Standards New Zealand
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Talking points

• What does Standards New Zealand do
• How standards are made
• Our new ways of working
• Working together
• Questions and ideas
What does Standards New Zealand do

• Standards New Zealand is New Zealand’s leading developer of standards and standards-based solutions.

• Standards and Accreditation Act 2015 – our statutory purpose
  – Provides for a standards system in NZ that:
    • protects the health, safety, and well-being of individuals
    • is consistent with international practice
    • facilitates trade

• Our role includes:
  • Standards development, approval through the Standards Approval Board and maintenance
  • International participation
  • Access to standards
What does Standards New Zealand do

- The majority of our standards are developed in **partnership with Standards Australia**
- We ensure that New Zealand has a **voice in the international standards community**
- Bring together **relevant and key stakeholders** to tailor standards solutions
- Standards solutions are developed by expert committees through a **robust, transparent process**.
- **Consensus-based approach** ensures standards solutions are practical, relevant, and widely recognised and supported.

**Other points to note:**

- Because we receive **no direct government funding** we need to recover our costs and charge for our standards
- Although we develop and provide access to standards, we are **not responsible for enforcing, regulating, or certifying compliance** with those standards
How standards are made

Start

SCOPING
Every idea is assessed and stakeholders are consulted on potential scope and funding

PROPOSAL
Anyone can suggest an idea for a new standard

COMMITTEE FORMATION
Nominations from relevant stakeholder groups for a chairperson and committee members are selected for approval by the Standards Approval Board. They are then appointed by the New Zealand Standards Executive

PUBLICATION
The standard is published and made available to purchase on the Standards New Zealand webshop (www.standards.govt.nz)

REVIEW
Standards are reviewed ideally every 5–7 years from publication. Standards New Zealand consults the public and key stakeholders and considers any comments received to decide whether the standard needs to be withdrawn, reconfirmed, amended, or revised. A decision to amend or revise leads back to the proposal stage

FIRST DRAFT
The committee collaborates to develop an initial draft of the standard

FINAL APPROVAL
The draft is submitted to the Standards Approval Board for approval to publish

PUBLIC CONSULTATION
The draft is circulated to the public for comment (usually 8 weeks)

COMMITTEE BALLOT
The committee then votes on the final draft. For the standard to be published, the committee must reach consensus on the content of the document

CONSIDERATION OF COMMENT
All comments are considered and the committee prepares an updated draft
New Business Strategy

Key strategies

- Enabling value-added products and services
- Growing value for New Zealand
- Enabling easier access to standards in a digital world
- Developing robust, affordable standards faster
- Facilitating up-to-date expert knowledge
Working closer together

More ways to be involved and work together:

- Consider when an NZS is the right solution and talk to us about commissioning standards
- Facilitation of scoping workshops and working group meetings
- Cross Government reach and collaborating with other agencies
- Focus on supporting key Government priorities
- Membership on international committees, i.e. ISO & IEC
- Provide feedback on the standards aged catalogue
- Fund access to cited and other relevant standards
Questions
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