



Standards Challenge Fund Terms and Conditions

1. Eligibility

1.1. The Standards Challenge Fund is open to all small and medium-sized enterprises based in the UK. The UK Government currently defines Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in accordance with the table below.

Size of Business	Staff Headcount	Annual Turnover	Balance Sheet Total
Medium	Under 250	Under €50m	Under €43m
Small	Under 50	Under €10m	Under €10m
Micro	Under 10	Under €2m	Under €2m

1.2. Suggestions for a standard that rely on including third-party copyrighted material, or products, services or processes protected by intellectual property laws are not eligible for consideration.

1.3. Only suggestions that fall within the priority themes of Net Zero, Digital and Technologies, or Healthy Living and Ageing will be eligible for consideration.

2. Suggestions

2.1. Suggestions must be made in accordance with the process outlined on the website and by the closing date published. Suggestions will be assessed through a process that includes representatives from Government and BSI.

2.2. If a suggestion is selected for development there is no guarantee that a standard will be published. The selection is for ideas to take forward into BSI's standards development process, which includes due diligence processes and the consensus-based decision making of a broadly representative group of industry experts.

2.3. If a suggestion is selected for development as a standard, then the principles of standards development enshrined in [PAS 0 and Flex 0](#) will be applied, and the standard will be written in accordance with the [Rules for the structure and drafting of UK standards](#). Developing the suggestion into a standard may result in a standard that is somewhat different to that envisaged in the original suggestion but will still generate the intended benefits.

2.4. The decisions made during the assessment process are final.

2.5. If a suggestion is not selected for further development as a standard, it can be re-submitted to BSI through any other existing mechanism for proposing new standards.



3. IPR and Patents

- 3.1. All content intellectual property rights ('IPR') in contributions made in developing a standard from a suggestion to the Standards Challenge Fund belong to BSI and each contributor assigns to BSI (on their own behalf and on behalf of their employer) all such content IPR.
- 3.2. No third-party product/process IPR or patents will be included in any standard developed from a suggestion to the Standards Challenge Fund.

4. Use of data

- 4.1. BSI has the right to use the Company names of participants in promotional and marketing material related to the Standards Challenge Fund.
- 4.2. BSI will only use contact details for the purposes of contacting participants about the outcome of their submission, or to send or request information related to the Standards Challenge Fund.
- 4.3. BSI will share names of companies and sole traders who have submitted eligible ideas with Innovate UK for the purposes of checking that funding is not already granted in regard to the idea submitted.