



Tags in **color** are the valid values of **specStatus**.

Abbreviations used are:

WD Working Draft  
 ED Editors Draft  
 TP Tech Pubs  
 RC Release Candidate  
 WG Working Group

The text following **ED** or **RC** reflects the next anticipated frozen document state (**Cross-WG**, **Member**, **Final**).

- Frozen document states are shown with a solid circle. These states reflect a “frozen in time” document that is not subject to change (hence they don’t have a “recycle” arrow). Frozen document states are mandatory. Every document will see all of these states. Tech Pubs implements the transition into a Frozen state in conjunction with approval by the BoD.

- Tech Pubs document states are shown as shaded circles. These states reflect a document that is undergoing editing by the Tech Pubs organization.

Tech Pubs editing engagement negotiated for each document (based on WG needs). Routine documents (e.g. Codes & IDs Spec) may need little support. Complex documents may need multiple engagements at a multiple points in time. Simultaneous editing by the WG and Tech Pubs must be coordinated to avoid duplication of work.

- Non-frozen document states are shown with open circles. These states reflect time periods where a document is evolving within the working group. These states are optional. Any particular document can see any (or all) of these states.

Criteria for moving from **WD** to **ED** to **RC** is unspecified. Each Working Group and/or Editor can use what they feel is appropriate for any given document.

This flow is repeated for each document release (0.3, 0.5, 0.7, 0.9, 1.0). Multiple releases of the same specification may be in flight at the same time (with appropriate mechanisms to ensure that late stage changes in one release get in subsequent releases).

It is critical that once approved by the WG for Cross-WG-Review or Member-Review, no subsequent changes occur without changing the document state to the next appropriate **ED** (or **RC**) value.