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- a) updated to align with ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018;
- b) improved consistency and clarity of guidance for each clause with these consistent elements: Required activities, Explanation (which includes purpose statement), and Other information (which includes guidance on documented information and roles and authorities);
- c) added an Annex ([Annex A](#)) that compiles all of the mandatory documented information called for in [ISO/IEC 20000-1](#).

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Introduction

This document provides guidance for establishing, implementing, maintaining, and continually improving a service management system (SMS). An SMS supports the management of the service lifecycle, including the planning, design, transition, delivery, and improvement of services, which fulfil agreed requirements and deliver value for customers, users, and the organization delivering the services.

The adoption of an SMS is a strategic decision for an organization and is influenced by the organization's objectives, the governing body, other parties involved in the service lifecycle and the need for effective and resilient services. The guidance in this document aligns with ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018. This document (ISO/IEC 20000-2) is intentionally independent of guidance for the management of any specific type of service. The organization can use a combination of generally accepted frameworks and its own experience. Improvement for service management can use common improvement methodologies and apply them to the SMS and the services. Appropriate tools for service management can be used to support the SMS. Implementation and operation of an SMS provides ongoing visibility, control of services, and continual improvement, leading to greater effectiveness and efficiency. Improvement for service management applies to the SMS and the services.

The clause structure in this document (i.e. clause numbering and sequence) aligns with ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018 and the terms used in this document align with ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018 and ISO/IEC 20000-10:2018.