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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee IT/5, Financial Transaction Systems. It is not equivalent to but is based on and has been reproduced from ISO/IEC 7812-2:1993, *Identification cards—Identification of issuers, Part 2: Application and registration procedures*.

Appendix ZZ lists the variations to ISO/IEC 7812-2:1993 for application in Australia. These variations are indicated in the body of the Standard by a marginal bar located adjacent to the affected text. Additional appendices sets out Australian registration procedures for issuer identification numbers and card acceptor identification codes.

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<i>Reference to International Standard</i>		<i>Australian Standard or other Publication</i>	
ISO		AS	
3166	Codes for the representation of names of countries	2632	Codes for the representation of names of countries
7810	Identification cards— Physical characteristics	3 21	Identification cards— Physical characteristics
ISO/IEC			
7812	Identification cards— Identification of issuers	3523	Identification cards— Identification of issuers
7812-1	Part 1: Numbering system	3523.1	Part 1: Numbering system

The following Standard is referred to in Appendix ZC:

AS	
2805	Electronic funds transfer—Requirements for interfaces
2805.2	Part 2: Message structure, format and content

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AUSTRALIAN STANDARD

Identification cards - Identification of issuers -**Part 2:**
Application and registration procedures**1 Scope**

This part of ISO/IEC 7812 describes the application and registration procedures for numbers issued in accordance with ISO/IEC 7812-1.

ISO/IEC 7812-1 specifies the numbering system for the identification of issuers of identification cards used in international interchange.

2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of ISO/IEC 7812. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this part of ISO/IEC 7812 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards listed below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 3166:1988, *Codes for the representation of names of countries*.

ISO 7810:1985, *Identification cards - Physical characteristics*.

ISO/IEC 7812-1:1993, *Identification cards - Identification of issuers - Part 1: Numbering system*

3 Definitions

For the purposes of this part of ISO/IEC 7812, the definitions given in ISO 7810, ISO/IEC 7812-1 and the following definitions apply:

3.1 block (of Issuer Identification Numbers [IINs]): The reservation in the register of card issuer identification numbers, of a series of two or more IINs for assignment by an authorized blockholder.

3.2 blockholder: A business entity representing a group of card issuers. The blockholder has no role in the issuance or acceptance of identification cards other than to administer the assignment of IINs to members of its group in accordance with the procedures established herein and under legal agreement with the Registration Authority.

3.3 card acceptor: Party accepting the identification card for the purpose of presenting transaction data to an acquirer.

3.4 card scheme: A body representing a group of card issuers, one purpose of which is to facilitate the issuance and acceptance of the cards of that group. To facilitate such acceptance, the card scheme and card issuer shall be visibly card scheme members must be governed by a set of operating procedures.

3.5 Sponsoring Authority: A body authorized by the Sub-Committee responsible for administering an ISO numbering system, (in this case ISO/IEC JTC1/SC17) to receive, process and approve applications for IINs submitted in accordance with ISO/IEC 7812.

4 Application and registration procedures**4.1 Application procedure for assignment of a single IIN**

A card issuer shall apply to its national standards body, or in the absence of a national standards body, to the secretariat of the ISO/IEC technical body responsible for this International Standard, for the assignment of an IIN using the form shown in annex A. Application forms are also available, on request from the Registration Authority, the secretariat of the Registration Management Group (RMG), and the secretariat of ISO/IEC JTC1/SC17. The national standards body or the secretariat of the ISO/IEC JTC1/SC17 then acts as the "Sponsoring Authority" (see clause 8) with respect to the application.

4.2 Application procedure for approval to become an authorized blockholder

If the applicant is applying for numbers on behalf of card issuers or as a card scheme (see 3.4), it may apply to become an authorized blockholder (see 3.2). In this case the applicant shall provide the following supplementary information as justification:

- a) the reason why the proposed blockholder's constituents must receive IINs from an authorized blockholder, rather than each applying individually to the Registration Authority for an IIN;
- b) description of the nature of the service that the applicant's organization is planning to provide;
- c) whether the proposed blockholder will act as agent for issuers legally associated with it, but each issuer is a separate corporate legal entity;
- d) details of future proposed plans, including the following:
 - 1) estimated number of card issuers by country;
 - 2) timing plans, (i.e. estimated date for allocation of all IINs in the proposed block);