

# NI6 partners: products and services

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The NI6 is an informal grouping of publicly funded bodies that exist to help businesses across the UK with design, innovation, intellectual property (IP) measurement and standards. This electronic leaflet brings together some of their key services and offers, relevant to a wide range of businesses using the Business Link website and its equivalent services in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Please look through the categories below to see how they can add value to your business:

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# Adding value to your business through better knowledge of design

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| <b>Guide to branding</b>                                                                                                | A Design Council guide to help businesses better understand the value of branding and how it can improve products and services.                                                                                               | <a href="http://www.designcouncil.org.uk/resources-and-events/Business-and-public-sector/Guides/The-power-of-branding/#">http://www.designcouncil.org.uk/resources-and-events/Business-and-public-sector/Guides/The-power-of-branding/#</a> | Design Council | Website section      |
| <b>Innovate and Grow tool</b>                                                                                           | A tool to help design-led businesses that want to innovate and grow find the advice and support their business needs.                                                                                                         | <a href="http://www.designcouncil.org.uk/resources-and-events/Designers/Innovate-and-Grow1/#">http://www.designcouncil.org.uk/resources-and-events/Designers/Innovate-and-Grow1/#</a>                                                       | Design Council | Website tool         |
| <b>Design Council case study content on Design Council website and syndicated on Business Link (Exploit Your Ideas)</b> | The Design Council's case studies demonstrate how investing in design can solve business issues, improve efficiencies, add value, generate profit and gain competitive advantage.                                             | <a href="http://www.designcouncil.org.uk/case-studies/#">http://www.designcouncil.org.uk/case-studies/#</a>                                                                                                                                 | Design Council | Website section      |
| <b>Article on return on design investment</b>                                                                           | Businesses that use design or are looking to invest in design to understand the importance of return on design investment can use this Design Council article as a handy reference tool about how proceed.                    | <a href="http://www.designcouncil.org.uk/about-design/measuring-design/#">http://www.designcouncil.org.uk/about-design/measuring-design/#</a>                                                                                               | Design Council | Website section      |
| <b>What design is and why it matters (article on Design Council site)</b>                                               | This reference article by the Design Council's Chief Design Officer helps business that are new to design better understand the role of design in business and how it facilitates innovation.                                 | <a href="http://www.designcouncil.org.uk/about-design/What-design-is-and-why-it-matters/#">http://www.designcouncil.org.uk/about-design/What-design-is-and-why-it-matters/#</a>                                                             | Design Council | Website section      |
| <b>Public services by design</b>                                                                                        | This is a Design Council mentoring service for public sector managers that helps them use design tools and techniques to innovate and deliver more effective, more efficient and more customer focused services.              | <a href="http://www.designcouncil.org.uk/our-work/support/Public-Services-by-Design/#">http://www.designcouncil.org.uk/our-work/support/Public-Services-by-Design/#</a>                                                                     | Design Council | Mentoring            |
| <b>Design Council mentoring services</b>                                                                                | A business support programme from the Design Council that helps SMEs to become more innovative, more competitive and more profitable through design.                                                                          | <a href="http://www.designcouncil.org.uk/our-work/support/#">http://www.designcouncil.org.uk/our-work/support/#</a>                                                                                                                         | Design Council | Mentoring            |
| <b>Innovate for Universities</b>                                                                                        | A Design Council mentoring service for technology transfer offices and scientists and innovators in UK universities to use design to develop new applications for their research and commercialise new technologies.          | <a href="http://www.designcouncil.org.uk/our-work/support/innovate-for-universities/about-Innovate/#">http://www.designcouncil.org.uk/our-work/support/innovate-for-universities/about-Innovate/#</a>                                       | Design Council | Mentoring            |
| <b>Design Council web content</b>                                                                                       | The Design Council website is an excellent resource to access services, support, and case studies to help business that are interested in how design and design thinking can help them become more innovative and profitable. | <a href="http://www.designcouncil.org.uk/#">http://www.designcouncil.org.uk/#</a>                                                                                                                                                           | Design Council | Freestanding website |
| <b>Design Council corporate comms</b>                                                                                   | Sign up to the Design Council's newsletter to find out more about their latest opportunities and resources on design.                                                                                                         | <a href="http://www.designcouncil.org.uk/our-work/support/#">http://www.designcouncil.org.uk/our-work/support/#</a>                                                                                                                         | Design Council | Newsletter           |
| <b>Website resources</b>                                                                                                | Design Guides for Business is a series of guides for SMEs to help them learn more about how design can help innovation within their business.                                                                                 | <a href="http://www.designcouncil.org.uk/resources-and-events/Business-and-public-sector/#">http://www.designcouncil.org.uk/resources-and-events/Business-and-public-sector/#</a>                                                           | Design Council | Website section      |

# Adding value to your business through better knowledge of intellectual property

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| <b>IP Healthcheck Tool on IPO website, Business Link and others.</b>                                                                    | This tools helps businesses that are own and use intellectual property to better understand how to make the most of their intellectual assets.                                                   | <a href="http://www.ipo.gov.uk/iphealthcheck.htm">http://www.ipo.gov.uk/iphealthcheck.htm</a>                                                           | Intellectual Property Office | Website tool                             |
| <b>Patent database search</b>                                                                                                           | This free IPO database helps businesses seeking patent information in a specific field to find out about the details of previously filed patents.                                                | <a href="http://www.ipo.gov.uk/p-os/p-find.htm">http://www.ipo.gov.uk/p-os/p-find.htm</a>                                                               | Intellectual Property Office | Website tool                             |
| <b>IP booklets (patents, trade marks, designs &amp; copyright)</b>                                                                      | The IPO provides free booklets aimed at helping businesses that are planning to file an IP right gain, giving them a better understanding of IP.                                                 | <a href="http://www.ipo.gov.uk/p-basicfacts.pdf">http://www.ipo.gov.uk/p-basicfacts.pdf</a>                                                             | Intellectual Property Office | Printed publication/ leaflet/ newsletter |
| <b>IPO Masterclass</b>                                                                                                                  | To help business advisors gain a detailed understanding of all aspects of IP, the IPO runs a 3 day Masterclass training course.                                                                  | <a href="http://www.ipo.gov.uk/business-support/business-masterclass.htm">http://www.ipo.gov.uk/business-support/business-masterclass.htm</a>           | Intellectual Property Office | Consultancy - advice                     |
| <b>IPO patent, trade mark and design databases</b>                                                                                      | The IPO provides businesses with a database for searching the IPOs patent, trade mark and design information.                                                                                    | <a href="http://www.ipo.gov.uk/os.htm">http://www.ipo.gov.uk/os.htm</a>                                                                                 | Intellectual Property Office | Website tool                             |
| <b>IPO Awareness Seminars</b>                                                                                                           | Business that are considering filing patent, trade mark or design applications can find out more about how these IP rights can be used in their business by attending free IPO awareness events. | <a href="http://www.ipo.gov.uk/events-calendar.htm">http://www.ipo.gov.uk/events-calendar.htm</a>                                                       | Intellectual Property Office | Consultancy - advice                     |
| <b>IPO Supply Chain Toolkit</b>                                                                                                         | Using this free toolkit can help businesses avoid accidentally getting counterfeit goods into their supply chain.                                                                                | <a href="http://www.ipo.gov.uk/ipctoolkit.pdf">http://www.ipo.gov.uk/ipctoolkit.pdf</a>                                                                 | Intellectual Property Office | Printed publication/ leaflet/ newsletter |
| <b>IPO/UKTI IP Primers</b>                                                                                                              | Businesses that intend to trade in Brazil, India, China, Korea, USA or Vietnam can get advice by using country specific online IP guides offered by Business Link and the IPO.                   | <a href="http://www.businesslink.gov.uk/bdotg/action/layer?topicId=1096768713">http://www.businesslink.gov.uk/bdotg/action/layer?topicId=1096768713</a> | Intellectual Property Office | Printed publication/ leaflet/ newsletter |
| <b>IPO Workshops &amp; IP Masterclass</b>                                                                                               | The IPO Masterclass training event helps owners and managers of SMEs who are creating IP better understand how to manage their IP.                                                               | <a href="http://www.ipo.gov.uk/business-support.htm">http://www.ipo.gov.uk/business-support.htm</a>                                                     | Intellectual Property Office | Consultancy - advice                     |
| <b>IPO Awareness Seminars where the IPO explains what the it can offer and IP attorneys explain their role in supporting businesses</b> | To help businesses that want to know more about intellectual property, an offering of free advice from an IP attorney using one-to-one sessions at the IPOs regional seminars.                   | <a href="http://www.ipo.gov.uk/business-ipa.htm">http://www.ipo.gov.uk/business-ipa.htm</a>                                                             | Intellectual Property Office | Consultancy - advice                     |
| <b>Licensing Intellectual Property</b>                                                                                                  | This guide helps businesses that are intending to allow 3rd parties to license their IP or are intending to license IP owned by others, to better understand the principles of licensing.        | <a href="http://www.ipo.gov.uk/licensingbooklet.pdf">http://www.ipo.gov.uk/licensingbooklet.pdf</a>                                                     | Intellectual Property Office | Printed publication/ leaflet/ newsletter |

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| <b>IPO Non-Disclosure Agreements</b>                  | These help businesses that are working with 3 <sup>rd</sup> parties, enabling them to share confidential information using the IPOs non-disclosure agreement booklet and examples of non-disclosure agreements.                      | <a href="http://www.ipo.gov.uk/nda.pdf">http://www.ipo.gov.uk/nda.pdf</a>                                                                                                               | Intellectual Property Office | Printed publication/ leaflet/ newsletter |
| <b>Intellectual Asset Management for Universities</b> | The IPOs guide to help businesses improve the way they work with universities works by ensuring that they understand how universities manage their intellectual assets.                                                              | <a href="http://www.ipo.gov.uk/ipasset-management.pdf">http://www.ipo.gov.uk/ipasset-management.pdf</a>                                                                                 | Intellectual Property Office | Printed publication/ leaflet/ newsletter |
| <b>Choosing the Right IP Advisor</b>                  | This guide provides advice to help businesses looking to appoint an IP advisor, giving them guidelines about how to choose the right advisor.                                                                                        | <a href="http://www.ipo.gov.uk/ipadviserbooklet.pdf">http://www.ipo.gov.uk/ipadviserbooklet.pdf</a>                                                                                     | Intellectual Property Office | Printed publication/ leaflet/ newsletter |
| <b>IP guide for designers</b>                         | The Design Council's intellectual property guide helps design business that require information on intellectual property to understand different IP rights, contracts, and their impact in the day to day running of their business. | <a href="http://www.designcouncil.org.uk/resources-and-events/designers/guides/legal-issues/#">http://www.designcouncil.org.uk/resources-and-events/designers/guides/legal-issues/#</a> | Design Council               | Other                                    |

## Adding value to your business through better knowledge of regulations

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| <b>Legislative Policy-UK weights and measures legislatuion</b>                                                   | Some business need information on quantity to make informed purchasing decisions with confidence. To help them, this NMO service provides them, their representative organisations, trading standards departments and other stakeholders with necessary advice on policy and regulation in the areas of weights and measures, and gas and electricity meters across the UK.                                                              | <a href="http://www.bis.gov.uk/nmo/regulation">http://www.bis.gov.uk/nmo/regulation</a>                                                | National Measurement Office                         | Other                             |
| <b>NMO Enforcement Authority - responsible for enforcing RoHS,Batteries, ERP and Energy Labelling Directives</b> | This service helps businesses comply with regulations aimed at improving energy consumption, protecting health and preserving the environment. The enforcement authority does this through combining market surveillance with product testing and business support.                                                                                                                                                                      | <a href="http://www.bis.gov.uk/nmo/enforcement/About-Us">http://www.bis.gov.uk/nmo/enforcement/About-Us</a>                            | National Measurement Office                         | Other                             |
| <b>The Government Chemist Function</b>                                                                           | This online newsfeed helps businesses that produce or use chemical measurement to keep abreast of key emerging legislative and regulatory developments.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <a href="http://www.governmentchemist.org.uk/News.aspx?m=2&amp;amid=1318">www.governmentchemist.org.uk/News.aspx?m=2&amp;amid=1318</a> | LGC (formerly Laboratory of the Government Chemist) | Website section                   |
| <b>Restriction of the use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (RoHS)</b>      | Enforcing these regulations, which prohibit hazardous substances, such as lead and mercury, from being used in electrical equipment, the NMO enforcement authority works with business to ensure compliance through direct investigations and by providing business support through dedicated information resources and confidential enquiry services.                                                                                   | <a href="http://www.bis.gov.uk/nmo/enforcement/rohs-home">http://www.bis.gov.uk/nmo/enforcement/rohs-home</a>                          | LGC                                                 | Enforcement/ Information resource |
| <b>Batteries and Accumulators (Placing on the Market)</b>                                                        | Enforcing these regulations, which control the use of mercury and cadmium in batteries and ensure appropriate markings and removability for end of life disposal, the NMO enforcement authority works with business to ensure compliance through direct investigations and by providing business support through dedicated information resources and confidential enquiry services.                                                      | <a href="http://www.bis.gov.uk/nmo/enforcement/batteries-home">http://www.bis.gov.uk/nmo/enforcement/batteries-home</a>                | LGC                                                 | Enforcement/ Information resource |
| <b>Ecodesign for Energy Related Products</b>                                                                     | Enforcing these regulations, which reduce the environmental impact of products by establishing minimum ecodesign requirements, the NMO enforcement authority works with business to ensure compliance through direct investigations and by providing business support through dedicated information resources and confidential enquiry services.                                                                                         | <a href="http://www.bis.gov.uk/nmo/enforcement/ecodesign">http://www.bis.gov.uk/nmo/enforcement/ecodesign</a>                          | LGC                                                 | Enforcement/ Information resource |
| <b>Energy Labelling Framework</b>                                                                                | Enforcing these regulations, which ensure complex energy consumption and performance information of certain domestic appliances, is accurately communicated, allowing consumers to make informed purchasing decisions, the NMO enforcement authority works with business to ensure compliance through direct investigations and by providing business support through dedicated information resources and confidential enquiry services. | <a href="http://www.bis.gov.uk/nmo/enforcement/elf-home">http://www.bis.gov.uk/nmo/enforcement/elf-home</a>                            | LGC                                                 | Enforcement/ Information resource |

## Adding value to your business by improving your processes, measurements and data

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| <b>Quality management Systems Certification</b> | This certification helps businesses conform to internationally recognised management systems standards and quality improvement. It works by offering a quality management systems certification service via a team of highly skilled auditors, who work closely with businesses to help them to achieve their goal of quality management systems certification. | <a href="http://www.bis.gov.uk/nmo/certification-services/qms-certification">http://www.bis.gov.uk/nmo/certification-services/qms-certification</a> | National Measurement Office | Certification            |
| <b>Analytical Quality Training</b>              | Businesses that produce or use chemical and biological measurements can be helped to ensure that the quality of their data meets current accreditation and regulatory requirements through attending analytical quality training courses.                                                                                                                       | <a href="http://www.lgc.co.uk/our_expertise/training_and_education.aspx">http://www.lgc.co.uk/our_expertise/training_and_education.aspx</a>         | LGC                         | Training                 |
| <b>Advice</b>                                   | This helps businesses that produce or use chemical and biological measurement by providing access to expert advice on a range of analytical, chemical and biological technologies and related quality assurance topics.                                                                                                                                         | <a href="mailto:nmshelp@lgc.co.uk">nmshelp@lgc.co.uk</a>                                                                                            | LGC                         | Consultancy - advice     |
| <b>Good Practice Guides</b>                     | Businesses that produce or use chemical and biological measurement can be helped to produce accurate and reliable results by these using good practice guides and other downloadable training resources.                                                                                                                                                        | <a href="http://www.nmschembio.org.uk/GenericHub.aspx?m=33">http://www.nmschembio.org.uk/GenericHub.aspx?m=33</a>                                   | LGC                         | Downloadable Publication |



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| <b>POET-Process &amp; Operational Efficiency Team</b>       | Businesses that carry out laboratory and office based operations can improve processes and reduce costs by using process mapping and LabSmart process modelling tools.                                           | <a href="mailto:poet@lgc.co.uk">poet@lgc.co.uk</a>                                                                      | LGC                                  | Consultancy - advice     |
| <b>Good Practice Guides</b>                                 | These good practice guides help businesses that need to produce reliable data on their products.                                                                                                                 | <a href="http://www.npl.co.uk/publications/guides">http://www.npl.co.uk/publications/guides</a>                         | National Physical Laboratory         | Downloadable publication |
| <b>Measurement training for users</b>                       | Businesses that need to make measurements to lower scrap rates and improve the quality of their products can be helped through a range of measurement training courses delivered nationally and internationally. | <a href="http://www.npl.co.uk/training">http://www.npl.co.uk/training</a>                                               | National Physical Laboratory         | Training                 |
| <b>Kaye and Laby handbook of physical and chemical data</b> | Technical and engineering businesses have access to trustworthy data using Kaye and Laby on-line.                                                                                                                | <a href="http://www.npl.co.uk/reference/kaye-laby">http://www.npl.co.uk/reference/kaye-laby</a>                         | National Physical Laboratory         | Website tool             |
| <b>Technical advice</b>                                     | Businesses that produce or use measurements can access confidential technical expertise help using this free enquiry service.                                                                                    | <a href="http://www.npl.co.uk/contact-us/free-advice-from-npl">http://www.npl.co.uk/contact-us/free-advice-from-npl</a> | National Physical Laboratory         | Advice service           |
| <b>Consultancy</b>                                          | Businesses that produce or use measurements can use this service to access confidential, technical and expert help for up to 10 days at a set, subsidised rate.                                                  | <a href="http://www.npl.co.uk/technology-innovation-fund">http://www.npl.co.uk/technology-innovation-fund</a>           | National Physical Laboratory         | Consultancy              |
| <b>Research clubs</b>                                       | Businesses that would like to join with others to investigate a solution to a technical problem can do so using NPLs research capability.                                                                        | <a href="http://www.npl.co.uk/technology-innovation-fund">http://www.npl.co.uk/technology-innovation-fund</a>           | National Physical Laboratory         | Contract research        |
| <b>Measurement Network</b>                                  | Businesses that produce or use measurements can join the Measurement Network to exchange information with other members and leading experts.                                                                     | <a href="http://www.npl.co.uk/measurement-network">http://www.npl.co.uk/measurement-network</a>                         | National Physical Laboratory         | Networking               |
| <b>Accreditation, Auditor, and Laboratory Training</b>      | Business that provide testing or evaluation services can use these courses to learn about laboratory management, accreditation requirements, and auditing.                                                       | <a href="http://www.ukas.com/services/Training">http://www.ukas.com/services/Training</a>                               | United Kingdom Accreditation Service | Training and advisory    |
| <b>Online database of accredited organisations</b>          | To help businesses find the relevant competent testing service, inspection body, or certifying body.                                                                                                             | <a href="http://www.ukas.com">www.ukas.com</a>                                                                          | United Kingdom Accreditation Service | Website tool             |

## Adding value to your business through standards and accreditation

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| <b>Product Certification</b>                                                                                                      | NMO product certification helps manufacturers of weighing and measuring equipment gain type approval of their prototype equipment. This adds value by helping minimise their time to manufacture, and, by offering them a customer focused and efficient type approval service, to help sell in their desired target markets.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1. <a href="http://www.bis.gov.uk/nmo/certification-services/product-certification">http://www.bis.gov.uk/nmo/certification-services/product-certification</a><br>2. <a href="http://www.bis.gov.uk/nmo/certification-services/calibration">http://www.bis.gov.uk/nmo/certification-services/calibration</a>                                                                                               | National Measurement Office  | Other                              |
| <b>Calibration</b>                                                                                                                | This helps businesses and trading standards departments who use reference standards in their work to ensure accuracy, reduce waste or comply with quality assurance. It works by offering them an efficient and customer driven calibration service for mass, length and volume standards.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 1. <a href="http://www.bis.gov.uk/nmo/certification-services/product-certification">http://www.bis.gov.uk/nmo/certification-services/product-certification</a><br>2. <a href="http://www.bis.gov.uk/nmo/certification-services/calibration">http://www.bis.gov.uk/nmo/certification-services/calibration</a>                                                                                               | National Measurement Office  | Consultancy advice                 |
| <b>Hallmarking</b>                                                                                                                | NMO provides policy support to ministers on hallmarking issues and took over sponsorship of the British Hallmarking Council (BHC) in 2007. The BHC are responsible for overseeing the independent testing and marking of articles of precious metal to indicate they conform to legal standards of purity (fineness), and advises the secretary of state on hallmarking matters. It also ensures there are adequate facilities for hallmarking in the UK and directs the assay offices as to the standards, practices and procedures to be adopted by them in the testing and marking of precious metal items.                                     | <a href="http://www.bis.gov.uk/nmo/regulation/hallmarking">http://www.bis.gov.uk/nmo/regulation/hallmarking</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | National Measurement Office  | Consultancy advice                 |
| <b>Consultation and representation</b>                                                                                            | NMO offers consultation and representation to help manufacturers of weighing and measuring equipment, control systems, calibration/test labs, quality control and assurance divisions/organisations avoid barriers to trade. It also works to ensure satisfactory legislative outcomes by helping these manufacturers to influence measurement and standardisation activities internationally by offering clear and effective channels of consultation, representation and engagement.                                                                                                                                                             | <a href="http://www.bis.gov.uk/nmo/Consultations">http://www.bis.gov.uk/nmo/Consultations</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | National Measurement Office  | Consultancy advice                 |
| <b>BS 8538:2011 Specification for the provision of services relating to the commercialization of intellectual property rights</b> | A published standard meeting (British Standard 8538:2011), helps businesses that offer intellectual property advice attain the right standard of service.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <a href="http://shop.bsigroup.com/en/ProductDetail/?pid=000000000030214064">http://shop.bsigroup.com/en/ProductDetail/?pid=000000000030214064</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Intellectual Property Office | Other                              |
| <b>Calibration</b>                                                                                                                | Businesses that need to make measurements in order to meet buyer specifications and trade internationally can make traceable measurements using this calibration service.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <a href="http://www.npl.co.uk/commercial-services/measurement-services">http://www.npl.co.uk/commercial-services/measurement-services</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | National Physical Laboratory | Calibration service                |
| <b>Calibration and measurement</b>                                                                                                | Businesses that use or produce measurements can get values assigned, purity determined and obtain measurement calibrants and reference materials.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1. <a href="http://www.lgcgroup.com/divisions_science_technology/science_innovation/mass_spectrometry/uk_chemical_calibration_facili.aspx">http://www.lgcgroup.com/divisions_science_technology/science_innovation/mass_spectrometry/uk_chemical_calibration_facili.aspx</a><br>2. <a href="http://www.lgcgroup.com/divisions/lgc_standards.aspx">http://www.lgcgroup.com/divisions/lgc_standards.aspx</a> | LGC                          | Calibration and validation service |
| <b>BSI Membership</b>                                                                                                             | Different categories of membership are offered for different sizes and types of organisation, from sole traders to large organisations, in both public and private sectors. Each category pays a different yearly subscription rate, based on the number of employees and turnover of their organization. Benefits include:<br>•50% off British Standards, British Standards Online (BSOL) and BSI conferences<br>•Discounts off foreign standards (40% off ISO, 10% off DIN, ASTM and others)<br>•Access to a dedicated knowledge centre enquiry service<br>•Current awareness services to keep you up-to-date<br>•Free p&p and credit facilities | <a href="http://www.bsigroup.com/membership">http://www.bsigroup.com/membership</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | British Standards Institute  | Membership                         |

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| <b>BSI PLUS (Private List Updating Service)</b>                     | A tailor-made service for members ensuring that the most up-to-date standards in a given interest area are automatically provided.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <a href="http://www.bsigroup.com/plus">http://www.bsigroup.com/plus</a>                                                                                                                                                           | British Standards Institute          | Standards awareness service |
| <b>BSI shop</b>                                                     | Online access to free information on the entire catalogue of British Standards, plus the opportunity to buy standards in hard or soft copy.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <a href="http://www.bsigroup.com/shop">http://www.bsigroup.com/shop</a>                                                                                                                                                           | British Standards Institute          | Website section             |
| <b>BSI Committee membership</b>                                     | BSI's standards are written by committees of interested stakeholders. These committees are also responsible for advising on the UK line to be taken in European and international standardization, and so are fundamental to the process of developing standards.                                                                                                                                                         | <a href="http://www.bsigroup.com/en/Standards-and-Publications/Committee-Members/">http://www.bsigroup.com/en/Standards-and-Publications/Committee-Members/</a>                                                                   | British Standards Institute          | Other                       |
| <b>Standards development information</b>                            | Information on all proposed new work, standards in development, published standards and the committees who develop those standards is published by BSI on a freely accessible website.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <a href="http://standardsdevelopment.bsigroup.com/">http://standardsdevelopment.bsigroup.com/</a>                                                                                                                                 | British Standards Institute          | Freestanding website        |
| <b>Commenting on draft standards and online standards proposals</b> | In order to become a British Standard, a draft is available for public comment. There is an online commenting tool, where anyone can comment on draft standards. It is also possible to view proposals for new standards (and make proposals for standards).                                                                                                                                                              | 1. <a href="http://www.bsigroup.com/drafts">http://www.bsigroup.com/drafts</a><br>2. <a href="http://standardsproposals.bsigroup.com/">http://standardsproposals.bsigroup.com/</a>                                                | British Standards Institute          | Other                       |
| <b>Self-assessment tools</b>                                        | BSI has a series of online self-assessment tools that help users assess their own progress in working with a number of popular standards on systems for quality management, energy management, data protection, business continuity and health & safety.                                                                                                                                                                  | <a href="http://shop.bsigroup.com/Navigate-by/Assessment-Tools/">http://shop.bsigroup.com/Navigate-by/Assessment-Tools/</a>                                                                                                       | British Standards Institute          | Website tool                |
| <b>Conferences on standards as business improvers</b>               | BSI uses conferences to gather leading experts and respected professionals to present the latest news on key issues, to discuss solutions, share best practice and debate the future. They range from the launch of a new standard to addressing the business needs of a specific sector. They are often accompanied by relevant workshops which go into detail on particular topics in a practical learning environment. | <a href="http://www.bsigroup.com/conferences">http://www.bsigroup.com/conferences</a>                                                                                                                                             | British Standards Institute          | Conference                  |
| <b>Eurocodes PLUS</b>                                               | This is an online tool that makes working with the Structural Eurocodes simple, and which have been developed in collaboration with leading engineering firms. The Eurocodes have been described as 'the biggest single change in construction standards ever', but less than 30% of organizations are adequately prepared for the Eurocodes.                                                                             | <a href="http://www.bsigroup.com/eurocodesplus">http://www.bsigroup.com/eurocodesplus</a>                                                                                                                                         | British Standards Institute          | Website tool                |
| <b>British Standards Online</b>                                     | British Standards Online (BSOL) is a bibliographic, citation and full-text database of more than 50,000 standards, available on subscription.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <a href="http://www.bsigroup.com/BSOL">http://www.bsigroup.com/BSOL</a>                                                                                                                                                           | British Standards Institute          | Website tool                |
| <b>Accreditation of testing laboratories</b>                        | Business that carry out testing or sampling can become accredited to demonstrate their compliance to meet regulatory requirements.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <a href="http://www.ukas.com/services/accreditation-services/Accreditation-Services.asp">http://www.ukas.com/services/accreditation-services/Accreditation-Services.asp</a>                                                       | United Kingdom Accreditation Service | Website section             |
| <b>Accreditation of medical testing laboratories</b>                | Medical testing and diagnostic laboratories can seek accreditation to demonstrate competence to commissioners, patients and other interested parties.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <a href="http://www.ukas.com/Library/Media-Centre/Promotional-Materials/Brochures/CPA%20Brochure.pdf">http://www.ukas.com/Library/Media-Centre/Promotional-Materials/Brochures/CPA%20Brochure.pdf</a>                             | United Kingdom Accreditation Service | Printed material            |
| <b>Accreditation of inspection and surveying organisations</b>      | Businesses that carry out inspection activities, surveying and risk assessments can become accredited to demonstrate independence, integrity and competence to their customers.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <a href="http://www.ukas.com/Library/Media-Centre/Promotional-Materials/Brochures/UKAS%20Inspection%20Brochure.pdf">http://www.ukas.com/Library/Media-Centre/Promotional-Materials/Brochures/UKAS%20Inspection%20Brochure.pdf</a> | United Kingdom Accreditation Service | Printed material            |
| <b>Accreditation of certification bodies</b>                        | Business wishing to provide management systems certification, product certification and personnel certification can seek accreditation to demonstrate their competence and impartiality to their customers.                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <a href="http://www.ukas.com/Library/Media-Centre/Promotional-Materials/Brochures/Certification%20Brochure.pdf">http://www.ukas.com/Library/Media-Centre/Promotional-Materials/Brochures/Certification%20Brochure.pdf</a>         | United Kingdom Accreditation Service | Printed material            |
| <b>Development of accreditation schemes</b>                         | To help businesses or associations develop and design an accreditation scheme to demonstrate confidence in the market.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <a href="http://www.ukas.com/services/development-services/development-services.asp">http://www.ukas.com/services/development-services/development-services.asp</a>                                                               | United Kingdom Accreditation Service | Website section             |
| <b>Accreditation of proficiency testing schemes</b>                 | Businesses that provide proficiency testing schemes can seek accreditation to demonstrate their competence and impartiality.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <a href="http://www.ukas.com/Library/Media-Centre/Promotional-Materials/Brochures/ILAC%20PT%20brochure.pdf">http://www.ukas.com/Library/Media-Centre/Promotional-Materials/Brochures/ILAC%20PT%20brochure.pdf</a>                 | United Kingdom Accreditation Service | Printed material            |
| <b>Accreditation of reference material providers</b>                | Businesses that produce reference materials can seek accreditation to demonstrate their competence.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <a href="http://www.ukas.com/services/accreditation-services/Accreditation-Services.asp">http://www.ukas.com/services/accreditation-services/Accreditation-Services.asp</a>                                                       | United Kingdom Accreditation Service | Website section             |
| <b>International advice</b>                                         | Online links to international testing, inspection, and certification agreements for businesses seeking to import or export.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <a href="http://www.ukas.com/technical-information/international-role/International-Role.asp">http://www.ukas.com/technical-information/international-role/International-Role.asp</a>                                             | United Kingdom Accreditation Service | Website section             |