

IASB/FASB Conceptual Framework Project
Measurement Roundtables
Milestone I: Measurement Bases

Attachment 1
Issues Identified for the Measurement Phase of the
Conceptual Framework Project

Milestone I: Measurement Bases—Definition & Properties

- M01: What are the measurement basis candidates?
- M02: How are the measurement bases defined?
- M03: What are the basic properties of the measurement bases?
- a. How does each basis relate to prices and values, the building blocks of economic decisions?
 - b. What is the basic time orientation of each measurement basis?
- M04: Are the measurement bases appropriate for both assets and liabilities?
- M05: Are there any measurement basis candidates that should be eliminated from consideration for evaluation in Milestone II?

Milestone II: Measurement Bases—Evaluation Using Qualitative Characteristics

- M06: Are the measurement bases relevant to economic resource allocation decisions?
- M07: Can the measurement bases be used to create faithful representations of assets and liabilities that can be verified?
- M08: Would using the measurement bases contribute to comparability?
- M09: Would using the measurement bases contribute to understandability?
- M10: Are there concepts in addition to the qualitative characteristics that should be used to evaluate the measurement bases? (For example, capital maintenance and scientific measurement concepts) If so, how do the bases fare against them?

Milestone III: Measurement Bases—Conclusions and Application

- M11: Given the individual evaluations in Milestone II, how do the measurement bases compare with one another? Can they be ranked according to their overall satisfaction of the qualitative characteristics?
- M12: Should one measurement basis be used for all financial statement purposes, or could different bases be used for different purposes (for example, initial vs. subsequent measurement, assets vs. liabilities, and different types of assets or liabilities)?
- M13: Should the same basis (bases) used for financial statements also be used for other aspects of financial reporting, or could different bases be used outside the financial statements?
- M14: What are the practical problems of using the selected basis (bases)? Should the problems preclude their use in some or all situations? Are there ways to address those problems without diminishing the relevance, representational faithfulness, comparability, and understandability of financial reporting representations that use the basis (bases)?
- M15: What can standard setters, preparers, and auditors do to improve the quality of accounting measurements that use the selected basis (bases)?