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## National foreword

This standard is an adoption and is identical to ISO 21801-1 Standard Specification for Cognitive accessibility —Part 1: General Guidelines published by International Organization for Standardization (ISO).

## Scope of the standard

This document presents guidelines for the design and development of cognitively accessible systems, including products and services and built environments.

This document is relevant to mainstream systems as well as those designed specifically for people with disability.

Within the broad field of accessibility, this document is limited to guidance related to cognitive accessibility.

NOTE 1 It acknowledges, however, that diverse sensory perceptions can impact cognitive accessibility.

NOTE 2 While the following guidance in this document can benefit all users, it is included here because failure to follow it could lead to barriers that would prevent some potential users from being able to use the system at all.

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