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## 1 Scope

The present document defines the second version of GTP used on:

- the Gn and Gp interfaces of the General Packet Radio Service (GPRS);
- the Iu, Gn and Gp interfaces of the UMTS system.

NOTE: The version number used in the message headers is 0 for the first version of GTP described in GSM 09.60, and 1 for the second version in 3GPP TS 29.060.

From release 8 onwards, the normative specification of the user plane of GTP version 1 is 3GPP TS 29.281 [41]. All provisions about GTPv1 user plane in the present document shall be superseded by 3GPP TS 29.281 [41].

The present document specifies functions, procedures and information which apply to GERAN Iu mode. However, functionality related to GERAN Iu mode is neither maintained nor enhanced.

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