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Indoor environmental quality —**

Part 1:

**Indoor environmental input  
parameters for the design and  
assessment of energy performance of  
buildings**

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## Introduction

Energy consumption of buildings depends significantly on the criteria used for the indoor environment (heating, cooling, ventilation and lighting) and building (including systems) design and operation. Indoor environment also affects health, productivity and comfort of the occupants. Recent studies have shown that costs of poor indoor environment for the employer, the building owner and for society, as a whole are often considerable higher than the cost of the energy used in the same building. It has also been shown that good indoor environmental quality can improve overall work and learning performance and reduce absenteeism. In addition uncomfortable occupants are likely to take actions to make themselves comfortable which may have energy implications. There is therefore a need for specifying criteria for the indoor environment for design and energy calculations for buildings and building service systems.

There exist other national and International Standards, and technical reports, which specify criteria for thermal comfort (ISO 7730[2]). These documents do specify different types and categories of criteria, which may have a significant influence on the energy demand. For the thermal environment criteria for the heating season (cold/winter) and cooling season (warm/summer) are listed. These criteria are, however, mainly for dimensioning of building, heating, cooling and ventilation systems. They may not be used directly for energy calculations and year-round evaluation of the indoor thermal environment. Studies have shown that occupant expectations in natural ventilated buildings may differ from conditioned buildings, which will be part of this document.

This document specifies how design criteria can be established and used for dimensioning of systems. It defines how to establish and define the main parameters to be used as input for building energy calculation and long term evaluation of the indoor environment. Finally this document identifies parameters to be used for monitoring and displaying of the indoor environment

Different categories of criteria may be used depending on type of building, type of occupants, type of climate and national differences. This document specifies several different categories of indoor environment which could be selected for the space to be conditioned. These different categories are intended to be used for design and may also be used to give an overall, yearly evaluation of the indoor environment by evaluating the percentage of time in each category. The designer may also select other categories using the principles from this document.

[Table 1](#) shows the relative position of this document within the set of EPB standards in the context of the modular structure as set out in ISO 52000-1[15].

NOTE 1 In ISO/TR 52000-2 the same table can be found, with, for each module, the numbers of the relevant EPB standards and accompanying technical reports that are published or in preparation.

NOTE 2 The modules represent EPB standards, although one EPB standard can cover more than one module and one module can be covered by more than one EPB standard, for instance a simplified and a detailed method respectively. See also [Clause 2](#) and [Tables A.1](#) and [H.1](#).

**Table 1 — Position of this document within the EN EPB set of standards according to ISO 52001-1**

| Overarching |   | Building (as such) |   | Technical Building Systems |   |         |             |                |                  |                    |          |                                 |              |  |
|-------------|---|--------------------|---|----------------------------|---|---------|-------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------|----------|---------------------------------|--------------|--|
|             | Descriptions  |                    | Descriptions                                  | Descriptions               | Heating                                   | Cooling | Ventilation | Humidification | Dehumidification | Domestic hot water | Lighting | Building automation and control | PV, wind, .. |  |
| sub1        | M1  | sub1               | M2  | sub1                       | M3  | M4      | M5          | M6             | M7               | M8                 | M9       | M10                             | M11          |  |
| 1           | General   | 1                  | General                                       | 1                          | General                                   |         |             |                |                  |                    |          |                                 |              |  |
| 2           | Common terms and definitions; symbols, units and subscripts | 2                  | Building energy needs                         | 2                          | Needs                                     |         |             |                |                  |                    |          |                                 |              |  |
| 3           | Applications  | 3                  | (Free) Indoor conditions without systems      | 3                          | Maximum load and power                    |         |             |                |                  |                    |          |                                 |              |  |
| 4           | Ways to express energy performance                          | 4                  | Ways to express energy performance            | 4                          | Ways to express energy performance        |         |             |                |                  |                    |          |                                 |              |  |
| 5           | Building functions and building boundaries                  | 5                  | Heat transfer by transmission                 | 5                          | Emission and control                      |         |             |                |                  |                    |          |                                 |              |  |
| 6           | Building occupancy and operating conditions                 | 6                  | Heat transfer by infiltration and ventilation | 6                          | Distribution and control                  |         |             |                |                  |                    |          |                                 |              |  |
| 7           | Aggregation of energy services and energy carriers          | 7                  | Internal heat gains                           | 7                          | Storage and control                       |         |             |                |                  |                    |          |                                 |              |  |
| 8           | Building partitioning                                       | 8                  | Solar heat gains                              | 8                          | Generation and control                    |         |             |                |                  |                    |          |                                 |              |  |
| 9           | Calculated energy performance                               | 9                  | Building dynamics (thermal mass)              | 9                          | Load dispatching and operating conditions |         |             |                |                  |                    |          |                                 |              |  |
| 10          | Measured energy performance                                 | 10                 | Measured energy performance                   | 10                         | Measured energy performance               |         |             |                |                  |                    |          |                                 |              |  |
| 11          | Inspection  | 11                 | Inspection                                    | 11                         | Inspection                                |         |             |                |                  |                    |          |                                 |              |  |

**Table 1** (continued)

| Overarching |                                | Building<br>(as such) |              | Technical Building Systems |              |              |              |                  |                          |                       |                            |               |  |                    |
|-------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|---------------|--|--------------------|
|             | Descriptions                   |                       | Descriptions |                            | Descriptions | Heat-<br>ing | Cool-<br>ing | Ventila-<br>tion | Humid-<br>ifi-<br>cation | Dehumidifi-<br>cation | Domes-<br>tic hot<br>water | Light-<br>ing | Building<br>automa-<br>tion and<br>control | PV,<br>wind,<br>.. |
| 12          | Ways to express indoor comfort |                       |              | 12                         | BMS          |              |              |                  |                          |                       |                            |               |  |                    |
| 13          | Outdoor environment conditions |                       |              |                            |              |              |              |                  |                          |                       |                            |               |  |                    |
| 14          | Economic calculation           |                       |              |                            |              |              |              |                  |                          |                       |                            |               |  |                    |

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# Energy performance of buildings — Indoor environmental quality —

## Part 1:

# Indoor environmental input parameters for the design and assessment of energy performance of buildings

## 1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for indoor environmental parameters for thermal environment, indoor air quality, lighting and acoustics and specifies how to establish these parameters for building system design and energy performance calculations.

It includes design criteria for the local thermal discomfort factors, draught, radiant temperature asymmetry, vertical air temperature differences and floor surface temperature.

This document is applicable where the criteria for indoor environment are set by human occupancy and where the production or process does not have a major impact on indoor environment.

It also specifies occupancy schedules to be used in standard energy calculations and how different categories of criteria for the indoor environment can be used.

The criteria in this document can also be used in national calculation methods. This document sets criteria for the indoor environment based on existing standards and reports (listed in Clause 2 and the Bibliography).

The document does not specify design methods, but gives input parameters to the design of building envelope, heating, cooling, ventilation and lighting.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 13731, *Ergonomics of the thermal environment — Vocabulary and symbols*

IEC 60050-845, *International electrotechnical vocabulary — Chapter 845: Lighting*

EN 16798-3, *Ventilation of non-residential buildings — Performance requirements for ventilation and room-conditioning systems*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 13731 and IEC 60050-845, and the following apply.

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

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

## ISO 17772-1:2017(E)

**3.1**  
**EPB standard**  
standard that complies with the requirements given in ISO 52000-1, CEN/TS 16628<sup>[19]</sup> and CEN/TS 16629<sup>[20]</sup>

Note 1 to entry: These three basic EPB documents were developed under a mandate given to CEN by the European Commission and the European Free Trade Association (Mandate M/480), and support essential requirements of EU Directive 2010/31/EU on the energy performance of buildings (EPBD). Several EPB standards and related documents are developed or revised under the same mandate.

[SOURCE: ISO 52000-1:2017, 3.5.14]

**3.2**  
**adaptation, thermal**  
physiological, psychological or behavioural adjustment of building occupants to the interior thermal environment in order to avoid or to limit thermal discomfort

Note 1 to entry: In naturally ventilated buildings these are often in response to changes in indoor environment induced by outdoor weather conditions.

**3.3**  
**adaptation**  
**perceived air quality**  
sensory adaptation to perceived air quality (odour), which occurs during the first 15 min exposure to bio effluents

**3.4**  
**airing**  
intentional opening of windows, doors, vents, etc. for increasing the ventilation in a room

**3.5**  
**breathing zone**  
part of the occupied zone at the head level of the occupants

Note 1 to entry: Head level is 1,7 m standing, 1,1 m seated and 0,2 m for children on the floor

Note 2 to entry: For a definition of occupied zone see EN 16798-3.

**3.6**  
**building, very low-polluting**  
building where predominantly very low-emitting materials and furniture are used, activities with emission of pollutants are prohibited and no previous emitting sources (like tobacco smoke, from cleaning) were present

Note 1 to entry: Default criteria are listed in [Annex H](#).

**3.7**  
**building, low-polluting**  
building where predominantly low emitting materials are used and materials and activities with emission of pollutants are limited

Note 1 to entry: Note to entry: Default criteria are listed in in [Annex H](#).

**3.8**  
**building, non low-polluting**  
building where no effort has been done to select low-emitting materials and where activities with emission of pollutants are not limited or prohibited

Note 1 to entry: Default criteria are listed in [Annex H](#). Previous emissions (like tobacco smoke) can have taken place.

### 3.9 cooling season

part of the year (usually summer) during which cooling is needed to keep the indoor temperature within specified levels, at least part of the day and in part of the rooms

Note 1 to entry: The length of the cooling season differs substantially from country to country and from region to region.

### 3.10 daylight factor

ratio of the illuminance at a point on a given plane due to the light received directly or indirectly from a sky of assumed or known luminance distribution, to the illuminance on a horizontal plane due to an unobstructed hemisphere of this sky, excluding the contribution of direct sunlight to both illuminances

### 3.11 demand controlled ventilation

ventilation system where airflow rates are controlled automatically according to measured needs at room level

### 3.12 dehumidification

process of removing water vapour from air

### 3.13 outdoor temperature, daily mean

average of the hourly mean outdoor air temperature for one calendar day (24 h)

### 3.14 outdoor temperature running mean

$\theta_{ed}$

exponentially weighted running mean of the daily mean outdoor air temperature

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### 3.15 heating season

part of the year during which heating is needed to keep the indoor temperature within specified levels, at least part of the day and in part of the rooms

Note 1 to entry: The length of the heating season differs substantially from country to country and from region to region.

### 3.16 humidification

process of adding water vapour to air to increase humidity

### 3.17 mechanical cooling

cooling of the indoor environment by mechanical means used to provide cooling of supply air

Note 1 to entry: This includes fan coil units, cooled surfaces, etc.

Note 2 to entry: Opening of windows during night and day time or mechanical supply of cold outdoor air is not regarded as mechanical cooling.

### 3.18 mechanical ventilation

ventilation system where air is supplied or extracted from the building or both by a fan using air terminal devices, ducts and roof/wall devices

**3.19**

**natural ventilation**

ventilation provided by thermal, wind, or diffusion effects through doors, windows, or other intentional devices in the building designed for ventilation

Note 1 to entry: Natural ventilation systems can be either manually or automatically controlled.

**3.20**

**occupied hours**

hours when the majority of the building or part of the building being considered is in its intended use

**3.21**

**operative temperature**

uniform temperature of an imaginary black enclosure in which an occupant would exchange the same amount of heat by radiation plus convection as in the actual non-uniform environment

Note 1 to entry: Further information is given in ISO 7726<sup>[1]</sup> and EN 16798-2<sup>[13]</sup>.

**3.22**

**optimal operative temperature**

operative temperature that satisfies the greatest percentage of occupants at a given clothing and activity level in the current thermal environment

**3.23**

**room conditioning system**

system installed and used to keep comfortable conditions in a room within a defined range

Note 1 to entry: Air conditioning, chilled beams and radiant, surface heating and cooling systems are included.

**3.24**

**ventilation**

process of providing outdoor air by natural or mechanical means to a space or building

**3.25**

**ventilation rate**

magnitude of outdoor air flow to a room or building through the ventilation system or device

**3.26**

**ventilation system**

combination of appliances or building components designed to supply indoor spaces with outdoor air and/or to extract polluted indoor air

Note 1 to entry: A ventilation system can refer to mechanical, natural and hybrid ventilation systems.

Note 2 to entry: The ventilation system can consist of mechanical components (e.g. combination of air handling unit, ducts and terminal units). A ventilation system can also refer to natural ventilation systems making use of temperature differences and wind with facade grills in combination with mechanical exhaust (e.g. in corridors, toilets etc.). A combination of mechanical and natural ventilation is possible (hybrid systems).

**3.27**

**design ventilation airflow rate**

ventilation rate that the ventilation system is able to provide in design conditions (including boost, weather and loads)

## 4 Symbols and abbreviations

### 4.1 Symbols

For the purposes of this document, the symbols given in ISO 52000-1:2017, Annex C and the following apply.

| Symbol              | Quantity  | Unit                              |
|---------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| $\theta_o$          | indoor operative temperature                          | °C                                |
| $\theta_e$          | outdoor temperature                                   | °C                                |
| $\theta_m$          | running mean outdoor air temperature                  | °C                                |
|                     |   |                                   |
| $\theta_o$          | operative temperature, design and energy calculations | °C                                |
| $\theta_{rm-i}$     | running mean outdoor temperature                      | °C                                |
| $\theta_{ed-i}$     | daily mean outdoor temperature                        | °C                                |
| $v_a$               | air speed (average / maximum)                         | m/s                               |
| $\theta_f$          | floor surface temperature                             | °C                                |
| $\Delta CO_2$       | concentration   | ppm                               |
| $\Delta\theta_{pr}$ | radiant temperature asymmetry                         | K                                 |
| $\Delta\theta_a$    | vertical air temperature difference                   | K                                 |
| $\alpha$            | constant for running mean calculations                |                                   |
| $q_{tot}$           | total ventilation rate                                | l/s                               |
| $q_B$               | ventilation rate for building materials               | l/s(m <sup>2</sup> )              |
| $q_p$               | ventilation rate for persons                          | l/s (per person)                  |
| $q_{tot,oz}$        | total ventilation rate in occupied zone               | l/s(m <sup>2</sup> ), l/s(person) |
| $n$                 | number of persons                                     |                                   |
| $q_h$               | ventilation rate required for dilution of pollutant   | L/s                               |
| $G_h$               | generation of a pollutant                             | µg/s                              |
| $C_h$               | guideline value of a pollutant                        | µg/L                              |
| $C_{h,i}$           | guideline value of the substance                      | µg /m <sup>3</sup>                |
| $C_{h,o}$           | supply concentration of a pollutant at air intake     | µg/L                              |
| $\varepsilon_v$     | ventilation effectiveness                             | -                                 |
| $A$                 | floor area  | m <sup>2</sup>                    |
| $L_{p,A}$           | A-weighted sound pressure level                       | dB(A)                             |
| $L_{eq, nT,A}$      | equivalent continuous sound pressure level            | dB(A)                             |
| $D$                 | daylight factor                                       |                                   |
| $DC_{a,j}$          | daylight quotient of the calculated area              | j                                 |
| $E_m$               | average maintained illuminance                        | lx                                |
| $M$                 | activity level  | met                               |
| $I_{cl}$            | assumed clothing level winter/summer                  | clo                               |

**4.2 Abbreviations**

For the purposes of this document, the abbreviations given in ISO 52000-1:2017, Annex C and the following apply.

| Abbreviation       | Term  |
|--------------------|---|
| ACH                |   |
| DR                 | draught rate, %                                       |
| DSNA               | daylight quotient sunscreen not activated             |
| IEQ                | indoor environmental quality                          |
| IEQ <sub>cat</sub> | indoor environmental quality category for design      |
| LPB <sub>1-3</sub> | low polluting building class                          |
| PD                 | percentage dissatisfied for local; thermal discomfort |
| PMV                | predicted mean vote                                   |
| PPD                | predicted percentage of dissatisfied, %               |
| RH                 | relative humidity                                     |
| WHO                | World Health Organization                             |

**5 Interactions with other standards**

The present document provides default indoor environmental criteria for the design of buildings, room conditioning systems and lighting systems (see [Clause 6](#)). The thermal criteria (PMV or design indoor temperature in winter, design indoor temperature in summer) shall be used as bases for the definition of input for heating load calculations and cooling load calculations, sizing of equipment and energy calculations. Ventilation rates shall be used for design, sizing and energy calculations for ventilation systems. Lighting levels shall be used for design of lighting system including the use of day lighting. The present document shall provide default values for the indoor environment (like temperature, ventilation rate, illuminance) as input to the calculation of the energy demand (building energy demand), when the space is occupied (see [Clause 7](#)).

NOTE The categories are related to the level of expectations the occupants might have. A normal level would be “Medium”. A higher level might be selected for occupants with special needs (children, elderly, handicapped, etc.). A lower level does not provide any health risk but might decrease comfort.

**6 Design input parameters for design of buildings and sizing of heating, cooling, ventilation and lighting systems**

**6.1 General**

For design of buildings and sizing of technical building systems for heating, cooling, ventilation and lighting parameters and criteria shall be specified and documented. The criteria given in this clause shall be used as input values for sizing of the systems as well as for design of buildings.

The present document specifies, in informative annexes, default input values for use in cases where no national regulation is available. The default criteria are given for several categories. Design criteria for the indoor environment shall be documented together with the premises for use of the spaces.

Default input values are given for each of the different categories of indoor environmental quality. A short description of the categories is shown in [Table 2](#).

**Table 2 — Categories of indoor environmental quality**

| Category           | Level of expectation |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| IEQ <sub>I</sub>   | High                 |
| IEQ <sub>II</sub>  | Medium               |
| IEQ <sub>III</sub> | Moderate             |
| IEQ <sub>IV</sub>  | Low                  |

NOTE The categories are related to the level of expectations the occupants might have. A normal level would be “Medium”. A higher level might be selected for occupants with special needs (children, elderly, handicapped, etc.). A lower level will not provide any health risk but might decrease comfort.

## 6.2 Thermal environment

### 6.2.1 Heated and/or mechanically cooled buildings

For establishing design criteria the following procedure shall be used.

Criteria for the thermal environment in heated and/or mechanical cooled buildings shall be based on the thermal comfort indices PMV-PPD, with assumed typical levels of activity and typical values of thermal insulation for clothing (winter and summer). Based on the selected criteria a corresponding design operative temperature interval shall be established. The values for dimensioning of cooling systems shall be the upper values of the comfort range during cooling season (summer) and values for dimensioning of the heating system shall be the lower values of the comfort range.

The design criteria in this section shall be used for both design of buildings (dimensioning of windows, solar shading, building mass etc.) and HVAC systems.

Selection of the category is building, zone or room specific, and the needs of special occupant groups such as elderly people (low metabolic rate and impaired control of body temperature) shall be considered. For this group of people it is recommended to use category I requirements.

For buildings and spaces where the mechanical cooling capacity is not adequate to meet the required temperature categories, the design documents shall state that fact.

NOTE 1 Some default examples of recommended design indoor operative temperatures for heating and cooling, derived according to this principle, are presented in [Table H.2](#) and in ISO/TR 17772-2<sup>[14]</sup>.

NOTE 2 Instead of using operative temperature as the design criterion the PMV-PPD index can be used directly. In this way the effect of increased air velocity and effect of dynamic clothing insulation can be taken into account.

NOTE 3 Using one of the default methods described in ISO/TR 17772-2, it can be described how often the conditions are out of the required range.

#### 6.2.1.1 Local thermal discomfort

Criteria for local thermal discomfort such as draught, radiant temperature asymmetry, vertical air temperature differences and floor surface temperatures shall also be taken into account when designing buildings and HVAC systems. [Table H.3](#) presents the most important local thermal discomfort criteria at three category levels.

NOTE 1 For more background information see ISO/TR 17772-2.

### 6.2.2 Buildings without mechanical cooling

For the dimensioning of the heating system the same criteria as for mechanically, cooled and heated buildings shall be used (see 6.1.1).