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Part 2: Country subdivision code



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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee IT-019, Information and Documentation, Information Technology—Learning, Education, Training and Research, to supersede AS/NZS 2632.2:2013.

The objective of this Standard is to establish a universally applicable code for the representation of the names of principal administrative divisions of countries and territories included in ISO 3166-1, which has been adopted as AS/NZS 2632.1:2015. This Standard is intended to be used in conjunction with AS/NZS 2632.1:2015. The objective of this revision is to adopt the current 2013 edition of ISO 3166-2.

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Clause 8 contains a list of names of subdivisions of countries and geopolitical entities, together with the code element developed for each one of them.

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3166-1	Part 1: Country codes	2632.1	Part 1: Country codes

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INTRODUCTION

ISO 3166 provides universally applicable coded representations of names of countries (current and non-current), dependencies, and other areas of particular geopolitical interest and their subdivisions.

ISO 3166-1 establishes codes that represent the current names of countries, dependencies, and other areas of particular geopolitical interest, on the basis of lists of country names obtained from the United Nations.

This part, ISO 3166-2, establishes a code that represents the names of the principal administrative divisions, or similar areas, of the countries etc. included in this part of ISO 3166.

ISO 3166-3 establishes a code that represents non-current country names, i.e. the country names deleted from ISO 3166 since its first publication in 1974.

The three parts of ISO 3166 do not express any opinion whatsoever concerning the legal status of any country, dependency, or other area named herein, or concerning its frontiers or boundaries.

NOTE 1 ISO 3166-2 was first published in 1998 and ISO 3166-3 was first published in 1999.

NOTE 2 ISO 3166-2 and ISO 3166-3 are not included in the same document as ISO 3166-1. They are separate parts of ISO 3166.

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Codes for the representation of names of countries and their subdivisions**Part 2:
Country subdivision code****1 Scope**

This part of ISO 3166 establishes a universally applicable code for the representation of the names of principal administrative divisions of countries and territories included in ISO 3166-1. It is intended to be used in conjunction with ISO 3166-1.

Clauses 4 to 7 of this part of ISO 3166 provide the structure for a code for the representation of names of principal administrative divisions, or similar areas, of the countries and geopolitical entities included in ISO 3166-1.

Clause 8 contains a list of names of subdivisions of countries and geopolitical entities, together with the code element developed for each one of them.

2 Normative references

The following referenced 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 3166-1, *Codes for the representation of names of countries and their subdivisions — Part 1: Country codes*

ISO/IEC 10646:2003, *Information technology — Universal Multiple-Octet Coded Character Set (UCS)*