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National foreword

This standard is an adoption and is identical to ISO GUIDE 71: 2014 Guide for addressing accessibility in standards published by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO).

Scope of the standard

This Guide provides guidance to standards developers on addressing accessibility requirements and recommendations in standards that focus, whether directly or indirectly, on systems (i.e. products, services and built environments) used by people. To assist standards developers to define accessibility requirements and recommendations, the Guide presents:

- a summary of current terminology relating to accessibility;
- issues to consider in support of accessibility in the standards development process;
- a set of accessibility goals (used to identify user accessibility needs);
- descriptions of (and design considerations for) human abilities and characteristics;
- strategies for addressing user accessibility needs and design considerations in standards.

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