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## Preface

This Standard was prepared by the joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee WS-014, Plumbing and Drainage, to supersede AS/NZS 3500.0—2003, *Plumbing and Drainage, Part 0: Glossary of terms*.

The objective of this document is to specify the common plumbing and drainage terms and associated definitions that are used in areas of the plumbing and drainage sector including product manufacturing specifications, design and installation standards (such as the AS/NZS 3500 series) and regulatory documents.

This revision was conducted to ensure consistency between other documents and incorporate amendments and additions arising from industry requirements.

A list of all parts in the AS/NZS 3500 series for plumbing and drainage can be found in the Standards Australia and Standards New Zealand online catalogues.

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## NOTES

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#### 1 Scope

This document specifies common plumbing and drainage terms and associated definitions used in the plumbing and drainage sector including product manufacturing specifications, design and installation standards (such as the AS/NZS 3500 series) and regulatory documents.

It is primarily intended for the general water and waste industries and for use in the interpretation of terminology used in the various parts of the AS/NZS 3500 series.

#### 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

#### 3 Terms and definitions

##### 3A.1

##### **ablution trough**

See *trough* ([3T.42.1](#))

##### 3A.2

##### **absorber**

See *solar water heater—terms* ([3S.105.1](#))

##### 3A.3

##### **absorption pit**

##### **soakaway**

pit, trench or well dug into permeable ground, filled with broken stone, bricks or large granular material and usually covered with earth, where liquid may soak away into the ground

##### 3A.4

##### **absorption test**

See *test* ([3T.14.1](#))

##### 3A.5

##### **access chamber**

See *chamber* ([3C.14.1](#))

##### 3A.6

##### **access cover**

See *cover* ([3C.73.1](#))

##### 3A.7

##### **access fitting**

See *fitting* ([3F.22.1](#))

##### 3A.8

##### **access opening**

opening in a building element, fitted with a removable cover, to allow maintenance of a concealed pipe, fixture or other apparatus

##### 3A.9

##### **access pipe**

See *pipe* ([3P.17.1](#))