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Information management using  
building information modelling —**

**Part 1:  
Concepts and principles**

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## Foreword

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A list of all parts in the ISO 19650 series can be found on the ISO website.

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## Introduction

This document sets out the recommended concepts and principles for business processes across the built environment sector in support of the management and production of information during the life cycle of built assets (referred to as “information management”) when using building information modelling (BIM). These processes can deliver beneficial business outcomes to asset owners/operators, clients, their supply chains and those involved in project funding including increase of opportunity, reduction of risk and reduction of cost through the production and use of asset and project information models. In this document, the verbal form “should” is used to indicate a recommendation.

This document is primarily intended for use by:

- those involved in the procurement, design, construction and/or commissioning of built assets; and
- those involved in delivering asset management activities, including operations and maintenance.

This document is applicable to built assets and construction projects of all sizes and all levels of complexity. This includes large estates, infrastructure networks, individual buildings and pieces of infrastructure and the projects or sets of projects that deliver them. However, the concepts and principles included in this document should be applied in a way that is proportionate and appropriate to the scale and complexity of the asset or project. This is particularly the case where small and medium-sized enterprises are mainly appointed for asset management or project delivery. It is also important that procurement and mobilization of asset or project appointed parties should be integrated as far as possible with existing processes for technical procurement and mobilization.

The concepts and principles contained in this document are aimed at all those involved in the asset life cycle. This includes, but is not limited to, the asset owner/operator, the client, the asset manager, the design team, the construction team, an equipment manufacturer, a technical specialist, a regulatory authority, an investor, an insurer and an end-user.

The specific requirements for information management during the delivery of built assets are provided in ISO 19650-2. These are based on the concepts and principles within this document, but on its own this document includes no obligation to apply ISO 19650-2 or any other part of the ISO 19650 series to be published.

There are many different ways that asset owners/operators or clients can best meet their particular requirements or respond to their national contexts. This includes procurement routes and appointment arrangements. The concepts and principles for information management described in this document should be adopted and applied in accordance with the specific circumstances and requirements of the asset management or project delivery activities. The information requirements should specify or guide how this will be achieved and the details should be agreed in time for the requirements to be delivered efficiently and effectively.

Collaboration between the participants involved in construction projects and in asset management is pivotal to the efficient delivery and operation of assets. Organizations are increasingly working in new collaborative environments to achieve higher levels of quality and greater re-use of existing knowledge and experience. A significant outcome of these collaborative environments is the potential to communicate, re-use and share information efficiently, and to reduce the risk of loss, contradiction or misinterpretation.

True collaborative working requires mutual understanding and trust and a deeper level of standardized process than has typically been experienced, if the information is to be produced and made available in a consistent timely manner. Information requirements need to pass along supply chains to the point where information can be most efficiently produced, and information needs to be collated as it is passed back. At present, considerable resources are spent on making corrections to unstructured information or incorrect management of information by untrained personnel, on solving problems arising from uncoordinated efforts of delivery teams, and on solving problems related to information reuse and reproduction. These delays can be reduced if the concepts and principles within this document are adopted.

To improve future editions of the ISO 19650 series, national asset owners, public clients and authorities are recommended to gather information and experiences about its implementation and use.

The ISO 19650 series can benefit from a formal process for managing assets, for example as in the ISO 55000 series. The ISO 19650 series can also benefit from a systematic approach to quality within an organization, for example as in ISO 9001, although certification to ISO 9001 is not a requirement of the ISO 19650 series. Other standards that relate to information structures and delivery methods are also listed in the Bibliography.





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## Part 1: Concepts and principles

### 1 Scope

This document outlines the concepts and principles for information management at a stage of maturity described as “building information modelling (BIM) according to the ISO 19650 series”.

This document provides recommendations for a framework to manage information including exchanging, recording, versioning and organizing for all actors.

This document is applicable to the whole life cycle of any built asset, including strategic planning, initial design, engineering, development, documentation and construction, day-to-day operation, maintenance, refurbishment, repair and end-of-life.

This document can be adapted to assets or projects of any scale and complexity, so as not to hamper the flexibility and versatility that characterize the large range of potential procurement strategies and so as to address the cost of implementing this document.

### 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

#### 3.1 General terms

##### 3.1.1

##### **responsibility matrix**

chart that describes the participation by various functions in completing tasks or deliverables

Note 1 to entry: A responsibility matrix can indicate accountability, consultation and informing, alongside the obligation to complete tasks or deliverables.

[SOURCE: ISO 37500:2014, 3.16, modified — The word “roles” has been replaced with “functions”; the words “for an outsourcing arrangement” have been removed; Note 1 to entry has been added.]