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**Digital radio—Terrestrial broadcasting**

**Part 1: Characteristics of terrestrial  
digital audio broadcasting (T-DAB+)  
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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Australian members of the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee CT-002, Broadcasting and Related Services. After consultation with stakeholders in both countries, Standards Australia and Standards New Zealand decided to develop this Standard as an Australian rather than an Australian/New Zealand Standard.

This Standard was prepared in conjunction with the Australian Communications and Media Authority and the radio broadcasting industry to ensure consistency of terrestrial broadcasting transmissions and to facilitate the design of receivers for these services. The Australian Communications and Media Authority is in the process of publishing digital terrestrial radio planning parameters in the document *The Digital Terrestrial Radio Broadcasting Planning Guidelines*, which will reference this Standard.

The objective of this Standard is to provide radio receiver manufacturers and broadcasters with the technical specification for the Australian digital terrestrial radio transmission system in order to achieve interoperability of terrestrial digital audio broadcasting (T-DAB) transmission and reception. Standards Australia publishes AS 4980.1 *Digital radio—Requirements for receivers, Part 1: DAB + broadcasts*, which is derived from this Standard.

The Australian DAB+ system utilizes the technical content of relevant ETSI Standards.

Copies of these Standards may be purchased from the relevant standards authorities.

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To maintain consistency with the referenced documents, a comma (instead of a full stop) is frequently used in this Standard as a decimal marker, particularly in tables.

The following acronyms are used in this Standard:

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| (a) | Australian Communications and Media Authority      | ACMA  |
| (b) | Digital Audio Broadcasting Project                 | DAB   |
| (c) | European Broadcasting Union                        | EBU   |
| (d) | European Telecommunications Standards Institute    | ETSI  |
| (e) | International Electrotechnical Commission          | IEC   |
| (f) | International Organization for Standardization     | ISO   |
| (g) | International Telecommunication Union              | ITU   |
| (h) | Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers | SMPTE |

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## STANDARDS AUSTRALIA

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**1 SCOPE**

This Standard specifies requirements for digital terrestrial radio transmissions (T-DAB+) in Australia, including the audio and data coding, the characteristics of the transport stream and the channel coding and the modulation system to be used.

**2 DOCUMENT STRUCTURE**

This Standard shall be read in conjunction with the referenced international Standards detailed in Clause 4.

Digital terrestrial radio broadcasting in Australia is based on the T-DAB specifications published in the ETSI Standards referenced in this Standard.

This Standard is set out in clauses, which deal with specific topics in ETSI Standards. These topics are summarized below.

**Addressed Standards**

Clause	Title	ETSI Standard
5	Audio coding	ETSI TS 102 563 V1.1.1 (2007-02) Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB); Transport of Advanced Audio Coding (AAC) audio
6	Transmission signal	ETSI EN 300 401 V1.4.1 (2006-06) Radio Broadcasting Systems; Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB) to mobile, portable and fixed receivers
		ETSI TR 101 496-1 V1.1.1 (2000-11) Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB); Guidelines and rules for implementation and operation; Part 1: System outline
		ETSI TR 101 496-2 V1.1.2 (2001-05) Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB); Guidelines and rules for implementation and operation; Part 2: System features
		ETSI TR 101 496-3 V1.1.2 (2001-05) Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB); guidelines and rules for implementation and operation; Part 3: Broadcast network
		ETSI TS 101 756 V1.3.1 (2006-02) Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB); registered tables