

Leap seconds

Since 1 January 1988, the maintenance of International Atomic Time, TAI, and of Coordinated Universal Time, UTC (with the exception of decisions and announcements concerning leap seconds of UTC) has been the responsibility of the International Bureau of Weights and Measures (BIPM) under the authority of the International Committee for Weights and Measures (CIPM). The dates of leap seconds of UTC are decided and announced by the International Earth Rotation and Reference Systems Service (IERS), which is responsible for the determination of Earth rotation parameters and the maintenance of the related celestial and terrestrial reference systems. The adjustments of UTC and the relationship between TAI and UTC are given in Tables [1](#) and [2](#) of this volume.

Further information about leap seconds can be obtained from the IERS:

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