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Introduction

ISO 23081 sets a framework for creating, managing and using records management metadata and explains the principles that govern them.

This International Standard is a guide to understanding, implementing and using metadata within the framework of ISO 15489. It addresses the relevance of records management metadata in business processes and the different roles and types of metadata that support business and records management processes¹⁾. It also sets a framework for managing those metadata.

It does not define a mandatory set of records management metadata to be implemented, since these metadata will differ in detail according to organizational or specific requirements for jurisdiction. However, it assesses the main existing metadata sets in line with the requirements of ISO 15489.

This part of ISO 23081 sets a framework for creating, managing and using records management metadata and explains the principles that govern them.

The proposed Parts 2 and 3 will be more explanatory and provide practical guidance on implementation issues and how to assess records management metadata sets against the principles in this part of ISO 23081. These future parts will be Technical Reports that should be considered as more time-bound documents that will need regular updates.

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