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BSI Standard 200-1

BSI Standard 200-1 is the German Federal Office for Information Security's ISMS management standard, compatible with ISO/IEC 27001 and the base of IT-Grundschutz.



What it is

BSI Standard 200-1 (Information Security Management Systems, ISMS) is the German Federal Office for Information Security's management standard for setting up and running an ISMS. Version 1.0 of October 2017 replaced BSI Standard 100-1, is compatible with ISO/IEC 27001, and is the first of four BSI Standards 200-x that together make up the IT-Grundschutz approach.

The Bundesamt für Sicherheit in der Informationstechnik (BSI), Germany's federal cybersecurity authority, publishes the standard. It addresses information security officers, security consultants and managers in government agencies and companies of any size. It is a voluntary standard; an ISMS built on it can be certified under ISO/IEC 27001 on the basis of IT-Grundschutz (chapter 9).

At a glance

PUBLISHER Bundesamt für Sicherheit in der Informationstechnik (BSI)	TYPE Standard	VERSION Version 1.0 (October 2017), replaces BSI Standard 100-1
EFFECTIVE October 2017	DOMAIN Cybersecurity	FAMILY Other
REGION Germany	ADOPTION MODEL Voluntary	IMPLEMENTATION COMPLEXITY High

Source: bsi.bund.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/EN/BSI/Grundschutz/International/bsi-standard-2001_en_pdf.pdf?__blob=publicationFile&v=2

Why it matters

- **Management owns the outcome** Top management assumes overall responsibility, initiates, steers and supervises the security process and acts as a role model (section 4.1).
- **A defined security process** Planning, organization, implementation, maintenance and continuous improvement form a repeating cycle (chapter 7).
- **Scaled to the organization** The standard states that a suitable ISMS depends on organization size, and IT-Grundschutz offers a slim starting approach for small organizations (sections 1.3 and 10.1).
- **Choice of risk method** The organization selects a risk analysis method suited to its size and sector, which determines how much work the security concept takes (section 8.1).

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How SmartSuite supports BS 200-1

Policy and Objectives Management

Keep the information security policy, security objectives and their approvals in one record set, with review dates for management (sections 4.1 and 7.1).

Security Organization and Roles

Record the information security officer, the responsible manager and the owners of each safeguard (section 7.2).

Security Concept and Risk Register

Track the chosen risk analysis method, protection requirements and each risk with its treatment decision (chapter 8).

Safeguard Implementation Tracking

Assign each IT-Grundschutz safeguard an owner, a due date and a status, and monitor implementation through linked records.

Internal Audit and Management Review

Schedule internal audits, drills and the annual management review, and track findings to closure (section 7.4).

Certification Readiness Reporting

Build dashboards of open findings, safeguard coverage and documentation status ahead of an ISO 27001 audit based on IT-Grundschutz (chapter 9).

Common framework mappings

CIS Controls v8.1 | GDPR | ISO 27001:2022 | ISO 27002:2022 | ISO 27701 | NIST CSF 2.0 | NIST 800-53 Rev.5 | SOC 2

Official resources

BSI Standard 200-1: Management Systems for Information Security

Defines requirements for establishing an Information Security Management System (ISMS) according to BSI standards.

bsi.bund.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/EN/BSI/Grundschutz/International/bsi-standard-2001_en_pdf.pdf?__blob=publicationFile&v=2

BSI Standards Overview

Describes the structure and purpose of BSI standards for information security management systems.

bsi.bund.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/EN/BSI/Grundschutz/International/bsi-standard-2002_en_pdf.pdf?__blob=publicationFile&v=2

IT-Grundschutz Guide

Provides comprehensive implementation guidance on BSI's IT-Grundschutz methodology for information security.

bsi.bund.de/EN/Themen/Unternehmen-und-Organisationen/Standards-und-Zertifizierung/IT-Grundschutz/it-grundschutz_node.html

Frequently asked questions

What is BSI Standard 200-1?

It is the German Federal Office for Information Security's standard for setting up and running an information security management system. Version 1.0 of October 2017 replaced BSI Standard 100-1 and is compatible with ISO/IEC 27001.

Is BSI Standard 200-1 mandatory or certifiable?

The standard itself is voluntary and is not a certification scheme. An ISMS built on IT-Grundschutz can be certified by the BSI as an ISO 27001 certificate based on IT-Grundschutz, with the IT-Grundschutz compendium as the audit catalog (chapter 9).

What must top management do under BSI Standard 200-1?

Top management assumes overall responsibility for information security, initiates and supervises the security process, sets achievable objectives, makes resources available, weighs costs against benefits and acts as a role model (section 4.1). Operational work can be delegated to an information security officer, but accountability stays with management.

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How do BSI Standards 200-1, 200-2, 200-3 and 200-4 fit together?

Standard 200-1 sets general ISMS requirements. Standard 200-2 describes the IT-Grundschutz methodology for building an ISMS, 200-3 covers risk analysis on the basis of IT-Grundschutz, and 200-4 covers business continuity management.

Does an organization need a dedicated information security officer?

The standard requires at least one person to promote and coordinate the information security process, typically as information security officer. That role should be organized as an executive department and report directly to a responsible manager (section 7.2).

License included / downloadable: Yes BSI Standard 200-1 is published free by the Federal Office for Information Security and is included with the platform for reference.

Full framework page and mappings: smartsuite.com/frameworks/bsi-standard-200-1-management-systems-for-information-security-isms

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