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Preface

This is the third edition of CSA S269.2, *Access scaffolding for construction purposes*. It supersedes the previous editions published in 1987 and 1980.

Since this Standard was last revised in 1987, CSA Z797 *Code of practice for access scaffold* was created as a performance standard for scaffolding. As a result, this new edition of this Standard focuses on design, fabrication, and testing.

This Standard was prepared by the Technical Committee on Scaffolding for Construction Purposes, under the jurisdiction of the Strategic Steering Committee on Construction and Civil Infrastructure, and has been formally approved by the Technical Committee.

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 - d) *rationale for the change.*

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1 Scope

1.1

This Standard provides guidance and requirements for the design, fabrication, and testing of scaffolding equipment, materials, and components where scaffolds are erected to provide working platforms for workers and materials during the construction, alteration, repair, or demolition of buildings and other structures. This Standard also includes limited guidance on scaffolding assemblies.

Note: *In addition, supplementary rules or requirements might be necessary for unusual scaffold types that*

- a) *are exposed to unusual environments or features; or*
- b) *employ materials or procedures not covered in this Standard.*

1.2

This Standard does not apply to

- a) suspended scaffolds, or swing stages;
- b) truck or vehicle mounted platforms;
- c) falsework;
- d) shoring;
- e) self-elevating work platforms including mast climbers, manual elevating climbers, and pump jacks; or
- f) specific site applications as covered by CSA Z797.

1.3

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1.4

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