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# Foreword

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This is a full update of BSI Flex 0, and introduces the following principal changes:

- closer alignment of content with BS 0:2021 and PAS 0:2022;
- introduction of a formal definition of BSI Flex; and
- further clarification of roles and responsibilities, including a new subclause on BSI project managers.

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## 1 Scope

BSI Flex 0 sets out the principles for the development of a BSI Flex and the principal features of the process by which BSI Flex standards are developed.

BSI Flex 0 does not discuss procedural detail.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes provisions of this document<sup>1)</sup>. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.<sup>2)</sup>

[N1] BRITISH STANDARDS INSTITUTION (BSI). *Rules for the structure and drafting of UK standards*. London: BSI, 2017.<sup>3)</sup>

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this BSI Flex, the following terms and definitions apply.

### 3.1 advisory group

body, established and managed by BSI, responsible for a particular BSI Flex

### 3.2 advisory group member

person serving on an advisory group

### 3.3 British Standard of UK origin

British Standard developed within the UK

[SOURCE: BS 0:2021, 3.1.2]

### 3.4 BSI Flex (pl. BSI Flex standards)

standard (3.11) developed using the BSI Flex development model

### 3.5 committee

*NOTE* The term “committee” is used in this standard to refer to both BSI technical committees (3.5.1) and BSI subcommittees (3.5.2). It does not refer to any other administrative or governance committee of BSI.

#### 3.5.1 technical committee (TC)

body, established and managed by BSI, responsible for a particular area of standards work

#### 3.5.2 sub-committee (SC)

subordinate committee, established and managed by BSI, of a technical committee

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<sup>2)</sup> This clause, which contains standard wording used for all national, European and international standards, is intended to identify all other documents to which reference might need to be made in the application of this standard. In practice, it might be possible to apply this and many other standards without recourse to all or any such external references.

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