
**Human resource management —
Vocabulary**

Management des ressources humaines — Vocabulaire



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Foreword

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The main changes are as follows:

- inclusion of new terms and definitions;
- removal of a small number of terms and definitions that have been replaced or are no longer current;
- relocation of a small number of terms and definitions to appropriate subclauses.

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Introduction

This document has been developed to help facilitate a common understanding of and maintain consistency in fundamental vocabulary in human resource management standards.

This document is intended to be used by:

- human resource practitioners;
- academic professionals and students;
- developers of related standards;
- stakeholders in organizations, regardless of organizational size and type;
- labour unions, work councils, other employee and employer representatives;
- others interested in the human resource management profession.

Human resource management — Vocabulary

1 Scope

This document defines terms used in human resource management standards.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

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

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

3.1 Terms related to the organization

3.1.1 organization

person or group of people that has its own functions with responsibilities, authorities and relationships to achieve its *objectives* (3.1.22)

Note 1 to entry: The concept of organization includes, but is not limited to, sole-trader, company, corporation, firm, enterprise, authority, partnership, charity or institution, or part or combination thereof, whether incorporated or not, public or private.

Note 2 to entry: This constitutes one of the common terms and core definitions for ISO management system standards given in Annex SL of the Consolidated ISO Supplement to the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1, 2020, Annex SL, Appendix 2, 3.1, modified — Note 2 to entry added.]

3.1.2 organizational governance

system by which an *organization* (3.1.1) makes and implements decisions in pursuit of its *objectives* (3.1.22)

Note 1 to entry: This concerns the way a whole organization is led, directed, controlled and held accountable.

[SOURCE: ISO 26000:2010, 2.13 – modified by addition of Note 1 to entry]

3.1.3 organizational culture

values, beliefs and practices that influence the conduct and *behaviour* (3.14.2) of people and *organizations* (3.1.1)

3.1.4 organization structure

arrangement of authority, responsibility and *accountability* (3.7.8) in an *organization* (3.1.1)

3.1.5 business model

organization's (3.1.1) approach to operating in its environment