

AS A OF MATTER

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As a matter of course/routine

if something is done as a matter of course or routine, it is the correct and usual thing to do in a particular situation

- We will contact your former employer as a matter of course.
- Safety checks are carried out as a matter of routine.

As a matter of fact:

used to add more details about what you have just said, or to show that it is the opposite of or different from what went before:

- We're not losing population in our town. As a matter of fact, people are moving in.
- 'Have you had many visitors yet?' 'No, as a matter of fact you're the first.'

As a matter of principle:

if something is done as a matter of principle, it is done a certain way because one believes it is the only right way

- As a matter of principle, he would not accept the gift.
- I never cheat a customer, as a matter of principle.
- She refuses to allow her family to help her as a matter of principle.

As a matter of urgency:

If you are going to do something as a matter of urgency or priority, you are going to do it as soon as possible, because it is important.

- You need to talk about it with your doctor as a matter of urgency.
- The balance must be restored as a matter of urgency.
- The law should be reviewed as a matter of urgency.

As a matter of interest :

British English - spoken used when you ask or tell someone something that interests you but is not important

- Just as a matter of interest, which school did you go to?
- Just as a matter of interest, how much did they offer you?
- As a matter of interest (= I'd like to know), what time did the party finish?

As a matter of necessity:

This phrase refers to something that is done because it is essential or unavoidable.

- The road was closed as a matter of necessity after the storm.
- We had to cancel the event as a matter of necessity due to safety concerns.
- As a matter of necessity, the company implemented new security measures.

As a matter of convenience :

This phrase refers to something done because it is easier or more practical, rather than essential.

- They scheduled the meeting online as a matter of convenience for remote employees.
- The train stopped at this station as a matter of convenience for passengers.
- I kept the documents on my desk as a matter of convenience.