IFRS® Taxonomy 2018
Proposed Update 2
General Improvements
An overview

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What are general improvements?

General improvements

- Maintenance of the IFRS Taxonomy—covers both content and technical structure
- Initiated mainly in response to feedback from stakeholders

Objective

- makes tagging of IFRS financial information easier and more consistent
- makes the data easier for users to extract and analyse
Project timeline—completed

April – October 2018

Proposals discussed with IFRS Taxonomy Review Panel

Proposals discussed with IFRS Taxonomy Consultative Group (ITCG)

October – November 2018

IFRS Taxonomy Review Panel review (but do not approve) draft proposed IFRS Taxonomy Update

ITCG review draft proposed IFRS Taxonomy Update, files and supporting materials

December 2018

Publication of proposed IFRS Taxonomy Update, files and supporting materials such as:
- IFRS Taxonomy Illustrated
- Versioning report (comparison between Taxonomies)

Comment period (60 days)
Project timeline—next steps

January 2019
- Comment period (60 days)
- Publication of proposed IFRS Taxonomy Update, files and supporting materials

February 2019
- Analysis of comment letters and other feedback received

March 2019
- Publication of final IFRS Taxonomy Update, files and supporting materials
- IFRS Taxonomy Review Panel and ITCG discuss any follow-up issues
Improving data quality
Change A1.1—Implementation notes

Issue

• Errors occur in electronic reporting because of the incorrect use of signs (positive or negative) when reporting a value.

• Balance attributes can sometimes be used to indicate the sign that should be used for a particular element. However, not all IFRS Taxonomy elements can be assigned balance attributes.

Proposal

• Introduce a new feature—implementation notes—to clarify whether positive or negative values should be entered for those elements.

• Aims to reduce tagging errors.
Change A1.1—Implementation notes

104 elements
- Add implementation notes because these elements cannot be assigned a balance attribute.

12 elements
- Assign balance attributes to correct a previous error.

17 elements
- Change the element type to ‘per share’ which provides more clarity on the sign to use.

22 elements
- Further analysis is needed to determine how to clarify which sign to use.
Change A1.2—Technical approach for implementation notes

Issue

• Technical approach needs to allow translation of implementation notes and be compliant with the XBRL specification.

Proposal

• Use the XBRL Commentary Guidance label role defined by XBRL International.
Change A2—Tagging time periods

The IFRS Taxonomy uses the ‘decimal’ element type for elements that represent a period of time. This allows preparers to specify the appropriate unit (for example, years or months).

Issue

- **Diversity in practice**—multiple units are used to reflect the same time period. For example, ‘Y’, ‘years’, ‘year’.
- It is not always clear which unit has been used.

Proposal

- Introduce the ‘duration’ element type that requires values to be expressed as text in a standard data format (ISO Standard).
- Using a globally agreed standard will **achieve more consistent tagging**.
Change A3—Tagging useful lives and depreciation or amortisation rates

The IFRS Taxonomy uses a single, text element to reflect the requirement in IFRS Standards to disclose the ‘useful lives or depreciation/amortisation rates’ for each type of asset.

**Issue**

- Textual information about ‘useful lives’ and ‘depreciation or amortisation rates’ are not directly and easily comparable.

**Proposal**

- Create separate elements for ‘useful lives’ and ‘depreciation or amortisation rates’.
- Aims to achieve more consistent tagging.
Change A4—Tagging contingent consideration and indemnification assets

The IFRS Taxonomy uses a single, numeric element to reflect the requirement in IFRS 3 *Business Combinations* to disclose the amount of contingent consideration arrangements and indemnification assets recognised as of the acquisition date.

**Issue**

- ‘Contingent consideration’ and ‘Indemnification assets’ are different accounting concepts and it is unlikely that preparers will report a combined value.
- Preparers may create extensions to report both concepts.

**Proposal**

- Create separate elements for the two accounting concepts.
- Aims to achieve more consistent tagging.
Making the IFRS Taxonomy easier to navigate
Change B1—New presentation group

Issue

• Applied axes are presented in specific IFRS Taxonomy presentation groups, however they can be applicable in other contexts.
• This presentation makes it difficult to find applied axes which may lead to unnecessary extensions.

Proposal

• Create a new presentation group that includes all IFRS Taxonomy axes in a single place.
• Aims to make axes easier to find, thus avoiding unnecessary extensions.

Axes and members can be used to report disaggregated information.
### Change B2—Entry points

#### Clarify intended use in the *Preparer’s Guide*

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* Documentation labels help preparers understand the accounting meaning of an element and support consistent tagging using the IFRS Taxonomy.
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