Accessing British Standards Online

The full texts of British Standards are not freely available to the public. [In the video the BSI shop is shown, with the cost of some British Standards highlighted].

Cardiff University subscribes to British Standards Online (BSOL) so students and staff can access the full text of standards needed for learning, teaching and research.

To access British Standards Online, go to LibrarySearch and sign in. [The video demonstrates logging into LibrarySearch].

Search for British Standards Online and click on the online access links. [In the video **british standards online** is typed into the LibrarySearch search box and searched for. The British Standards Online database is selected from the list of results and the **Resource available at**link is clicked on. The British Standards Online (BSOL) database opens].

To find standards enter a standard number (e.g. BS EN 61400-13) or subject keywords in the search box. [The video shows the search term **wind turbines** being typed into the BSOL search box and the search button clicked on. 130 standards results are displayed on the screen. Each result shows whether the standard is within our subscription].

You can refine your results by adding in extra search terms. [The video shows the search term **condition monitoring** being typed into the **Search within results** search box which is located on the left-hand side of the screen. The search button is clicked on and this reduces the number of results to 5 standards].

To view the full text of a standard, click on the download PDF button. [The video demonstrates clicking on the download PDF button for the standard [BS ISO 16079-1:2017](https://bsol-bsigroup-com.abc.cardiff.ac.uk/Bibliographic/BibliographicInfoData/000000000030297788). The standard is downloaded and opened].

Occasionally you might find a standard which is not within our BSOL subscription. [The video shows a standard which is marked as ‘Not in Subscription’]. Contact your Subject Librarian if you are unable to access a standard you need.

For details of where to accessother types of standards online, visit the Information resources for your subject pages on the intranet. [The video shows the **Information resources for your subject** pages on the intranet which are organised alphabetically by academic school. The **Engineering** page is selected].

Just click the**Standards, legislation and guidance material** tab. [In the video the **Standards, legislation and guidance material** is selected. A list of resources where standards can be accessed is shown].

End of video. [The Cardiff University Library Service logo is shown].