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**Access panels in market, opinion and  
social research—Vocabulary and  
service requirements**



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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee MB-005, Market Research. This Standard is identical with, and has been reproduced from, ISO 26362:2009, *Access panels in market, opinion and social research—Vocabulary and service requirements*.

The objective of this Standard is to specify the terms and definitions, as well as the service requirements, for organizations and professionals who own and/or use access panels for market, opinion and social research. It develops the criteria against which access panel providers can be evaluated and against which the quality of access panels can be assessed.

This Standard complements AS ISO 20252—2007, *Market, opinion and social research—Vocabulary and service requirements*.

Australian Annexes ZA and ZB, which contain normative and informative references specific to Australia, have been added to this document. These references are common to this Standard, AS ISO 20252 and AS 4752—2004, *Market and social research* and provide additional requirements and guidance for the application of this Standard in Australia.

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## INTRODUCTION

The intention and objective of this International Standard is to apply the quality requirements as specified in ISO 20252 to market, opinion and social research by the use of access panels and to harmonize already available national standards on this issue. Requirements only apply where these services are provided. This International Standard is intended to supplement and be used in conjunction with ISO 20252.

## AUSTRALIAN STANDARD

# Access panels in market, opinion and social research— Vocabulary and service requirements

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the terms and definitions, as well as the service requirements, for organizations and professionals who own and/or use access panels for market, opinion and social research. It develops the criteria against which access panel providers can be evaluated and against which the quality of access panels can be assessed.

This International Standard is applicable to all types of access panels, whether recruited and used online (e.g. via internet) or offline (e.g. via telephone, post or face-to-face interaction).

NOTE 1 Some individual access panel providers carry out only some processes relevant to the requirements of this International Standard. Relevant processes could also be the responsibility of separate organizations, e.g. an access panel owner and a research service provider carrying out a survey using the access panel.

NOTE 2 Access panels are actively managed and, in this way, differentiated from sampling frames, simple databases and lists of addresses and names including respondents to previous surveys.

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 20252:2006, *Market, opinion and social research — Vocabulary and service requirements*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 20252 and the following apply.

### 3.1

#### **access panel**

sample database of potential respondents who declare that they will cooperate for future data collection if selected

NOTE 1 Continuously reporting panels, e.g. TV-rating panels, consumer panels and re-contact databases (asking for permission for follow-ups) are not covered.

NOTE 2 Adapted from ISO 20252:2006, definition 2.1.

### 3.2

#### **access panel provider**

service provider that manages and is responsible for the access panel(s) to be used by researchers for conducting surveys

NOTE For the purposes of applying requirements of ISO 20252 to this International Standard, “research service provider” and “access panel provider” are regarded as having equivalent meaning.