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# Introduction

Staying informed of current working practices and industry best practice is essential for any area of employment and research. Being confident that you are accessing the latest information from a trusted, authoritative source is equally important.

**BSOL Academic** delivers the information you need. Including more than 90,000 standards that span all industry sectors, it is the most comprehensive resource available for guidance on current best practice. Developed by BSI, the world's first National Standards Body, BSOL Academic includes standards that have been created by leading standards development organisations including BSI, CENELEC, ASTM, IEC, CEN, ISO and more. All the most widely adopted standards are included alongside industry and country specific information to help you compare and contrast information.

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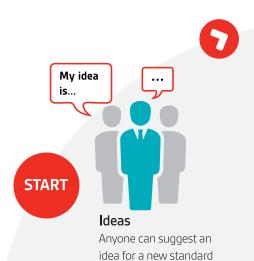
- Assess the applicability of standards for your specific needs
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- Develop a knowledge and understanding of standards and how they apply to your discipline
- Develop a familiarity of the key standards for your discipline
- Understand the role of quality assurance and regulatory affairs in developing safe products and ensuring best practice
- Learn how to understand and correctly interpret standards



## What are standards?

Standards impact almost every aspect of our world; from the quality of the water we drink to the way the food we eat is prepared, from the shape and size of our credit cards to the levels of service received in our banks, and from the materials used to make cars to the width of railway lines. They are the building blocks of daily life. In its most basic form, a standard is an agreed way of doing something. It could be about making a product, managing a process, delivering a service or supplying materials.

This is how standards are developed:



(i.e. a proposal for work)

new proposal for work



## Consideration

The proposal is assessed and if approved a stakeholder group is formed







#### Publication

Once the document passes final approval it is published

Standards are reviewed every two to five years. The committee or drafting panel considers any comments received and decides whether the standard needs to be withdrawn, confirmed or reconfirmed, amended or revised. A decision to amend or revise will lead to a



The stakeholder group forms a committee or drafting panel with BSI to draft the standard





# Final approval

The draft goes through a final approval process



The committee or drafting panel considers the comments and prepares an updated draft



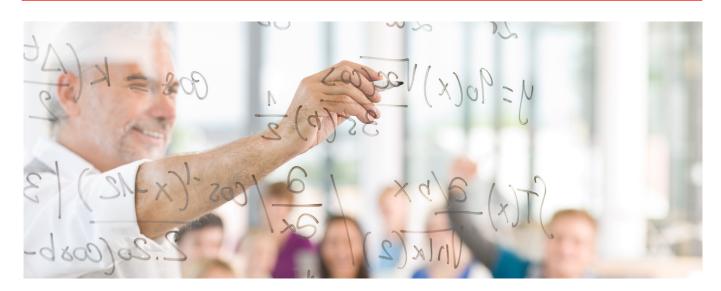




Public consultation

The draft is then issued for public consultation

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#### **BSOL** Academic provides:

# Complete access to industry best practice

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# From leading standards organizations and experts

BSI has its finger on the pulse of industry to keep all standards users abreast of the latest developments, whatever the subject specialty. BSI works with over 10,000 independent industry experts, government bodies, trade associations and consumer groups to identify requirements for new standards and for when documents need to be revised or withdrawn.

Content is trusted and authoritative, developed by BSI, the UK notified body and the world's oldest notified body, and European and International standards development bodies including CEN, CENELEC, ASTM, ISO, ASTM and IEC.

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