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Foreword

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- *Part 1: Service management system requirements*
- *Part 2: Guidance on the application of service management systems*
- *Part 3: Guidance on scope definition and applicability of ISO/IEC 20000-1*
- *Part 4: Process reference model* [Technical Report]
- *Part 5: Exemplar implementation plan for ISO/IEC 20000-1* [Technical Report]¹
- *Part 7: Guidance on the application of ISO/IEC 20000-1 to the cloud*²
- *Part 10: Concepts and terminology* [Technical Report]²
- *Part 11: Guidance on the relationship between ISO/IEC 20000-1:2012 and related frameworks: ITIL*^{®3} [Technical Report]²

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Introduction

ISO/IEC 20000-1 specifies requirements for a service management system (SMS). Operating the processes in a particular system or service environment will result in specific skill, tool and information requirements, even though the process attributes are unchanged. There are no requirements in ISO/IEC 20000-1 that relate to organizational structure, size and type of organization. The requirements in ISO/IEC 20000-1 do not change with organizational structure, technology or service.

Service management processes can cross many organizational, legal and national boundaries as well as different time zones. Service providers can rely on a complex supply chain for the delivery of services. Service providers can also provide a range of services to several different types of customers, both internal and external. A complex supply chain can make the agreement and application of scope a complex stage in the service provider's use of ISO/IEC 20000-1.

This part of ISO/IEC 20000 takes the form of examples, guidance and recommendations. It should not be quoted as if it were a specification of requirements. Particular care should be taken to ensure that declarations of conformity are not misleading.

Information technology — Service management —

Part 3: Guidance on scope definition and applicability of ISO/IEC 20000-1

1 Scope

This part of ISO/IEC 20000 includes guidance on scope definition, applicability and demonstration of conformity to the requirements specified in ISO/IEC 20000-1.

The guidance in this part of ISO/IEC 20000 will assist the service provider to plan service improvements and/or prepare for a conformity assessment against ISO/IEC 20000-1.

This part of ISO/IEC 20000 will assist in establishing if ISO/IEC 20000-1 is applicable to a service provider's circumstances. It illustrates how the scope of an SMS can be defined, irrespective of whether the service provider has experience of defining the scope of other management systems.

Guidance on types of conformity assessment and assessment standards is included.

The scenarios and examples given use a series of commonly found and practical service provider circumstances.

This part of ISO/IEC 20000 will be useful for consultants and assessors. It supplements the guidance on the application of ISO/IEC 20000-1 given in ISO/IEC 20000-2.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO/IEC 20000-1:2011, *Information technology — Service management — Part 1: Service management system requirements*