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## Foreword

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 1942:2009), which has been technically revised.

The main change compared to the previous edition is as follows: a systematic arrangement of terminology necessary for the development of standards related to dentistry according to ISO directives has been integrated.

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## Introduction

This document is cited in Clause 2 of most of the ISO documents in the field of dentistry. Its content, therefore, is fundamental for the proper understanding of those documents. It is also important to understand the terms and definitions in this document when a new standard is developed, or existing standards are revised in ISO/TC 106.

The content and format of this document have been developed in accordance to References [1] to [5].

Also, terminological entries have been arranged and grouped reflecting the structure and scope/responsibilities of each subcommittee in TC 106. The sub-categorization of terminological entries essentially follows the scope of each working group within the subcommittee, except for general concepts that include anatomical, branches of dentistry, clinical and occupational. [Annex A](#) describes inclusion and exclusion criteria as well as other information helpful to understand the structure and content of this document.



# Dentistry — Vocabulary

## 1 Scope

This document defines terms used in dental product standards.

This document aims to facilitate the standard development process and the comprehension of standards, and to improve communication with the FDI World Dental Federation, the World Health Organization and other organizations interested in standardization.

## 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

## 3 Terms and definitions

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

### 3.1 Dental terminology and general terms

#### 3.1.1 Anatomical concepts

##### 3.1.1.1

##### **dental organ**

tissue complex comprising the tooth and its supporting structures

##### 3.1.1.2

##### **anterior teeth**

mandibular and maxillary centrals, laterals and canines

##### 3.1.1.3

##### **posterior teeth**

mandibular and maxillary molars and premolars

##### 3.1.1.4

##### **clinical crown**

part of a tooth not covered by soft or supporting hard tissue

##### 3.1.1.5

##### **anatomical crown**

##### **crown**

<natural tooth> portion of a tooth normally covered by, and including, the *enamel* (3.1.1.14)

##### 3.1.1.6

##### **visible crown**

part of the *anatomical crown* (3.1.1.5) which is accessible to visual examination without manipulation of the surrounding gingival tissues