

STANDARDS AUSTRALIA ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

This document provides the definition of acronyms and abbreviations that are commonly used at Standards Australia. It is not an exhaustive list.

 For a list of IEC acronyms, refer to [IEC reference material](#) for Abbreviations, Acronyms and Codes.

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Acronym or abbreviation	Full Term	Information
A		
AANZFTA	ASEAN Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement	ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Area (AANZFTA) is an agreement between ASEAN Member States (Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam), Australia and New Zealand.
ABCB	Australian Building Codes Board	ABCB Website
AC	Amended Corrigendum	CEN/CENELEC term for Corrigendum e.g., EN 16579:2018+ AC :2019.
Accuris	Accuris	One of Standards Australia's distributors, previously Techstreet.
AI	Artificial Intelligence	An example of an AI Tool is Microsoft's Copilot - AI Companion .
AMD	Amendment	
APCF	Asia Pacific Cooperation Forum (IEC)	
APEC	Asia Pacific Economic Community	APEC Website

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APEC SCSC	Asia Pacific Economic Community, Sub-Committee on Standards and Conformance	
APLAC	Asia Pacific Laboratory Accreditation Program	
APLMF	Asia Pacific Legal Metrology Forum	
APMP	Asia Pacific Metrology Programme	
APRC	Asia Pacific Regional Centre (IEC)	
AS	Australian Standard	
ASCRM	Australian Certified Reference Material	
ASME	American Society of Mechanical Engineers	ASME Website
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations	
AS/NZS	Australian Standard/New Zealand Standard (Joint Standard)	Indicates a Standard that has been jointly developed by Standards Australia and Standards New Zealand .
ASTM	American Society for Testing and Materials	ASTM International Website
ATS	Australian Technical Specification	See also TS .
AU NC	Australian National Committee of the IEC	
AWI	Approved Work Item	
B		
BCA	Building Code of Australia	Building Code of Australia Website
BSI	British Standards Institute	BSI Website
C		
CA	Conformity Assessment	

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CAB	Conformity Assessment Board (IEC)	
CABs	Conformity Assessment Bodies	Refer to CASCO Conformity Assessment Tools to Support Public Policy .
CAG	Chair(s) Advisory Group	
CASCO	Council Committee on Conformity Assessment (ISO committee)	Refer to ISO committee on conformity assessment (CASCO) .
CB	Council Board (IEC)	
CBD	Committee Ballot Draft	
CCOO	Chief Corporate Operations Officer	
CD	Committee Draft for comment (ISO and IEC)	ISO: Refer to International Harmonized Stage Codes . IEC: Refer to Stage Codes .
CDO	Chief Development Officer	
CDV	Committee Draft for Vote (IEC)	Refer to Stage Codes .
CEN-CENELEC	European Committee for Standardisation <i>and</i> European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardisation	CEN-CENELEC Website
CER	Closer Economic Relations (NZ)	
CESIR	Chief of Engagement, Standards and International Relations Officer	
CPAG	Commercial Policy Advisory Group	
CEO	Chief Executive Officer	
CF	Committee Facilitator	An appointed Chair or Facilitator who is an employee of Standards Australia.
CFO	Chief Financial Officer	
CIB	Committee Internal Balloting	

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CIO	Chief Information Officer	
CISPR	International Special Committee on Radio Interference	Refer to CISPR International special committee on radio interference .
clearcalcs	clearcalcs.com	One of Standards Australia's distributors.
CMV	Commented Version	Refer to the abbreviation after the IEC publication number, e.g., IEC 60228:2023 CMV .
COA	Certificate of Appreciation	
COPANT	Pan American Standards Commission	COPANT Website
COPOLCO	Committee on Consumer Policy (ISO)	Refer to ISO's committee on consumer policy (COPOLCO) .
CoSec	Company Secretary	
CP	Combined Procedure	
CPAG	Commercial Policy Advisory Group	
CPD	Combined Procedure Draft	
CSV	Consolidated Version	Refer to the abbreviation after the IEC publication number, e.g., IEC CA 01:2020 CSV .
D		
DAISY	Digital Accessible Information System	File format for audio reader devices.
DAP	Diversity Action Plan	Refer to Standards Australia's Diversity Action Plan .
DCL	Data Conversion Lab	
DEVCO	Committee on Developing Countries Matters (ISO)	A committee to support developing countries: DEVCO .
DFAT	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	Homepage Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
DIS	Draft International Standard (ISO)	Refer to International Harmonized Stage Codes .
DISR	Department of Industry, Science and Resources	Department of Industry, Science and Resources Website

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DL	Drafting Leader	Refer to the Standardisation Guides Standards Australia and the Drafting Resources on Home Standards Australia .
DMT	Directives Maintenance Team	
Dol	Declaration of Interest	Refer to Disclosure of Interests Policy .
DR	Draft	Prefix used in a document's designation that is released as a DRAFT.
DT	Drafting Team	Refer to the Drafting Resources on Home Standards Australia .
DTA	Direct Text Adoption	A term historically used by some SA employees for Identical (IDT) Adoptions. "DTA" is not official nomenclature; instead, SA aligns with ISO/IEC Guide 21-1 and uses the term "IDT" for Identical Adoptions (of International Standards).
DTS	Digital Trade Standards Initiative	
DTD	Document Type Definitions	Markup language; XML related.
DTX	Digital Transformation	
E		
EM	Engagement Manager	
EN	European Standards	Standards that have been ratified by CEN , CENELEC or ETSI .
EO	Engagement Officer	
ETSI	European Telecommunications Standards Institute	ETSI Website
EU	European Union	
EXV	Extended Version	Refer to the abbreviation after the IEC publication number, e.g., IEC 62271-204:2022 EXV .
F		

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Fast Track MOD	Fast Track Modified Adoption	Generally, Fast Track MOD projects initially start as Identical (IDT) Adoption projects, but changes to the normative references in the adopted text are necessary, meaning that the adoption is no longer "identical" and must be published as a Modified (MOD) Adoption. However, as no changes are made to the technical content in the adopted text, just the normative references, the project follows the same internal workflow as an IDT project, which is a fast track version of the normal Standards Development project, hence the term "Fast Track MOD". <i>See also MOD.</i>
FCD	Final Draft Committee Draft	
FDIS	Final Draft International Standard (ISO)	Refer to International Harmonized Stage Codes .
FIO	For Information Only (Member)	
FTA	Free Trade Agreement	<i>See also AANZFTA</i>
G		
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade	
GC	General Counsel	
GST	Goods and Services Tax	
H		
HB	Handbook	
HIA	Housing Industry Association	One of Standards Australia's distributors. Refer to Digital Australian Standards .
HTML	HyperText Markup Language	
I		
IAM	Identity and Access Management	

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IA-CEPA	Indonesia-Australia Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement	
ICONTEC	Instituto Colombiano de Normas Técnicas y Certificación	Refer to ICONTEC Colombia .
ICT	Information and Communication Technology	
IDT	Identical Adoption	The expression 'Identical' is used when a national Standard is identical in technical content, structure and wording, although it may contain minimal editorial changes (as specified in ISO/IEC Guide 21-1). The title need not be exactly the same. The 'vice versa principle' is fulfilled in that anything which is acceptable under the International Standard is acceptable under the national Standard and vice versa. Refer to ISO/IEC Guide 21-1 .
IEC	International Electrotechnical Commission	IEC homepage
IEC CO	IEC Central Office	
IECEE	IEC System for Conformity Testing and Certification of Electrotechnical Equipment and Components	
IECEX	IEC System for Certification to Standards Relating to Equipment for Use in Explosive Atmospheres	
IECQ	IEC Quality Assessment for Electrical Components	
IECRE	IEC System for Certification to Standards Relating to Equipment for Use in Renewable Energy Applications	
IEC IDT	International Electrotechnical Commission Identical Adoption	PDF merge workflow using Typefi to publish IDTs from organisations other than ISO where the source document is not available in XML , only PDF.
IEEE	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Website

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Int	Interim Standard	
Intertek	Intertek inform	One of Standards Australia's distributors, previously SAI Global. Refer to Intertek Inform AU Website .
IPAC	International Policy Advisory Committee	
IPC	International Participation Case	
IPP	International Participation Platform	The IPP replaces an existing online form to record and track the event details and subsidy allocation for Australian participants attending international meetings. IPP is delivered through the Salesforce platform.
IRG	International Review Group	
IS	International Standards	
ISH	Interpretation Sheet (IEC)	Refer to the abbreviation after the IEC publication number, e.g., IEC 60825-1:2014/ISH1:2017 .
ISO	International Organization for Standardization	International Organization for Standardization Website
ISO AM	ISO Annual Meeting	
ISO CS	ISO Central Secretariat	
ISO GA	ISO General Assembly	
ISO IDTs	International Organization for Standardization Identical Adoption	Workflow using Typefi to publish IDTs from ISO where the source document is in XML .
ISOSTS	ISO Standards Tag Set	
ITU	International Telecommunications Union	International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Website
IWA	International Workshop Agreement	
J		
JAS-ANZ	Joint Accreditation System of Australia and New Zealand	JAS-ANZ Website

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JATS	Journal Article Tag Suite	Refer to Journal Article Tag Suite on the National Library of Medicine (National Center for Biotechnology Information) Website .
JATS/NLM	Journal Article Tag Suite National Library of Medicine	Refer to The NLM DTD Suite is now the NISO Journal Article Tag Suite .
JCG	Joint Coordination Group	
JPC	Joint Project Committee	
JTAB	Joint Technical Advisory Board	
JTC	Joint Technical Committee	
JTC 1	Joint Technical Committee 1 – Information Technology (ISO/IEC)	
JWG	Joint Working Group	
L		
LMS	Learning Management System	SA's LMS is the Standards Academy .
LoNO	Letter of No Objection	
LOA	Letter of Appointment	
M		
MB	Member Body	
MBA	Master Builders Association	One of Standards Australia's distributors. Refer to Building Information Gateway .
MC	Membership Committee	An SA Board Committee
MBIE	Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment	Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) NZ Website

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MOD	Modified Adoption	The expression 'Modified' is used where technical deviations from the International Standard (generally minor differences) exist and are clearly identified and explained. The national Standard reflects the structure of the International Standard and permits easy comparison of the content of the two Standards. The 'vice versa principle' is not fulfilled with a 'Modified' Adoption. Refer to ISO/IEC Guide 21-1 . <i>See also Fast Track MOD.</i>
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding	
MP	Miscellaneous Publication	
MRA	Mutual Recognition Agreement	
MRS	Meeting Registration System	
MSB	Market Strategy Board (IEC)	
MSS	Management System Standard	
MT	Maintenance Team	
N		
NATA	National Association of Testing Authorities	National Association of Testing Authorities Website
NB	Net Benefit	Refer to Guide to Net Benefit (SAE GU 103) .
NBI	Not based on an International Standard	The expression 'Not based on international standards' is used where an International Standard (or Standards) that covers the related topic does exist, but the national Standard is not based on that International Standard(s).
NCC	National Construction Code	NCC Online
NEQ	Not Equivalent (to an International Standard)	The expression 'Not Equivalent' is used where the national Standard is not equivalent to the International Standard in technical content and structure and any changes have not been clearly identified. There is no clear correspondence between the national Standard and the International Standard. This typically covers the case where only a minority in number or significance of the international provisions are included in the national Standard. This category of correspondence does not constitute an adoption. Refer to ISO/IEC Guide 21-1 .

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NFTA	New Field of Technical Activity	
NIS	No International Standard exists	The expression 'No international standard exists' is used where no suitable international standard exists that can be used as the basis for a national Standard.
NISO	National Information Standards Organization	National Information Standards Organization NISO website
NMC	National Mirror Committee	
NMI	National Measurement Institute	Australia's National Authority on Measurement Website
NOITA	Notice of Intention to Adopt	
NP	New Proposal	
NSB	National Standards Body (or Bodies)	
NVB	National Variation Boxes	NVBs locate the modifications where they are relevant throughout a document rather than situating them all in an Appendix ZZ .
NWIP (or NP)	New Work Item Proposal	
NZS	New Zealand Standard	
O		
OBP	Online Browsing Platform	Refer to Online Browsing Platform (OBP) (iso.org) .
O-Member	Observer Member	
ORCID	Open Researcher and Contributor ID	ORCID Website - a global, not-for-profit organisation.
OSD	Online Standards Development	A platform for authoring ISO and IEC Standards. Refer to ISO - Online Standards Development platform .
P		
P-Member	Participating Member	
PAS	Publicly Available Specifications	
PASC	Pacific Area Standards Congress	Pacific Area Standards Congress (PASC) Website

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PC	Project Committee	
PC	Public Comment/Commenting	
PCA	Plumbing Code of Australia	Refer to National Construction Code NCC Website .
PCD	Public Comment Draft	
PCP	Public Comment Portal	The Public Comment Portal is used by Standards Australia (SA) to obtain feedback from members of the public and other interested parties on draft standards prior to publishing. This ensures that published standards incorporate valuable input from a diversity of individuals and groups across Australia.
PDF	Portable Document Format	
PgM	Program Manager	
PGR	People, Governance and Risk Committee	An SA Board Committee.
PIA	Preliminary Impact Assessment	A Preliminary Impact Assessment (PIA) is an early-stage analysis of the impacts of proposals to change BCA referenced documents and is to be undertaken by the document proponent.
PM	Project Manager	
PMG	Production Management Group	
PNW	New Work Item Proposal	
PQI	Pacific Quality Infrastructure Initiative	
PR	Peer Review	
PRV	Pre-Release	Refer to the abbreviation after the IEC publication number, e.g., IEC 81355-1:2024 PRV .
PSB	Partner Standardisation Body	
PT	Project Team	
PWI	Preliminary Work Item (IEC)	Refer to Stage Codes .
Q		
QI	Quality Infrastructure	

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R		
RBS	Resource Breakdown Structure	
Rec	Reconfirmed	
RFC	Request For Change	
RFI	Request for Information	
RISSB	Rail Industry Safety and Standards Board	Rail Industry Safety and Standards Board Website
RLV	Red Line Version	Refer to the abbreviation after the IEC publication number, e.g., IEC 61439-1:2020 RLV .
RoV	Report of Voting	
RUL	Ruling	
S		
SA	Standards Australia	Home Standards Australia Website
SAA	Standards Australia Academy	Refer to Standards Australia Academy .
SAG	Sales Advisory Group	
SBP	Strategic Business Plan	
SC	Subcommittee	
SCDG	Sharing of Committee Drafts Group	
SCDP	Sharing of Committee Drafts Program	Program to allow committee drafts to be shared with others outside the committee during the drafting phase.
SCDWG	Sharing of Committee Drafts Working Group	
SCSC	Subcommittee on Standards and Conformance	
SD	Standards Development	
SDAC	Standards Development and Accreditation Committee	
SDO	Standards Development Organisation(s)	

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SDS	Standards Development Services	
SDT	Simplified Drafting Template	Microsoft Word template used for first Drafts of national Standards.
SET	Stakeholder Engagement Team	
SFS	Finnish Standards Association	Finish Standards Website
SG	Standardisation Guide	Refer to Standardisation Guides Standards Australia.
SG	Sub Group	
SIF	Standardization Identity Federation	Introduced to facilitate Single Sign-On ("SSO") to simplify the access of shared services across SIF Member platforms, for example, the ISO and IEC dashboards.
SIM	Standards Library	Digital catalogue of Standards Australia publications. <i>NOTE Internally referred to as Standards Information Management (SIM).</i>
SIS	Standards Information Services	Now called Customer Success Team.
SISO	Support for Industry Service Organisations (Program)	A program of collaboration between SA, DISR and Industry.
SMB	Standardization Management Board	Refer to IEC Governance Committee and structure.
SME	Small to Medium Enterprises	
SME	Subject Matter Expert	
SNZ	Standards New Zealand	Home: Standards New Zealand Website
SoU	Statement of Understanding	
SRT	Systematic Review Team	The SRT manages Aged Standards.
SSO	Single Sign On	Technology used to enable a single sign on process to multiple systems.
STS	Standard Tag Suite	Refer to National Information Standards Organization.
Sup	Supplement	
SyC	Systems Committee	

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T		
TAT	Turnaround Time	
TBT	Technical Barrier(s) to Trade	
TBX	TermBase eXchange	Refer to Compatible vocabulary derived from ISO 30042 .
TC	Technical Committee	
Techstreet		One of Standards Australia's distributors – now called Accuris .
TGR	Technical Governance Review	
TIA	Technical Infrastructure Alliance	
TMB	Technical Management Board	Refer to ISO Governance Committee .
TPM	Technical Program Manager (ISO)	
TR	Technical Report	
TS	Technical Specification	
TTMRA	Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition Arrangement	
TW	Technical Writer	
W		
WD	Working Draft	
WG	Working Group	
WHO	World Health Organization	World Health Organization Website
WPUB	Withdrawn Publication	
WSC	World Standards Council	
WTO	World Trade Organization	World Trade Organization Website
WTO TBT	World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (Agreement)	Refer to WTO TBT Agreement .
X		

Acronym or abbreviation	Full Term	Information
XHTML	Extensible HyperText Markup Language	
XML	eXtensible Markup Language	
Z		
ZZ Appendix		Appendix of a national Standard which specifies modifications to the content of a source International Standard. Replaced by NVBs .