Finding Standards in the U of S Library

Finding standards can be a challenge, but fortunately we have a new research guide for locating them.

*It’s best to walk the client through these steps on the learning commons computer so they can access e-versions of standards.*

Go to the Library Home Page: [http://library.usask.ca/](http://library.usask.ca/)

Choose “Research Guides” from the left side menu:

On the “Research Guides” page scroll down, click on “Engineering, and choose “Standards, Codes and Legislation”:
The “Standards, Codes, and Legislation” page explains how to find standards (‘Standards at the Library’ box on the right side) and links to the e-version, or links to our library catalogue for print versions. There are a variety of standards available: ANSI, ASHRAE, ASME, ASTM, EIA, ISO, National Fire Code, National Plumbing Code, National Building Code, and Canadian Electrical Code & Handbook. You can also find Saskatchewan Amendments to the Building Code, and catalogues for CSA, and Canadian General Standards Board.

To find CSA Standards click on the “IHS Standards Expert” link:

IHS Standards Expert is a database of standards from a variety of agencies. The University of Saskatchewan Library subscribes to the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) Construction, Electrical, and Energy groups of standards.

How to access IHS Standards Expert?

- Click the IHS Standards Expert link, and enter your NSID and password.
- Click “IHS Standards Expert” link on the next page.
- If this is your first time using IHS, you must register with IHS before proceeding. If you have already registered with IHS, enter your email and password to proceed.
- Select “IHS Engineering Workbench”, then you are ready to use this database.

If we don’t have the standard you are looking for in our subscription, you can uncheck the “My Subscription” box in the column on the left to see all standards available from IHS Standards Expert. Other standards can be purchased by request.

Note: U of S Library subscribes to the CSA Electrical and Energy group of standards. At the bottom of the IHS box are instructions for finding a CSA standard to which the library doesn’t subscribe. If the client wants something we can’t get then it is best to refer the client to a regular library staff member, or give them the Engineering Librarian’s business card. Also, it’s important for clients to log off when they’ve finished as we are licensed for a limited number of people to access the database at one time.
You will be taken to a log in page, and the client will need to log in with his/her NSID & password. You will then be taken to the IHS Intermediary page. Click on the ‘IHS Standards Expert’ link:

**IHS Standards Expert**

You are seeing this Intermediary page because this licensed resource can only be used by current members of the University of Saskatchewan community. Thank you for logging in using your NSID & password.

Use this [IHS Standards Expert](#) link for access to all subscribed content.

The client will need to sign in or register:

**User Login**

Account:  
Account ID:  
Session:  

**Returning Registered Users:**

If you have previously registered, please login to your user profile.

**Email Address:**

**User Password:**

[Submit]  [Reset]

[Forgot your password?](#)

“The User Password was created when you first registered. This is different than the password tied to your company account.”

**New User or Never Registered?**

Welcome! Please click the button to register.

[Register]

In the Search box you can search either by number or keyword:
Click on the document number:

The client will now be able to access the e-version of the standard.

*Remember to instruct the client to log off when they have finished with the standard.

For other standards: Go back to the ‘Standards, Codes, and Legislation’ Research guide scroll down to the name of standards that you’re looking for and click on the link (for this example I’ve chosen ANSI). Some standards will be available electronically and you will access a window from this link where you can search for the standard title or number. Other standards will be available in print versions in our library and you will access the library catalogue from this link.
For print versions you will see the list of what we have in the library. Look for the standard number (the client usually can provide that) and you will see the call no. beside it, or click on the green bar at the bottom to see more volumes.
To access the print version, if the client can’t provide the standard number then you have a few options:

1. Give them the call number and let them browse the shelves for what they’re looking for (they’re shelved by date which will help).
2. Try searching Google for the name of their standard to find the number.
3. Refer them to a regular staff member, or during evenings and weekends give them our librarian’s business card.

*Note: Any time that you run into a problem with finding standards just refer the client to a regular staff member, or during evenings and weekends give them our librarian’s business card.