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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee IT-005, Financial Transaction Systems to supersede, in part, AS 2805.3—2000, *Electronic funds transfer—Requirements for interfaces, Part 3: PIN management and security*.

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The objective of this Standard is to revise AS 2805.3—2000 to provide enhanced security for the Australian financial payment system.

The AS 2805 series of Standards, when published, will be as follows:

## AS

2805	Electronic funds transfer—Requirements for interfaces
2805.1	Part 1: Communications
2805.2	Part 2: Message structure, format and content
2805.3.1	Part 3.1: PIN management and security—General (this standard)
2805.3.2	Part 3.2: PIN management and security—Offline
2805.4.1	Part 4.1: Message authentication—Mechanism using a block cipher
2805.4.2	Part 4.2: Message authentication—Mechanisms using a hash-function
2805.5.1	Part 5.1: Ciphers—Data encipherment algorithm 1 (DEA 1)
2805.5.2	Part 5.2: Ciphers—Modes of operation for an n-bit block cipher algorithm
2805.5.3	Part 5.3: Ciphers—Data encipherment algorithm 2 (DEA 2)
2805.5.4	Part 5.4: Ciphers—Data encipherment algorithm 3 (DEA 3) and related techniques
2805.6.1	Part 6.1: Key management—Principles
2805.6.2	Part 6.2: Key management—Transaction keys
2805.6.3	Part 6.3: Key management—Session keys—Node to node
2805.6.4	Part 6.4: Key management—Session keys—Terminal to acquirer
2805.6.5.1	Part 6.5.1: Key management—TCU initialization—Principles
2805.6.5.2	Part 6.5.2: Key management—TCU initialization—Symmetric
2805.6.5.3	Part 6.5.3: Key management—TCU initialization—Asymmetric
2805.6.6	Part 6.6: Session keys—Node to node with KEK replacement
2805.9	Part 9: Privacy of communications
2805.10.1	Part 10.1: File transfer integrity validation
2805.10.2	Part 10.2: Secure file transfer (retail)
2805.11	Part 11: Card parameter table
2805.12.1	Part 12.1: Message content—Structure and format
2805.12.2	Part 12.2: Message content—Codes
2805.12.3	Part 12.3: Message content—Maintenance of codes
2805.13.1	Part 13.1: Secure hash functions—General
2805.13.2	Part 13.2: Secure hash functions—MD5
2805.13.3	Part 13.3: Secure hash functions—SHA-1
2805.14.1	Part 14.1: Secure cryptographic devices (retail)—Concepts, requirements and evaluation methods
2805.14.2	Part 14.2: Secure cryptographic devices (retail)—Security compliance checklists for devices used in magnetic stripe card systems

The following Handbooks relate to AS 2805 series of Standards:

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| 127 | Electronic funds transfer—Implementing message content Standards—<br>Conversion Handbook (changing from AS 2805.2 to the AS 2805.12 series) |
| 128 | Electronic funds transfer—Implementing message content Standards—<br>Terminal Handbook  |
| 129 | Electronic funds transfer—Implementing message content Standards—<br>Interchange Handbook   |

In the AS 2805 series of Standards, the definitions of words and phrases used are specific to the Part in which they appear.

The term 'informative' has been used in this Standard to define the application of the appendix to which it applies. An 'informative' appendix is only for information and guidance.

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## FOREWORD

The Personal Identification Number (PIN) is a means of verifying the identity of a customer within an electronic funds transfer (EFT) network.

The objective of PIN management is to protect the PIN against unauthorized disclosure, compromise, and misuse throughout its life cycle and in so doing to minimize the risk of fraud occurring within EFT systems. The secrecy of the PIN needs to be assured at all times during its life cycle, which consists of its selection, issuance, activation, storage, entry, transmission, validation, deactivation, and any other use made of it.

PIN security also depends upon sound key management. Maintaining the secrecy of cryptographic keys is of the utmost importance because the compromise of any key allows the compromise of any PIN ever enciphered under it.

Wherever possible, this Standard specifies requirements in absolute terms. In some instances a level of subjectivity cannot be practically avoided especially when discussing the degree of level of security desired or to be achieved.

The level of security to be achieved is related to a number of factors, including the sensitivity of the data concerned and the likelihood that it will be intercepted, the practicality of any envisaged encipherment process, and the cost of providing, and breaking, a particular means of providing security. It is, therefore, necessary for each card acceptor, acquirer and issuer to agree on the extent and level of security and PIN management procedures. Absolute security is not practically achievable. Therefore, PIN management procedures should implement preventive measures to reduce the opportunity for a breach in security and aim for a 'high' probability of detection of any illicit access or change to PIN material should these preventive measures fail. This applies at all stages of the generation, exchange and use of a PIN, including those processes that occur in cryptographic equipment and those related to communication of PIN.

This Standard is designed so that issuers can uniformly make certain, to whatever degree is practicable, that a PIN, while under the control of other institutions, is properly managed. Techniques are given for protecting the PIN-based customer authentication process by safeguarding the PIN against unauthorized disclosure during the PIN's life cycle.

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This Standard specifies the minimum security measures required for effective PIN management. Standard means of interchanging PIN data are provided. This Standard does not cover the following:

- (a) The protection of the PIN against loss or intentional misuse by the customer or authorized employees of the issuer.
- (b) Privacy of non-PIN transaction data (see AS 2805.9).
- (c) Protection of transaction messages against alteration or substitution, e.g. an authorization response to a PIN verification (see AS 2805.4.1).
- (d) Protection against replay of the PIN or transaction.
- (e) Specific key management techniques (see AS 2805.6 section 6.1).
- (f) PIN management and security for transactions in which the PIN is locally verified by an integrated circuit card.
- (g) The use of asymmetric encipherment algorithms for PIN management.

## NOTES:

- 1 For a detailed discussion on the need for PIN protection, see Appendix A.
- 2 Further information on PIN management for security is given in Appendices A and C.

**2 APPLICATION**

This Standard is applicable to institutions responsible for implementing techniques for the management and protection of the PIN for card originated transactions.

This Standard applies in all situations where a customer-entered PIN is part of a transaction with a financial institution that applies when any part of the PIN entry, verification, and response process involves a financial institution. It also applies to all elements of the entire verification process, including interchange, network, switch, individuals, financial institutions, and any other designated end-user organizations.

**3 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS**

The following Standards are referred to in this Standard:

AS	
2805	Electronic funds transfer—Requirements for interfaces
2805.3.2	Part 3.2: PIN Management and security—Offline
2805.4.1	Part 4.1: Message authentication—Mechanisms using a block cipher
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