
Projects	Post-employment benefits and Presentation of Items of Other Comprehensive Income
Topic	Effective date – Cover note

Presentation of Items of Other Comprehensive Income

1. At its November 2010 meeting, the Board tentatively decided:
 - (a) the revised standard would be effective for fiscal reporting years that begin on or after 1 January 2012; and
 - (b) to affirm the tentative decision to require full-retrospective application for the final standard.
2. On 2 March 2011, the Board discussed a summary of the feedback received from the consultation on the Request for Views on *Effective Dates and Transition Methods*. At that meeting, the Board tentatively agreed that it would assess the effective date and transition requirements on a stand-alone basis (see Agenda Paper 3C for that meeting).
3. The staff did not receive any comments that we think will change the Board's tentative decisions in November 2010.

Question 1

Does the Board confirm its tentative decision in November 2010 that:

- (a) the revised standard would be effective for fiscal reporting years that begin on or after 1 January 2012; and
- (b) to affirm the tentative decision to require full-retrospective application for the final standard?

If not, what does the Board propose and why?

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4. At its February 2011 meeting, the Board deferred its decision on the effective date but tentatively decided that it should not be earlier than 1 January 2013, subject to its broader consideration of the feedback received from the consultation on the Request for Views on *Effective Dates and Transition Methods*.
5. On 2 March 2011, the Board discussed a summary of the feedback received from that consultation. At that meeting, the Board tentively agreed that it would assess the effective date and transition requirements on a stand-alone basis (see Agenda Paper 3C for that meeting). Paragraphs 9 and 11 summarise the comments received that are relevant to this project.
6. The staff did not receive any comments that we think will change the Board's tentative decisions in February.
7. Agenda Paper 7C of the February meeting on effective date set out the staff analysis and recommendation regarding the effective date and early adoption.
8. In summary, the staff recommends that the Board:
 - (a) confirm its tentative decision to require an effective date of 1 January 2013 for the amendments to IAS 19 *Employee Benefits*;
 - (b) permit early application of the amendments to IAS 19, but only if all the amendments are applied early; and
 - (c) require an entity to disclose the fact that it has applied the amendments to IAS 19 early, if that is the case.

Summary of comments received on the Request for Views relevant to the Post-employment benefits project

9. Nearly every respondent agreed with the transition provisions proposed in the ED on post-employment benefits.

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10. Most respondents who proposed a sequential approach also agreed that the amendments to IAS 19 should have an earlier effective date than some of the other projects eg revenue recognition or insurance contracts.
11. Respondents who favoured a sequential approach proposed grouping standards that were closely related and would most likely be implemented as a package or grouping standards in accordance with the time needed to implement them. In the staff's view, no other standard needs to be grouped with this standard, however it would be beneficial if the effective date of the amendments to IAS 1 preceded the effective date for the amendments to IAS 19 because the improved presentation of items in other comprehensive income will complement the presentation of defined benefit cost.

Question 2

Does the Board confirm its tentative decision in February 2011 to:

(a) require an effective date of 1 January 2013 for the amendments to IAS 19?

(b) permit early application of the amendments to IAS 19, but only if all the amendments are applied early?

(c) require an entity to disclose the fact that it has applied the amendments to IAS 19 early, if that is the case?

If not, what does the Board propose and why?