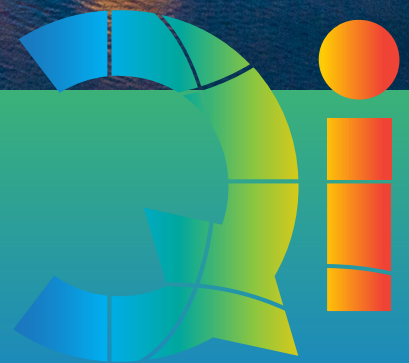


Pacific Islands Standards Committee



Under the Pacific Quality Infrastructure Initiative, the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat in partnership with Standards Australia has established the first Pacific Islands Standards Committee (PISC). PISC will seek to promote quality products, services, and processes in the Pacific region through the assessment, adoption, development and review of voluntary regional technical standards.

Purpose of the committee

The Pacific Islands Standards Committee (PISC) is a core component of the governance structure of the PQI, the Pacific Quality Infrastructure.

The Committee will coordinate standardisation activities across the region with the aim of

- harmonising and developing standards that address local requirements and challenges,
- making standards more accessible to local stakeholders such as regulators, small and medium-sized enterprises, and consumers.

PISC seeks to serve as the coordination point for international bodies concerned with its field of activity including the International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO), the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) and the Pacific Area Standards Congress (PASC).

Mission and objective

- Promote standardisation in the Pacific region
- Create a productive and efficient standardisation partnership amongst Pacific countries
- Coordinate and share knowledge on standards related issues amongst Pacific countries
- Encourage step-by-step approaches that allow for shared progress
- Leverage other Pacific countries' experience and technical infrastructure
- Promote efficiency and trade competitiveness both nationally and regionally
- Involve local stakeholders in technical committees including the private sector

List of members

Membership is open to all Pacific Islands Forum countries.

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| • Australia | • New Zealand |
| • Cook Islands | • Niue |
| • Federated States of Micronesia | • Papua New Guinea |
| • Fiji | • Palau |
| • French Polynesia | • Samoa |
| • Kiribati | • Solomon Islands |
| • Marshall Islands | • Tonga |
| • Nauru | • Tuvalu |
| • New Caledonia | • Vanuatu |



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PIFS is being supported by Standards Australia in the establishment and operation of PISC.