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Overview and Engagement Guide

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DOCUMENT STATUS

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This document provides a concise overview of the G3 Technology & AI Governance Standard under the IGSB G-Series Governance Framework. It is intended to explain the purpose, scope, evidence approach and engagement pathways associated with G3.

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Document status	Public overview / engagement guide
Framework	IGSB G-Series Governance Framework
Relevant standard	G3 Technology & AI Governance Standard
Primary focus	Technology, data, automated decision-making and AI-enabled systems
Correspondence	All engagement is conducted in writing via enquiries@igsb-standards.org

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IGSB and the G-Series Governance Framework

The International Governance Standards Board (IGSB) is an independent, commercially structured governance standards body responsible for the development, publication and application of the G-Series Governance Framework.

The G-Series Governance Framework is focused on evidence-based assessment of governance oversight, accountability, traceability, control and organisational maturity. It is applied through structured written observations, readiness reviews, pre-assessment activity, defined assessment pathways and future certification or renewal processes.

Core institutional position

IGSB is standards-led and independent in methodology. Its written pathways are evidence-based, scope-defined and separated from consultancy, advisory, vendor or implementation services.

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Relationship with existing standards

The G-Series Governance Framework is designed to operate alongside existing governance, risk, assurance, legal, regulatory and AI standards. It does not replace statutory obligations, regulatory frameworks, management system standards, governance codes or sector-specific requirements.

Its purpose is to provide a structured evidence-based method for assessing how governance oversight, accountability, traceability and control are demonstrated in practice.

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Complementary role

Where organisations already operate under established standards or regulatory expectations, the G-Series may support clearer evidence of governance maturity, oversight visibility, institutional accountability and operational control.

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Purpose and scope of G3

The G3 Standard applies the IGSB G-Series Governance Framework to technology, data, automated decision-making and AI-enabled systems. It establishes governance expectations for oversight, accountability, traceability, control and independent review where digital or AI-enabled systems create material organisational risk.

The standard is designed to support evidence-based assessment of how governance arrangements operate in practice across digital and AI-enabled environments.

In scope	Clarification
Technology-enabled systems	Systems, platforms or digital processes that create material governance exposure.
Data and record integrity	Governance of data assets, access controls, retention, traceability and reliability.
Automated decision-making	Processes where system outputs influence operational, institutional or stakeholder outcomes.
AI-enabled systems	Model use, monitoring, limitation awareness, transparency where required and accountable oversight.
Financial systems where relevant	Financial systems, reporting environments and assurance processes may fall within G3 where technology, data integrity, automation or AI-enabled decision-making create material governance exposure.

What G3 does not do

G3 does not prescribe technical implementation methods, approve technology architectures, certify model accuracy, provide legal advice, or confirm regulatory compliance. It focuses on the governance arrangements, evidence, controls, review pathways and accountability mechanisms that can be demonstrated within submitted information.

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Core domains of the G3 Standard

The G3 Standard is organised around domains that support structured review of governance evidence across technology, data, automated decision-making and AI-enabled environments.

Technology Governance & System Accountability Ownership, accountable roles, system-level oversight and documented responsibility for material digital or AI-enabled processes.	**Data Governance, Security & Record Integrity** Integrity, access controls, retention, traceability and reliability of data supporting technology and AI-enabled systems.
AI Oversight, Model Accountability & Transparency Accountable use, limitations, monitoring, validation, transparency where required and material impact review.	**Operational Control, Monitoring & Human Intervention** Monitoring system behaviour, identifying deviation, escalating concerns and ensuring human review, intervention or override where required.
Assurance, Audit & Independent Challenge Internal review, audit visibility, independent challenge and evidence that controls operate in practice.	**Regulatory Alignment, Incident Response & Governance Events** Alignment with relevant expectations, incident escalation, response procedures, post-event review and evidence of accountable governance activity.

Application note

Financial systems, reporting environments, assurance processes and other high-impact operational systems may fall within G3 where technology, data integrity, automation or AI-enabled decision-making create material governance exposure.

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Evidence-based governance assessment

G3 is concerned with whether governance arrangements can be evidenced. The focus is not only whether policies, committees or controls are said to exist, but whether submitted information shows how oversight, accountability, traceability and control operate in practice.

This evidence-based approach supports a clear distinction between documented intention and demonstrable governance operation.

Evidence classifications

Classification	Meaning
Not evidenced	The submitted information does not provide clear evidence of the governance arrangement being present.
Partially evidenced	Elements of the governance arrangement may exist, but evidence is incomplete, unclear, fragmented or not consistently documented.
Evidenced within submitted information	The submitted information provides sufficient evidence to identify the governance arrangement within the limited scope of review.

Examples of evidence that may be considered

- Board, committee or executive governance records showing oversight of technology, data or AI-enabled systems.
- System inventories, ownership records, risk registers, control frameworks or assurance maps.
- Policy documents, escalation procedures, incident records, monitoring reports or audit evidence.
- Written explanations showing how decisions, outputs, controls or accountable roles can be traced.

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G3 Readiness Snapshot

A G3 Readiness Snapshot is a limited early-stage written observation under the IGSB G-Series Governance Framework, applied through the G3 Technology & AI Governance Standard.

It provides an initial view of whether governance arrangements relating to technology, data, automated decision-making or AI-enabled systems appear clearly evidenced within submitted information.

Snapshot boundary

A G3 Readiness Snapshot does not constitute a readiness review, formal assessment, certification, assurance statement, audit opinion, legal advice, consultancy, technical system review, regulatory approval or confirmation of compliance.

Snapshot areas considered

- Governance oversight and accountability.
- System visibility and ownership.
- Operational control and monitoring.
- Human review, escalation, intervention or override.
- Traceability of decisions, outputs, roles, controls or governance activity.

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Engagement pathways

IGSB engagement activity is conducted through defined written pathways. The appropriate pathway depends on scope, evidence maturity, submitted information and written confirmation by IGSB.

Pathway	Purpose
Written observation	A limited written observation based on submitted information, such as a G3 Readiness Snapshot.
Readiness review	A structured review of submitted materials to identify whether evidence appears sufficient for a further pathway.
Pre-assessment	A scope-defined review before formal assessment activity, focused on evidence gaps and readiness position.
Formal assessment	A defined assessment against relevant G-Series criteria and evidence requirements, where applicable and agreed in writing.
Future certification or renewal	Where applicable, a later-stage pathway subject to scope, evidence requirements, conditions and renewal or review procedures.

Information typically requested

Organisations seeking a G3 Readiness Snapshot or related written pathway may be asked to provide high-level written information relating to the use, oversight and governance of technology, data, automated decision-making or AI-enabled systems.

This may include the organisation name, sector, governance area under consideration, systems or processes under review, evidence available, ownership arrangements, monitoring processes and any governance records submitted for review.

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Why G3 may matter to organisations

Governance is increasingly judged by what can be evidenced, not only by what is documented. For organisations using technology, data, automation or AI-enabled systems, this creates a practical need to show how oversight, accountability, traceability and control operate in practice.

G3 supports organisations in understanding whether governance evidence is visible, structured and connected to accountable roles and oversight arrangements.

Questions G3 helps organisations examine

- Can material technology, data or AI-enabled systems be identified and assigned to accountable ownership?
- Is governance oversight visible through submitted records, policies or review structures?
- Can system outputs, decisions, controls, reviews or escalation points be traced?
- Is there evidence of monitoring, human intervention, independent review or post-event governance response?
- Can governance arrangements be demonstrated without relying only on policy statements or assumed practice?

Strategic positioning

G3 does not replace existing standards or regulatory expectations. It supports evidence-based understanding of whether governance arrangements can be demonstrated within submitted information.

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Limitations and contact route

This document is an overview only. It should not be relied upon as the full G3 Technology & AI Governance Standard or as confirmation of any organisation's readiness, compliance, maturity, assurance status or certification position.

IGSB does not provide consultancy, implementation advice, legal advice, technical system approval, regulatory approval or individual compliance determinations through this document.

For G-Series, pre-assessment or G3 Readiness Snapshot enquiries
Please include the organisation name, sector, governance area under consideration, and whether the enquiry relates to a written observation, readiness review, pre-assessment or formal assessment pathway.
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Maintaining and applying the G-Series Governance Framework through evidence-based written pathways.