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Building and civil engineering terms —

Part 1: General and miscellaneous —

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Foreword

This Section of Part 1 of BS 6100 has been prepared under the direction of the Basic Data and Performance Criteria for Civil Engineering and Building Structures Standards Committee. This Section contains definitions of types of buildings.

The main criteria for selection of types of building for inclusion in this Section of this glossary are:

- a) principal kinds of usage;
- b) principal types of building being designed today.

The type of building is defined by its principal use although it is recognized that other activities often take place within the same building.

The word “building” has not been added to certain terms, e.g. college, church, to distinguish between the establishment and the building as this Section of the glossary is concerned only with buildings and not the establishments. Where in a particular case confusion may arise between the building and its establishment different terms should be used, e.g. college building or college; church building or church.

For convenience the types of building have been arranged in separate groups of broadly similar kinds of usage.

A general introduction to and explanation of this glossary is given in Part 0 of BS 6100 which itemizes the Parts, Sections and Subsections into which this glossary is divided and provides a general alphabetical index of all the terms in the Sections and Subsections already published. Those using individual Sections and Subsections of this glossary are urged to consult Part 0 when doing so.

The other Sections of this Part are as follows:

- 1.0 General
- 1.2 Spaces
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Terms are listed alphabetically in the index and are referred to by numbers which are found against the term in the body of the Section. They are arranged in a classified order, each term having an individual number consisting of seven digits in two parts, the first of three digits, the second of four. The first three digits represent the number of the Part, Section and Subsection (in this case, the third digit is 0 as there is no division into Subsections). The fourth digit represents the group of terms, the fifth digit represents the subgroup of terms (in this case, the fifth digit is 0 as there is no division into subgroups) and the last two digits represent the place within the subgroup.

Deprecated terms are given below the preferred terms with their status indicated. These terms are not individually numbered, but are included in the index with a reference to the preferred term. Terms of more than word, e.g. “office building” are written in a direct style, not as “building, office”. The inverted term is included in the index with a reference to the direct term.

It has been considered necessary to repeat in this Section certain terms from Section 1.0 “General”. Where this occurs the definitions of such terms are preceded by an asterisk (*).