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ISO/IEC 27000:2026

ISO/IEC 27000:2026 is the overview of the ISMS standards family: the concepts and principles of information security management and how ISO/IEC 27001 and related documents fit together.



What it is

ISO/IEC 27000:2026 is the overview document for the family of information security management system (ISMS) standards. It explains the concepts and principles behind information security and ISMS and describes how the documents related to ISMS, including ISO/IEC 27001, fit together. ISO and IEC published this sixth edition in July 2026, prepared by ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 27; it cancels and replaces the 2018 fifth edition, which is withdrawn.

The edition changed the document's job. The title dropped "and vocabulary" and "Security techniques" and now reads "Information security, cybersecurity and privacy protection — Information security management systems — Overview". The structure was changed to stress its primary role of explaining the relationships between ISMS documents, text on concepts and principles was added, Clause 3 now defines only the terms used in presenting those concepts and principles, and it is no longer a terminology document. It has the status of a horizontal document under the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1.

At a glance

PUBLISHER International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 27	TYPE Standard	VERSION Sixth edition (ISO/IEC 27000:2026)
EFFECTIVE July 3, 2026	DOMAIN Cybersecurity	FAMILY ISO Management Systems
REGION International	ADOPTION MODEL Voluntary	IMPLEMENTATION COMPLEXITY Low

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Why it matters

- **One map of the family** Clause 5 describes each ISMS-related document by role: the specification (ISO/IEC 27001), candidate controls, guidance on fulfilling the requirements, use of an ISMS, and control assessment.
- **Shared concepts** Clause 4.1 sets out the need for information security, information, information security, constantly changing risks, the risk treatment plan, the purpose and importance of an ISMS, the process approach and scope.
- **Stated principles** Clause 4.2 gives four principles: establishing, implementing, maintaining and improving an ISMS; successfully implementing it; determining information security requirements; and integrating it into business processes.
- **Horizontal status** The Foreword gives the document the status of a horizontal document under the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1.

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How SmartSuite supports ISO 27000

Family Library

Record ISO/IEC 27001, 27002 and the guidance documents named in Clause 5 with their role, edition and the policies or controls that rely on them.

Edition Tracking

Keep the edition cited in policies, contracts and audit plans with a review date, so a change such as the 2026 replacement of the 2018 edition is found and assessed.

Information Security Requirements

Record interested parties and their requirements as described in Clause 4.2.3 and link each to the controls that address it.

Risks and Treatment Plans

Use Cyber & IT Risk to log information security risks, controls and treatment plans in line with Clauses 4.1.4 and 4.1.5.

Integration with Business Processes

Link ISMS controls and owners to the business processes they protect (Clause 4.2.4).

Program Reporting

Show leadership which ISMS documents the organization applies, their editions and review status.

Common framework mappings

CIS Controls v8.1 | ISO 27001:2022 | ISO 27002:2022 | ISO 27017 | ISO 27018 | ISO 27701 | NIST CSF 2.0 | NIST 800-53 Rev.5

Official resources

ISO/IEC 27000 Overview and Vocabulary

Defines foundational concepts and vocabulary for Information Security Management Systems (ISMS).

iso.org/standard/73906.html

ISO/IEC 27001 Standard

Provides requirements for establishing, implementing, and maintaining an ISMS.

iso.org/isoiec-27001-information-security.html

ISO/IEC 27002 Security Controls Guidance

Provides implementation guidance supporting ISO 27001 Annex A security controls.

iso.org/standard/75652.html

ISO 27000 Family Overview

Describes the structure and relationship of ISO information security standards.

iso.org/isoiec-27001-information-security.html

Frequently asked questions

What is ISO/IEC 27000 and what changed in the 2026 edition?

ISO/IEC 27000 is the overview document for the family of ISMS standards. The sixth edition, published in July 2026, replaced the 2018 edition. It changed the title, restructured the document to stress its role as an overview of the ISMS documents including ISO/IEC 27001, added text on concepts and principles, limited Clause 3 to the terms it uses, and is no longer a terminology document (Foreword).

Can an organization be certified to ISO/IEC 27000?

No. It contains no requirements. Certification is to ISO/IEC 27001, and the requirements for the bodies that audit and certify an ISMS are in ISO/IEC 27006-1, which Clause 5.7 of ISO/IEC 27000 describes.

Where are the ISMS definitions now?

The 2026 edition defines in Clause 3 only the terms it uses for its concepts and principles. ISO/IEC 27001:2022 Clause 3 takes its terms from ISO/IEC 27000 and names the ISO Online Browsing Platform and IEC Electropedia as terminology databases, so check which edition and database your certification body or contract cites.

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Which documents does Clause 5 cover?

ISO/IEC 27001 (5.2); ISO/IEC 27002 and the 27010, 27011, 27017 and 27019 control documents (5.3); ISO/IEC 27003, 27004, 27005 and 27007 on guidance, measurement, risk management and auditing (5.4); ISO/IEC 27013, 27014 and TR 27016 on use (5.5); and ISO/IEC TS 27008, 27021, TS 27022 and 27028 plus 27006-1 (5.6 and 5.7).

Who publishes ISO/IEC 27000 and how is it adopted in Europe?

ISO and IEC publish it, prepared by ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 27 with CEN/CLC/JTC 13. CEN approved it as EN ISO/IEC 27000:2026 on July 2, 2026, superseding EN ISO/IEC 27000:2020, and CEN members must give it national status by January 2028.

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