Finding British Standards

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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 > MyLibrary

Choose ‘Databases’ from the list.
This is a list of all the databases that we subscribe to. 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.

To find BSOL either scroll down the list or click on the letter ‘B’. Click on ‘British Standards Online’ to access the database.
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

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This Standard is part of our subscription (collection), so can be accessed as a full-text document. More on next page.....
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You can also download the PDF from here.

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If you know exactly which standard you want, 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.
If the Standard you require is not in our subscription i.e. no full text access……

- We can probably add it to our collection. Email requests to Vanessa Hill v.hill@mdx.ac.uk
- Please do not click on the ‘Send a request to your account admin’ link (see next slide) to request access.
- If our Collection is full, then Standards can be requested from the British Library using our Inter Library Loan Service:

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