



United Nations Statistics Division

ISIC Rev.4

High-level structure

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Objectives of the ISIC revision

- Relevance
 - Reflect new industries, new production pattern, new needs for economic analysis
- Comparability
 - Improve linkages to major regional classifications
- Continuity
 - Maintain close links to the previous version of ISIC
- Main task: balancing these three objectives



ISIC structure changes

- ❑ Increase in top-level categories
- ❑ Increase in overall detail
- ❑ New concepts (information, professional services, support services)
- ❑ New application rules (vertical integration, top-down method, outsourcing)
- ❑ This presentation provides an overview. Specific sections will be discussed separately.



Increased detail of ISIC Rev.4

	ISIC Rev.3	ISIC Rev.4
Sections	17	21
Divisions	60	88
Groups	159	238
Classes	292	419



High-level concordance

ISIC Rev.4

ISIC Rev.3.1





High-level structure

- A Agriculture, forestry and fishing
- B Mining and quarrying
- C Manufacturing
- D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply
- E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities
- F Construction
- G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles
- H Transportation and storage
- I Accommodation and food service activities
- J Information and communication
- K Financial and insurance activities
- L Real estate activities
- M Professional, scientific and technical activities
- N Administrative and support service activities
- O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security
- P Education
- Q Human health and social work activities
- R Arts, entertainment and recreation
- S Other service activities
- T Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use
- U Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies



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- A Agriculture, forestry and fishing
 - New detail
- B Mining and quarrying
 - Minor changes; support services
- C Manufacturing
 - Restructuring of machinery categories
 - Moved “recycling” and “publishing” to other sections
 - Separate recognition of repair and installation
 - Minor corrections and additions



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- D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply
 - Water moved to section E
- E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities *
 - New section
- F Construction
 - Reorganization of high-level categories (buildings vs. civil engineering vs. special trades)



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- G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles
 - More detail
 - Exception for automobiles remains
- H Transportation and storage
 - Telecommunications moved to section J
- I Accommodation and food service activities
 - Minor adjustments



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- J Information and communication *

 - New section

- K Financial and insurance activities

 - Recognition of trusts and funds; holding companies; minor adjustments

- L Real estate activities

 - Separated at section level for SNA applications



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- M Professional, scientific and technical activities
 - New section (split of old business activities)
- N Administrative and support service activities
 - New section (split of old business activities)
- O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security
 - No significant change



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- P Education
 - Minor change in scope; recognition of support services
- Q Human health and social work activities
 - New detail to reflect current operations, connection between health and social work
- R Arts, entertainment and recreation
 - Residual; movie and TV moved to section J



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- S Other service activities
 - Residual; includes some repair services
- T Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use ^{*}
 - No change
- U Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies
 - No change