

June year-end accounting reminders – IFRS® Accounting Standards

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1 Introduction

This document relates to reporting requirements as at 30 June 2024.

The first section on topical issues includes items that entities might want to consider for this year end. The second part of the document includes the IFRS[®] Accounting Standards and IFRIC[®] Interpretations that are newly applicable for 30 June year ends.

The final part of the document includes the accounting standards and IFRIC interpretations that are effective in the future but as per paragraph 30 of IAS 8, might need disclosure in the current financial statements of the possible impact of adoption if material.



2 Topical issues

Geopolitical risks

Geopolitical conflict has continued to create significant shifts in the global risk landscape and is having a pervasive economic impact. Investors will want to understand if and how this is affecting an entity's operations, risk exposure and outlook. Entities must carefully consider the impact on their financial statements and disclosures. Items to look out for include:

- Impacts of restrictions and sanctions on trade, investing, and financing (including restricted access to cash accounts, and foreign currency reserves).
- Impairment, onerous contracts and contingencies.
- Breaches of supply contracts or financial covenants.
- Foreign exchange exposure and translation of foreign currency transactions.
- Level of influence or power over existing associates and subsidiaries located in areas of conflict.
- Post balance sheet events and related disclosure for non-adjusting material events.

[Our publication from May 2022](#) provides accounting guidance in the context of the conflict between Russia and Ukraine and includes considerations relevant to other geopolitical conflicts.

Disclosures relating to inflation and interest rates

Inflation and interest rates can be a significant source of estimation uncertainty and can have a material impact on the carrying amount of assets and liabilities. Whilst for a number of jurisdictions spikes in inflation and interest rates may now be stabilising or decreasing, entities may still be exposed to additional risks in this regard and may continue to need to update judgements and estimates, as well as related disclosures. Entities may also need to update sensitivity analyses to reflect a widening reasonable possible range for interest rate and inflation assumption changes, and still need to consider the impact inflation and interest rates have had on their financial statements.

For further guidance on accounting during periods of high inflation and interest rates, see [our publication from December 2022](#).

Climate change and connectivity between sustainability reporting and financial reporting

Climate-related risks can have an impact on an entity's operations and financial performance. IFRS Accounting Standards do not explicitly address climate-related risks, but the principles that underlie various judgements and estimates made in preparing the financial statements will often incorporate climate-related risk factors. Examples of specific areas to consider as climate-related issues become more significant include any financial impacts of net zero commitments, 'green' loans, exchange traded climate-related credit schemes, and participation in the voluntary carbon market (see [our publication from April 2023](#)).

In many cases, an entity's exposure to climate-related risks might not have changed significantly since its last annual reporting period. However, climate-related risks are an important topic for many investors and so entities should ensure that all material information affecting the financial statements in this respect is provided.

Entities should also ensure consistency between financial and non-financial reporting on key climate-related assumptions, if such consistency is necessary for compliance with IFRS requirements. For example, where an entity publicly discusses a best estimate about the impact an international climate agreement has on the entity in a sustainability report, and an IFRS Accounting Standard requires a best estimate approach to be used in measurement, the entity would need to consider consistency between the estimates used for financial reporting and those disclosed in the sustainability reporting.

If there are statements in the sustainability report that haven't been reflected in financial reporting (for example, because the entity is relying on a market participant's assumptions which differ) the entity should consider the

need for additional commentary on why such items have been reflected on a different basis in financial reporting.

[Our publications from January 2021](#) provides guidance on reflecting climate matters in financial statements. [Our publication from April 2023](#) provides guidance on voluntary carbon markets.

Hyper-inflationary economies

The IMF World Economic Outlook report released in April 2024 provides updated data in respect of current and projected levels of inflation. The most significant changes from the updates provided in November 2023 relate to:

- Egypt, Lao and Malawi, which are expected to become hyper-inflationary by the end of 2024;
- South Sudan, which is expected to continue to be a hyper-inflationary economy in 2024; and
- Yemen, which is no longer considered to be a hyper-inflationary economy from 30 June 2024.

Other hyperinflationary economies relate to the currencies of Argentina, Ethiopia, Ghana, Haiti, Iran, Lebanon, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Sudan, Suriname, Turkey, Venezuela and Zimbabwe.

For further details refer to [our publication from June 2024](#).

IAS 29 requires financial statements of an entity whose functional currency is the currency of a hyper-inflationary country to be restated into the measuring unit current at the end of the reporting period. Therefore, transactions in the reporting period and non-monetary balances at the end of the period would be restated to reflect a price index that is current at the balance sheet date. Comparatives are typically restated to reflect a price index that is current at the balance sheet date. This is because IAS 29 is applied as if the economy had always been hyper-inflationary. Entities are not, however, required to present an additional balance sheet as at the beginning of the preceding period.

Multinational companies that have subsidiaries that are in a hyper-inflationary economy should consider paragraph 43 of IAS 21. This requires the financial statements of a subsidiary entity that has the functional currency of a hyper-inflationary economy to be restated, in accordance with IAS 29, before being included in the consolidated financial statements. Comparative amounts of these subsidiaries that were presented previously in the parent's stable currency are not restated.

Identifying insurance contracts issued

IFRS 17 is effective for reporting periods beginning after 1 January 2023, which makes June 2024 year-ends the first year of application for reporters with June year-ends. It's not just insurance companies that need to pay attention to IFRS 17. A contract does not need to be labelled as insurance or even issued by an insurer to be in scope of IFRS 17. Any contract that transfers a non-financial risk from one party to another could potentially meet the definition of an insurance contract for the party taking on the risk if that risk transferred is judged to be significant.

The definition hasn't changed, but, unlike the predecessor standard IFRS 4, IFRS 17 attaches significant recognition and measurement consequences to that definition. That means that from now on, all companies need to maintain a good understanding of how to identify an insurance contract issued, and to know what types of arrangements are explicitly scoped out of IFRS 17.

Global minimum tax ("GloBE rules")

In 2021, 136 countries agreed to a two-pillar approach to international tax reform. Pillar One seeks to create a nexus rule whereby certain profits of enterprises are reallocated to market jurisdictions (i.e. to locations where the sales arise without the enterprise having a physical presence). Pillar Two seeks to apply a global minimum effective tax rate of 15%, i.e. a floor to international tax competition. The OECD Agreement is likely to see changes in corporate tax rates in a number of countries in the next few years. The impact of changes in corporate tax rates on the measurement of tax assets and liabilities depends on the nature and timing of the legislative changes in each country. The rules will impact current income tax when the legislation comes into effect.

The IASB has amended IAS 12, 'Income taxes' - with immediate effect - to provide a temporary relief from accounting for deferred taxes arising from the implementation of the GloBE rules, including any qualifying domestic minimum top up taxes.

This means that for the June 2024 reporting period, there is no impact on the recognition and measurement of deferred tax on qualifying top-up taxes where GloBE legislation has been substantively enacted. However, the IAS 12 amendments require affected entities to disclose:

- the fact that they have applied the exception to recognising and disclosing information about deferred tax assets and liabilities related to Pillar Two income taxes;
- their current tax expense (if any) related to the Pillar Two income taxes; and
- during the period between the legislation being enacted or substantively enacted and the legislation becoming effective, entities will be required to disclose known or reasonably estimable information that would help users of financial statements to understand an entity's exposure to Pillar Two income taxes arising from that legislation. If this information is not known or reasonably estimable, entities are instead required to disclose a statement to that effect and information about their progress in assessing the exposure.

[IAS 12 paras 88A- 88D]

[Our publication from September 2023](#) provides guidance on the global implementation of Pillar Two, particularly the impact on deferred taxes and disclosures. See also our [Pillar Two Country tracker](#) and [IFRS Talks podcast from November 2023](#).

Non-financial asset key reminders for impairment reviews

Impairment is an ongoing area of concern for many entities in the current economic environment. Regulators remain focused on this area and continue to push for increased transparency in disclosures. Groups holding significant amounts of goodwill and intangibles, or those that are affected to a greater extent by, climate change, high inflation or the current economic impact of global conflicts, are at greater risk of a regulatory challenge to their impairment assessments and in particular the related disclosures.

Increased uncertainty due to rising inflation and interest rates and geopolitical uncertainty

[Our publication from December 2022](#) deals with navigating IFRS accounting standards in periods of raising inflation and high interest rates.

Regulatory focus

- Regulators have observed that, whilst the long-term growth rate used to extrapolate cash flow projections (to estimate a terminal value) and the pre-tax discount rate are important, they are often not 'key assumptions' on which the cash flow projections for the period covered by the most recent budgets or forecasts are based. Therefore, attention should also be paid to the discrete growth rate assumptions applied to the cash flows projected to occur before the terminal period. Accounting policy disclosures should always be consistent with the basis used in the impairment test. The regulators have noted that they will continue to challenge companies where the recoverable amount is measured using VIU, but the cash flow forecasts appear to include the benefits of developing new business or to rely on future investment capacity. When VIU disclosures cross refer to forecasts used in going concern and viability assessments, it should be made clear how any costs and benefits in those forecasts that relate to future improvements have been addressed for the VIU calculation.

Considerations related to impairment reversals

- An additional issue to consider is whether an impairment (other than goodwill impairment which can never be reversed) would need to be reversed. Determining whether there is an identifiable impairment reversal indicator might require the use of judgement. If there is any such indication, the entity has to recalculate the recoverable amount of the asset. Further details are provided in [FAQ 24.153.2](#)¹ and [FAQ 24.154.2](#)².

¹ Viewpoint subscription required

² Viewpoint subscription required

Offsetting (or netting) in the financial statements

Offsetting (sometimes referred to as 'netting') is the net presentation of separate assets and liabilities or income and expenses in the financial statements. Similar considerations apply to the reporting of gross or net cash flows in the cash flow statement.

Offsetting and netting are generally prohibited, except where expressly required or permitted by accounting standards. This is because it detracts from users' ability to both gain a full and proper understanding of the transactions, other events and conditions that have occurred and to assess an entity's future cash flows.

Where offsetting is permitted, there are usually specific criteria that must be met in order to offset. Most cases where the criteria for offsetting are met, offsetting must be applied – it is not a choice.

Relevant guidance:

Offsetting in relation to:	IFRS guidance ³
General offsetting, including in the income statement	IFRS Manual of accounting paras 4.39 – 4.40
Financial instruments	IFRS Manual of accounting paras 47.15 – 47.28
Current and deferred tax	IFRS Manual of accounting paras 14.149 – 14.153
Cash flow statement	IFRS Manual of accounting paras 7.15 – 7.18

Stand back considerations

Prior to approving the financial statements, entities should perform a critical review of the annual report and accounts as a whole. This will ensure that the whole report is clear, balanced and understandable. As part of the critical review, immaterial information should be identified and deleted. Entities should also consider, as per IAS 1 para 31 and 112 (c), if additional information, beyond the specific requirements of each IFRS Accounting Standard, should be given such that the reader can understand specific material transactions or events. Entities need to ensure that accounting policies describe all significant events. Also, all significant judgements in applying the policies should be described and explained. As outlined above in relation to uncertainties, key assumptions and sensitivities need to be provided. There needs to be a regular reassessment of the disclosures around judgements and estimates to ensure they remain relevant and up to date. A roll forward of the prior year, especially in fast changing times, might be a good starting point, but should not automatically be assumed to still be relevant.

Entities should also ensure that there is sufficient linkage and consistency between the narrative and the financial statements in the overall report. Any perceived inconsistencies might need to be explained and are typically subject to regulatory challenge. This would for example be particularly relevant for climate related impacts (as noted above in section 'Climate change and connectivity between sustainability reporting and financial reporting').

³ Viewpoint subscription required.

3 Accounting standards and IFRIC interpretations newly applicable for 30 June 2024 year ends

IFRS 17, Insurance Contracts

This standard replaced IFRS 4, which permitted a wide variety of practices in accounting for insurance contracts. IFRS 17 fundamentally changes the accounting by all entities that issue insurance contracts. See [our related publications](#) for further details.

Narrow scope amendments to IAS 1, Practice statement 2 and IAS 8

The amendments aim to improve accounting policy disclosures and to help users of the financial statements to distinguish between changes in accounting estimates and changes in accounting policies. For further details see [our publication from February 2021](#).

Amendment to IAS 12 – deferred tax related to assets and liabilities arising from a single transaction

These amendments require companies to recognise deferred tax on transactions that, on initial recognition, give rise to equal amounts of taxable and deductible temporary differences. For further details see [our publication from May 2021](#).

Amendments to IAS 12 – International tax reform

These amendments give companies temporary relief from accounting for deferred taxes arising from the [Minimum Tax Implementation Handbook](#) international tax reform. The amendments also introduce targeted disclosure requirements for affected companies. For further details see [our publication from September 2023](#).

4 New IFRS accounting standards effective after 1 July 2024

Paragraph 30 of IAS 8 requires an entity to disclose if there are new accounting standards that are issued but not yet effective, and information relevant to assessing the possible impact that the application of the new accounting standards will have on the entity's financial statements. This summary includes all new accounting standards and amendments issued before 30 June 2024 with an effective date for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 July 2024.

Amendment to IFRS 16 – Leases on sale and leaseback	These amendments include requirements for sale and leaseback transactions in IFRS 16 to explain how an entity accounts for a sale and leaseback after the date of the transaction. Sale and leaseback transactions where some or all the lease payments are variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or rate are most likely to be impacted. For further details see IFRS Manual of Accounting para 15.155.1 .
Published	September 2022
Effective date	Annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024.
Amendment to IAS 1 – Non-current liabilities with covenants	These amendments clarify how conditions with which an entity must comply within twelve months after the reporting period affect the classification of a liability. The amendments also aim to improve information an entity provides related to liabilities subject to these conditions. For further details see our publication from November 2022 .
Published	January 2020 and November 2022
Effective date	Annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024.
Amendment to IAS 7 and IFRS 7 - Supplier finance	These amendments require disclosures to enhance the transparency of supplier finance arrangements and their effects on an entity's liabilities, cash flows and exposure to liquidity risk. The disclosure requirements are the IASB's response to investors' concerns that some companies' supplier finance arrangements are not sufficiently visible, hindering investors' analysis. For further details see our publication from August 2023 .
Published	May 2023
Effective date	Annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024 (with transitional reliefs in the first year).
Amendments to IAS 21 - Lack of Exchangeability	An entity is impacted by the amendments when it has a transaction or an operation in a foreign currency that is not exchangeable into another currency at a measurement date for a specified purpose. A currency is exchangeable when there is an ability to obtain the other currency (with a normal administrative delay), and the transaction would take place through a market or exchange mechanism that creates enforceable rights and obligations. For further details see our publication from September 2023 .
Published	August 2023
Effective date	Annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2025 (early adoption is available)
Amendment to IFRS 9 and IFRS 7 - Classification and Measurement of Financial Instruments	<p>These amendments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> clarify the requirements for the timing of recognition and derecognition of some financial assets and liabilities, with a new exception for some financial liabilities settled through an electronic cash transfer system; clarify and add further guidance for assessing whether a financial asset meets the solely payments of principal and interest (SPPI) criterion; add new disclosures for certain instruments with contractual terms that can change cash flows (such as some instruments with features linked to the achievement of environment, social and governance (ESG) targets); and make updates to the disclosures for equity instruments designated at Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income (FVOCI). <p>For further details see our publication from June 2024.</p>

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Effective date	Annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2026 (early adoption is available)
IFRS 18 Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements	<p>This is the new standard on presentation and disclosure in financial statements, with a focus on updates to the statement of profit or loss. The key new concepts introduced in IFRS 18 relate to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the structure of the statement of profit or loss; • required disclosures in the financial statements for certain profit or loss performance measures that are reported outside an entity's financial statements (that is, management defined performance measures); and • enhanced principles on aggregation and disaggregation which apply to the primary financial statements and notes in general. <p>For further details see our publication from May 2024.</p>
Published	April 2024
Effective date	Annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2027. Earlier application is permitted.
IFRS 19 Subsidiaries without Public Accountability: Disclosures	<p>This new standard works alongside other IFRS Accounting Standards. An eligible subsidiary applies the requirements in other IFRS Accounting Standards except for the disclosure requirements and instead applies the reduced disclosure requirements in IFRS 19. IFRS 19's reduced disclosure requirements balance the information needs of the users of eligible subsidiaries' financial statements with cost savings for preparers. IFRS 19 is a voluntary standard for eligible subsidiaries.</p> <p>A subsidiary is eligible if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • it does not have public accountability; and • it has an ultimate or intermediate parent that produces consolidated financial statements available for public use that comply with IFRS Accounting Standards. <p>IFRS 19 can be applied as soon as it is issued. For further guidance see our publication from May 2024.</p>
Published	May 2024
Effective date	Annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2027. Earlier application is permitted.

