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The main changes are as follows:

- inclusion of new terms and definitions.

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## Introduction

This document defines terms relating to blockchain and distributed ledger technologies (DLTs) to clarify the meaning of terms and concepts used in other documents within the domain of ISO/TC 307.

Clear, consistent and coherent standards require clear, consistent and coherent terminology. This document follows the rules and guidelines set by ISO/TC 37, *Language and terminology*, for terminology standards.

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# Blockchain and distributed ledger technologies — Vocabulary

## 1 Scope

This document defines fundamental terminology for blockchain and distributed ledger technologies.

## 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

#### **asset**

anything that has value to a stakeholder

[SOURCE: ISO 19299:2020, 3.1, modified — The Note to entry has been removed.]

### 3.2

#### **block**

structured data comprising a *block header* (3.4) and *block data* (3.3)

### 3.3

#### **block data**

structured data comprising zero or more *transaction records* (3.95) or references to transaction records

### 3.4

#### **block header**

structured data that includes a *hash link* (3.47) to the previous *block* (3.2), if present

Note 1 to entry: A block header can also contain a *timestamp* (3.91), a *nonce* (3.62), and other *distributed ledger technology (DLT) platform* (3.33) specific data, including a *hash value* (3.48) of corresponding *transaction records* (3.95).

### 3.5

#### **block reward**

reward given to *miners* (3.59) or *validators* (3.99) after a *block* (3.2) is *confirmed* (3.9) in a *blockchain system* (3.7)

Note 1 to entry: A reward can be in the form of a *cryptoasset* (3.14).

### 3.6

#### **blockchain**

*distributed ledger* (3.23) with *confirmed blocks* (3.10) organized in an append-only, sequential chain using *hash links* (3.47)