
| ScStE | Scottish Standard English |
| sEC | southern East Central |
| sME | southern Middle English |
| Sp | Spanish |
| StE or St.Eng. | Standard English |
| Sth.Eng. | Southern English—i.e. Standard English as spoken in the middle |
| and south of England |  |
| Sw. | Swedish |
| SW | South West |
| U.S. | United States |
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