

## FAQ's (INCITS B10.3 Task Group)

1. What is B10.3 (Dot 3)?

Dot 3 is an NCITS sub group (Task Group) under NCITS B10 whose mission is described above. NCITS (National Committee for Information Technology and Standard) is an ANSI (American National Standards Institute) accredited standards developer.

2. Who attends Dot 3 meetings?

Volunteers from all segments of the card industry such as card issuers, card manufacturers, equipment manufacturers, material suppliers and test labs. Attendance has been between 25 to 40 people.

3. How often does Dot 3 meet?

Three times a year. So far, Dot 3 meets for one day during the week when other NCITS B10 groups meet. Usually NCITS B10 meetings occur in the month of January, May and August. The meetings are held at various locations throughout the United States.

4. Are there membership dues required?

Yes. After attending your first meeting, your name will be added to the attendance list, which is sent to NCITS. NCITS will send you an annual dues invoice for US\$ 800.00. Being a dues paid member and regular attendance entitles you to vote on balloted issues. While most issues are resolved by consensus of the attendees, in rare cases where consensus is not achieved, a role call ballot is often the means to resolve an issue. (See NCITS Operation Policy Issue SD-2)

5. Who can attend Dot 3 meetings?

Anyone interested in contributing their knowledge and experience in card durability issues which includes Financial Transaction, Driver License and Campus ID card applications. Since Dot 3's mission is not an International Standards Organization (ISO) work item, anyone from around the world is welcome to attend Dot 3 meetings. The next meeting time and location is posted on this web site when it has been established.

6. When will a card durability/service life document be released (published)?

It is impossible to predict at this time. Dot 3 is a relatively new group (started in January 2000) and is currently working on defining the scope and process steps. Standards development is a slow process and typically takes a minimum of 3 years with the most well defined parameters. Card durability/service life parameters are complex and for the most part, undefined.

7. What are other NCITS B10 standardization activities?

Other sub groups cover topics as shown below. Refer to these sub groups for additional information.

B10.1 (Dot 1): IC cards with Contacts

B10.5 (Dot 5): Contactless IC Cards

B10.6 (Dot 6): Physical Characteristics and Magnetic Stripe

B10.8 (Dot 8): Drivers License Application

B10.9 (Dot 9): Smart Card Interoperability

Passports & machine readable travel documents

Healthcare Cards

Optical Memory Cards

Financial Transaction Cards