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## Foreword

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 6707-2:2014), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- the document has been substantially restructured;
- specific subclauses for information and data, communication and collaborative working, and measurement related to contracts have been introduced;
- all definitions have been reviewed and revised where appropriate;
- the entries have been renumbered so that all definitions are contained within [Clause 3](#);
- the indicator of national terms, e.g. US, has been moved from before to after the term;
- entries relevant to this document, which were previously in ISO 6707-1, have been relocated into this document.

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## Introduction

With the growth in the number of international construction projects and the development of the international market for construction products, there is an increasing need for agreement on a common language in relation to communications and contracts. This document defines terms relating to buildings and civil engineering works in two specific areas:

- communication systems, methods and documentation;
- contracts.

It includes

- fundamental concepts, which may be the starting point for other, more specific, definitions,
- more specific concepts, used in several areas of communications and contracts such as project information, financial information, and
- concepts from related concept fields used additionally in building and civil engineering and designated by borrowed terms.

It replaces ISO 6707-2:2014 which dealt only with contract terms. It will make the communication of all types of information and data between contractors and clients and their design teams easier, as well as the drafting and interpretation of contracts.

The change in scope will make the document more useful to organizations of all sizes and be a complement to the terminology that is evolving for Building Information Modelling (BIM).

Terms relating to life cycle are contained in ISO 6707-3. Only “life-cycle cost” is included in this document.

### Preferred and admitted terms

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Where a given preferred term designates more than one concept, each concept has been treated in a separate entry and a note to entry included to indicate that a homograph exists and to provide a reference to the other term entry.

To facilitate the locating of any term given in the document, irrespective of preference or country of origin, the alphabetical index lists all preferred and admitted terms.