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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee IT-030, ICT Governance and Management to supersede AS 8018.1—2004, *ICT service management, Part 1: Specifications for service management*.

This Standard is identical with, and has been reproduced from ISO/IEC 20000-1:2005, *Information technology—Service management—Part 1: Specification*.

The objective of this Standard is to provide standardization in the field of information technology management and governance, and in particular in the fields of:

- (a) Governance of ICT in Business Operations.
- (b) IT Service Management.

It is based on the knowledge and experience gained by experts working in the field of information technology management. It can be used in conjunction with a number of best practice standards and publications, listed in the Bibliography and the Australian national Appendix ZA which has been added to the source text.

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This Standard belongs to a series of Australian Standards promoting adherence to the principles of corporate governance. In particular:

- (A) AS 8000, *Corporate governance—Good governance principles*.
- (B) AS 8015, *Corporate governance of information and communication technology*.

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## INTRODUCTION

This part of ISO/IEC 20000 promotes the adoption of an integrated process approach to effectively deliver managed services to meet the business and customer requirements. For an organization to function effectively it has to identify and manage numerous linked activities. An activity using resources, and managed in order to enable the transformation of inputs into outputs, can be considered as a process. Often the output from one process forms an input to another.

Co-ordinated integration and implementation of the service management processes provides the ongoing control, greater efficiency and opportunities for continual improvement. Performing the activities and processes requires people in the service desk, service support, service delivery and operations teams to be well organized and co-ordinated. Appropriate tools are also required to ensure that the processes are effective and efficient.

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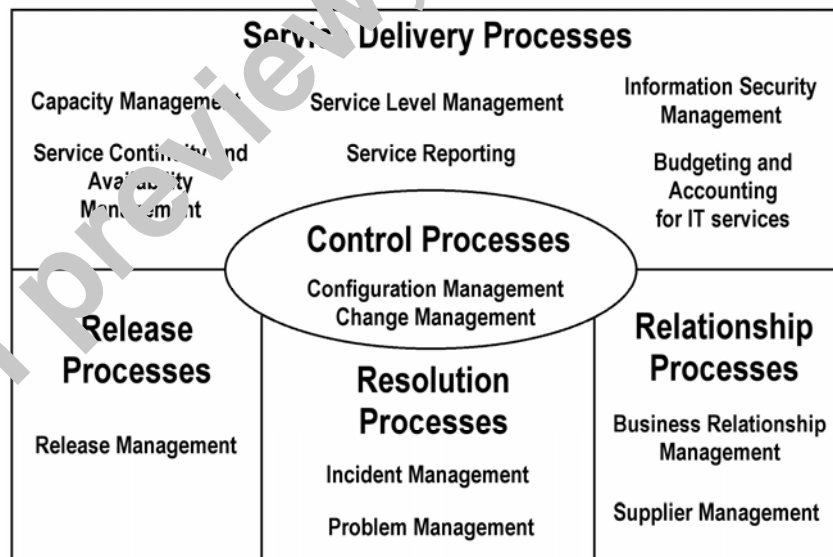
## Part 1: Specification

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO/IEC 20000 defines the requirements for a service provider to deliver managed services of an acceptable quality for its customers.

It may be used:

- by businesses that are going out to tender for their services;
- by businesses that require a consistent approach by all service providers in a supply chain;
- by service providers to benchmark their IT service management;
- as the basis for an independent assessment;
- by an organization which needs to demonstrate the ability to provide services that meet customer requirements; and
- by an organization which aims to improve service through the effective application of processes to monitor and improve service quality.



**Figure 1 — Service management processes**

This part of ISO/IEC 20000 specifies a number of closely related service management processes, as shown in Figure 1.

The relationships between the processes depend on the application within an organization and are generally too complex to model and therefore relationships between processes are not shown in this diagram.