Finding British Standards

http://unihub.mdx.ac.uk/your-study/library-and-it-support
What are British Standards?

- “Standards are a tried and tested way to work more efficiently and effectively. They help organizations to improve their performance, reduce their risk and help them be more sustainable” *

- “Standards provide the knowledge that organizations need to succeed, and deliver it in concentrated form. They can offer a set of powerful tools to make your organization more innovative and productive” *

- “Standards define best practice in many different areas. They’re put together by groups of experts [industry experts, consumers, research organizations, government departments etc] and come in a number of different kinds, from a set of definitions to a series of strict rules” *

- “Standards are agreed ways of doing something, written down as a set of precise criteria so they can be used as rules, guidelines or definitions” *

*All definitions are from http://www.bsigroup.com/en-GB/standards/
How to find a British Standard

The Library at Middlesex University subscribes to British Standards Online (BSOL).

This guide explains how you can use BSOL to locate and access the standards that you require for your work or study.
British Standards Online (BSOL) is:

• A database of 50,000 British and adopted European and international standards.

• Middlesex University has access to the full text of up to 150 selected standards (our collection). These have been chosen by your lecturers.

• Search BSOL to find what standards are available.

• If we don’t have access to the full text of a Standard that you require, you can ask for it to be added to our subscription or request it through our Inter Library Loan service (details later on).
To start using BSOL....
myUniHub > My Study > My Library

Choose ‘Databases’ from the list.
This is our list of databases

Initially you will be taken to ‘Databases : A’ i.e. all the databases beginning with the letter ‘A’

These databases generally provide access to journal articles, but many also contain book chapters, conference proceedings, Standards, reports etc. Some contain specific collections such as newspapers or British Standards e.g. BSOL.
Click on the letter ‘B’ to find BSOL....

....then click on ‘British Standards Online (BSOL)’...

....finally click on ‘Enter Database here’ to access BSOL.
You should access BSOL straight away, but if you see this...

….type ‘Middlesex’ here and then select ‘Middlesex University’ from the list....
.....You will then be asked to log in.....

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1. Click on ‘Go to the Middlesex University login page’.
2. Then use your computer network/myUniHub username and password to login in.
You are now in BSOL

If you want to find Standards on a particular subject, enter your search terms here e.g. ‘project management’.
Your search results are displayed

This Standard is not in our subscription (collection). If required we may be able to add it to our collection or you can request a copy using our Inter Library Loan service: http://bit.ly/InterLibraryLoans

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Click on ‘View Details’ to get more information.

Click on ‘Download PDF’ to read the full document.
If you know which standard you want to read....

....enter the details into the search box and click on ‘Search’ eg. BS6079 or 6079....

....and select the Standard you want from the list of search results.
To see a list of the Standards in our collection i.e. those which are available as full text documents....

....click on ‘Middlesex University’ on the ‘Home’ page....

....you will then see a list of the Standards which we have selected for full-text access.

It is possible to search only within our selected Standards (Collection). See next slide....
To search within our collection.....

....Click on ‘Use my collection’....

....Enter details of what you want in the search box eg. 6079, select ‘Results in my subscription’ and click on ‘refine’....

....your search results are displayed here. All the Standards will be available as full-text documents as they are part of our collection.
If we don’t have full-text access to a Standard that you want....

- We can add the Standard to our collection. Send requests to Vanessa Hill v.hill@mdx.ac.uk

- If our Collection is full, then Standards can be requested from the British Library using our Inter Library Loan Service: http://bit.ly/InterLibraryLoans
Need further help?

Contact your Librarian:
http://libguides.mdx.ac.uk/liaisonlibrarians

Make an appointment:

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