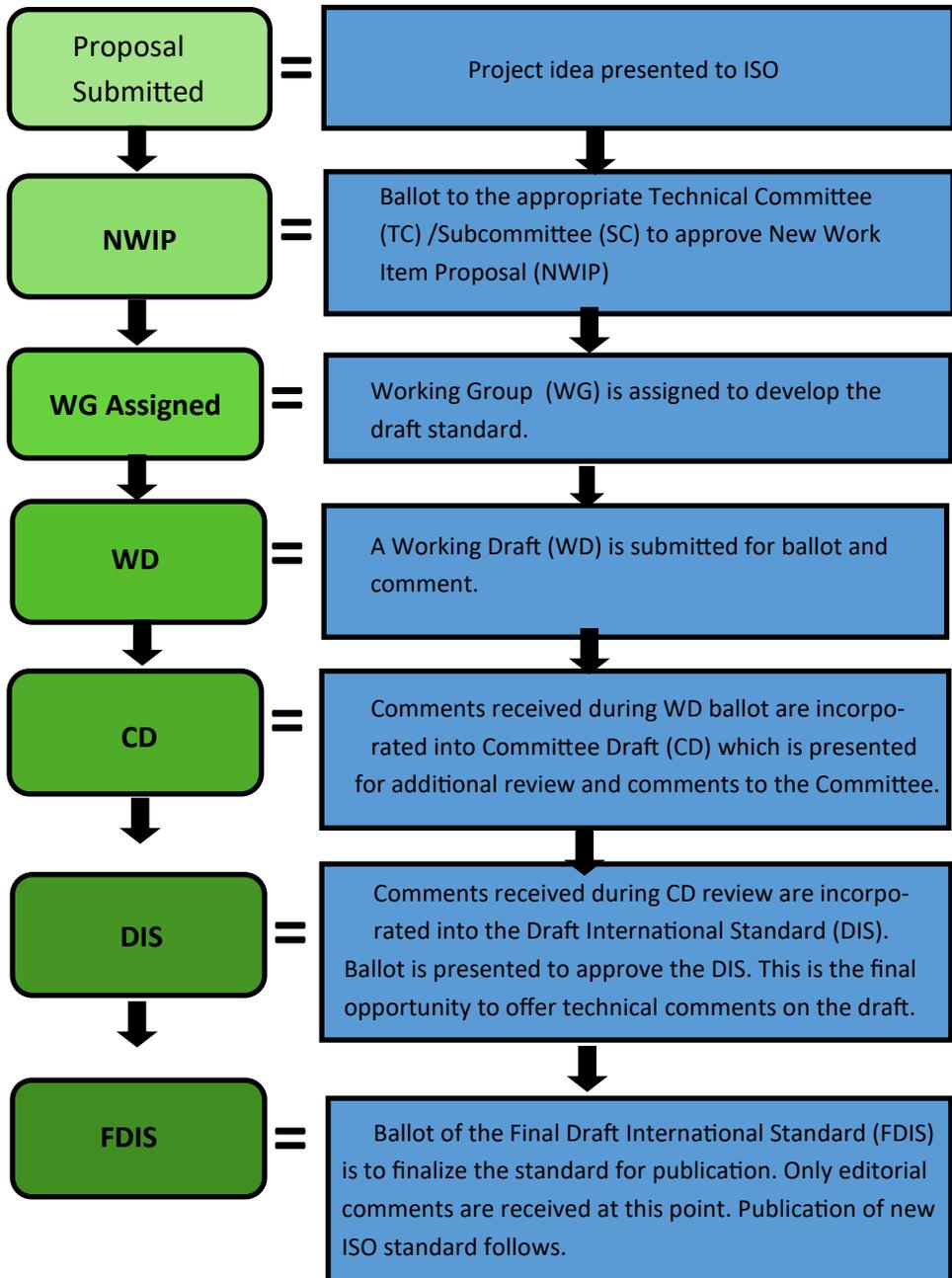


Abbreviations Used

Basics of the ISO Process



Simplified ISO Process

A standard may take 2-3 years for development.

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