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Introduction

The requirements contained in this standard are written, above all, to be considered as general requirements for bodies operating accreditation systems. This standard, however, is in three sections so that if used by organizations other than accreditation bodies concerned with recognition of competence, Sections 1 and 3 apply, and users need simply replace “accreditation” by “recognition”.