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**Buildings and civil engineering  
works — Vocabulary —**

**Part 2:  
Contract terms**

*Bâtiments et ouvrages de génie civil — Vocabulaire —  
Partie 2: Termes relatifs aux marchés*



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## Foreword

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ISO 6707 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Buildings and civil engineering works — Vocabulary*:

- *Part 1: General terms*
- *Part 2: Contract terms*

## Introduction

With the growth in the number of international construction projects and the development of the international market in construction products, there is an increasing need for agreement on a common language.

ISO 6707-1 defines general terms related to buildings and civil engineering works. This part of ISO 6707 defines terms related to contracts for buildings and other types of construction works. This part will make the preparation of contracts between contractors and clients easier.

The terms in this part of ISO 6707 are

- fundamental concepts, which can be the starting point for more specific definitions,
- more specific concepts used in several areas of contracts such as project information, financial information, and life cycle stages,
- concepts from related concept fields used additionally in building and civil engineering and designated by borrowed terms.



# Buildings and civil engineering works — Vocabulary —

## Part 2: Contract terms

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 6707 defines terms applicable to contracts related to buildings and civil engineering works.

### 2 Vocabulary structure

The terms are arranged within categories to allow ready comparison of related concepts.

Where a preferred term designates more than one concept, each concept has been treated in a separate entry with a note to entry included to acknowledge the homonymy created, and a reference included to the other term entry.

Where a preferred or admitted term is specific to a particular English-speaking country, e.g. the United States of America, etc.; this has been given in bold type following the international preferred term and annotated by the respective country code. Where no preferred terms are listed indicating usage in specific geographical location, this signifies that the international preferred term is the accepted term in the English-speaking countries. A term following the preferred term not given in boldface type is an admitted (non-preferred) synonym. Country codes are also assigned to these terms.

In most countries, synonyms and alternative spellings exist for the preferred terms used in this part of ISO 6707. To facilitate a ready comparison with US synonyms and alternative spellings, these are given in [Annex A](#).

Where terms in definitions are defined in this standard, the relevant terms are in italics, and the term number is given after the relevant term. Where terms in definitions are defined in ISO 6707-1, the terms are also in italics but no term number is given.

### 3 Base terms

#### 3.1

##### **brief**

**program**, US

document that states the requirements for a *project* ([3.8](#))

#### 3.2

##### **feasibility study**

evaluation of a proposed *project* ([3.8](#)), the practicability of its achievement and the design, financial, economic, social, and environmental implications

#### 3.3

##### **plan of work**

**staging plan**, US

project plan, US

document that details principal *stages* ([3.4](#)) in the design, *construction work* and *maintenance* of a *project* ([3.8](#)) and that identifies the main tasks and people

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