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Metrolinx Requirements for Writing Technical Standards and Procurement Specifications

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Requirements for Writing – section reference	Objective	Rule /method
3.1 e)	Preface	 Include the following: standard title document number, if applicable edition or revision number any information related to the development of the standard date of publication
3.2.1	Introductory sections	Section 1 = Scope Section 2 = Reference publications Section 3 = Definitions Section 4 = Abbreviations
4.3	To say what the standard requires	Use "shall" Example: "Parking lot aisles shall be 7000 mm wide." No requirements in • scope • definitions • notes to text • non-mandatory appendices
4.4	To say what the standard recommends	Use "should" Example: "All temporary joints should be welded prior to the onset of winter."
4.5	To say what the standard allows	Use "may" Example: "Gabion walls may be used in non-public areas."
5.7.2	Notes to text	Supplementary information only – no mandatory language (no "shalls")
5.7.3	Notes to tables and figures	May be informative or mandatory
8.2.1, 8.3.1	Measurements	Always leave a space between the number and the unit. Example: 5 kg, not 5kg