

# Condition

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## Discussion

A Condition identifies a circumstance upon which the applicability, effect, performance, continuation, or consequence of something depends.

A Condition may concern:

- The occurrence or non-occurrence of an event
- The existence or absence of a state
- The satisfaction or non-satisfaction of a criterion
- The performance or non-performance of an action
- The beginning, continuation, suspension, or ending of a period

A Condition may apply to an [Agreement](#), Agreement Term, [Right](#), [Obligation](#), [Permission](#), Prohibition, process, state transition, or another governed concept.

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## Source

Adapted from:

- [Financial Industry Business Ontology, Foundations, Contracts Ontology, Condition Precedent](#)
- [W3C ODRL Vocabulary and Expression 2.2, Constraint](#)

## Note

- A Condition identifies a dependency rather than an action or outcome
- A Condition may be satisfied, unsatisfied, indeterminate, waived, or no longer applicable
- A Condition may depend upon an event, state, date, period, value, action, or determination
- A Condition may have an Effective Period
- A Condition Precedent must be satisfied before a specified provision, Right, Obligation, Permission, or other effect becomes applicable
- A Condition Subsequent may modify or terminate an effect after the Condition occurs
- A Condition is distinct from an Obligation because a Condition does not necessarily require a Party to perform an action
- A Condition is distinct from a constraint because a Condition establishes a dependency while a

constraint limits permitted values, relationships, or behavior

- A Condition is distinct from a lifecycle state because a Condition may coexist with a lifecycle state and may affect a transition between states
- Recording a Condition as satisfied does not, by itself, constitute a legal or regulatory determination

## Example

An Agreement permits a Party to disclose confidential information when applicable law requires the disclosure.

The existence of the applicable legal requirement is a Condition governing the Permission. The Permission applies only while the Condition is satisfied.

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