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1922

The *Australian Commonwealth Engineering Standards Association*, was founded as part of the Engineering Standards Association.

1925

Organisation adopts *Standards Association of Australia* as its official name.

1929



The original SAA logo

"For wartime standardisation speed is so vital that normal methods must be abandoned..."

The Second World War brought an urgent need for production of Standards for defence. Most of the normal work of the Association was suspended and, to meet the emergency it was necessary to discontinue the normal consensus process.

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) is established, with Standards Association of Australia a founding member. Membership of ISO continues today.

1947

Receives a Royal Charter to develop Standards in the national interest.

1950



Metrication

Looking to popularise metrication, and sell its products, SAA launched an alluring logo – a handsome, smiling and mini skirted young woman called Metric Kate, striding forward into the metric future. SAA retained her services for six years during its metric conversion process.



Australian Standards Mark, registered in 1966.

1968

Certification marking of goods to indicate their compliance with Australian Standards began in 1968.

1973

Becomes an inaugural member of the Pacific Area Standards Congress (PASC).



In this era of change the ISO 9000 series of standards on quality management systems took the world by storm.

ISO 9000 boosted Standards Australia quality assurance business, offering the organisation unprecedented financial sustainability.

1988

Organisation adopts *Standards Australia* as its official name.



The QAS logo

1990

Standards Australia establishes a wholly owned subsidiary business, *Quality Assurance Services Pty Ltd* (QAS).

1999

Standards Australia changed status from an Association to a Public Company.

2003

Standards Australia sells its commercial businesses to SAI Global Limited and this company is floated on the Australian Stock Exchange.

2010

Standards Australia formally divests of the Australian International Design Awards to Good Design Australia.



90 years of setting the Standard
1922 – 2012