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Project Second Comprehensive Review of the IFRS for SMEs

Accounting Standard

Topic Exposure Draft Third edition of the IFRS for SMEs

Accounting Standard

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Purpose of this session

Provide IFCG members with an overview of the Exposure Draft *Third edition of the* IFRS for SMEs *Accounting Standard*





Agenda

Background — objective, scope and framework for review

Main proposals in the Exposure Draft

Other topics the IASB is seeking feedback on

Questions



Background

Objective, scope and framework for review





Timeline

First 2009 IFRS for SMEs Accounting Standard issued and immediately effective edition Second Amendments from the first review Amendments from the first 2015 2017 edition review issued effective Request for Information on the Proposed amendments from 2022 2020 second review published second review published Third edition 2024 Amendments from the second 2026 Amendments from the second [TBC] [TBC] review expected to be issued review expected to be effective



Over 80 jurisdictions require or permit use of the IFRS for SMEs Accounting Standard



Objective of the project

Update the IFRS for SMEs Accounting
 Standard to reflect improvements that have
 been made in full IFRS Accounting Standards
 (in the scope of the second comprehensive
 review) while keeping the Standard simple

Approach

Sought views via the **request for information** published in January 2020



Apply the **framework** for deciding whether, how and when to amend the Standard



Applying the framework and taking into consideration feedback on the request for information, propose improvements to the Standard by publishing the **Exposure Draft**



Scope of the review

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- Requirements in full IFRS Accounting Standards issued:
 - since the first review; and
 - before the first review that did not result in amendments to the Standard in 2015
- B Other topics brought to the IASB's attention relating to the Standard

Alignment with IFRS Accounting Standard considered

The Conceptual Framework	IFRS 13 Fair value measurement	
IFRS 3 Business Combinations	IFRS 14 Regulatory Deferral Accounts	Minor amendments to IFRS Accounting Standards and IFRIC Interpretations
IFRS 9 Financial Instruments	IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers	
IFRS 10 Consolidated Financial Statements		
IFRS 11 Joint Arrangements	IFRS 16 Leases	



Framework for the Second Comprehensive Review

Relevance to SMEs

Would a change make a difference to the decisions of users?

Simplification

Can appropriate simplifications be made?

Faithful representation

Does outcome faithfully represent economics?



Main proposals in the Exposure Draft





Concepts and basic principles



Concepts and basic principles



Reflect improvements from the 2018 Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting

IASB's proposals

- Introduce new concepts on measurement, presentation, disclosure and guidance on derecognition
- Update definitions and recognition criteria for assets and liabilities
- Clarify the concepts of prudence, stewardship, measurement uncertainty and substance over form
- Add an overriding principle that the requirements in other sections of the Standard take precedence over Section 2
- Retain the concept of 'undue cost or effort'



Concepts and basic principles

Effect to SMEs

- Improvements will help SMEs when applying judgement in developing accounting policies when the Standard does not specify requirements
- Retaining the concept of 'undue cost or effort' enables the IASB to continue providing relief to SMEs in specified circumstances

Effect to Users

 Enhances information in the financial statements of SMEs—this has the potential of improving users' understanding of information



What we want to know ...

- Comments or suggestions on the revised Section 2?
- Do you agree that Section 18 and Section 21 should continue to use the previous definition of an asset and of a liability from Section 2 (based on the 1989 Framework)?



Business combinations



Business combinations



Reflecting improvements from IFRS 3 Business Combinations

IASB's proposals

- Update the definition of a business, including application guidance and illustrative examples
- Require the acquisition method of accounting that includes introducing requirements for step-acquisitions and requiring contingent consideration be recognised at fair value
- Simplify the acquisition method, including not introducing the option to measure non-controlling interests at fair value



Business combinations

Effect to SMEs

- A clearer and simpler definition of a business will help SMEs to decide when to apply Section 19
- Providing requirements for step acquisitions would remove the need for SMEs to decide on an accounting policy

Effect to Users

- Improved consistency on what is a business combination
- Reduced diversity in how SMEs account for step acquisitions
- Enhanced information to assess the initial investment and performance of business combinations



What we want to know ...

- Do you agree with the proposal to introduce requirements for the accounting for step acquisitions?
- Do you agree that not introducing the option to measure non-controlling interests at fair value is an appropriate simplification?



Financial Instruments



Financial Instruments



Reflecting improvements from <u>some</u> aspects of IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments*

IASB's proposals

- Remove the option to apply the recognition and measurement requirements of IAS 39
- Introduce:
 - an expected credit loss model for some financial assets measured at amortised cost
 - a principle for classification and measurement
 - new requirements for financial guarantee contracts
- Retain the incurred loss model for trade receivables and contract assets



Financial Instruments

Effect to SMEs

- Simplified recognition and measurement requirements for issued financial guarantee contracts because such contracts are currently measured at fair value
- No changes for SMEs with simple trade receivables or payables

Effect to Users

- Enhanced comparability by removing the option to apply IAS 39
- Better information from earlier recognition of impairment losses for some financial assets measured at amortised cost



What we want to know ...

- Do you agree with the proposal to introduce an expected credit model for only some financial assets?
- Do you agree that the proposal strikes the right balance in deciding which financial assets should be recognised under the expected credit loss model?



The 'consolidation' package



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Reflecting improvements from <u>some</u> aspects of IFRS 10 Consolidated Financial Statements and IFRS 11 Joint Arrangements

IASB's proposals

- Update the definition of control to align with IFRS 10
- Retain the rebuttable presumption that an SME controls an entity if the SME owns a majority of the voting rights of the entity
- Add new requirements for partial disposals that result in loss of control—an SME would measure any retained interest at fair value when control is lost
- Update the definition of joint control to align with IFRS 11
- Retain the classifications of joint arrangements



The 'consolidation' package

Effect to SMEs

- A single basis to assess control of an investee
- A principle for joint control aligned with the updated definition of control

Effect to Users

 Increased comparability, usefulness and consistency of information from the proposed single basis for consolidation



What we want to know ...

Do you agree with the IASB's proposal to retain the rebuttable presumption as a simplification of the definition of control?



Fair Value Measurement



Fair Value Measurement



Reflecting improvements from IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement

IASB's proposals

- Update the definition of fair value
- Update the framework for measuring fair value, including examples relevant to SMEs
- Require improved disclosures about fair value measurements



A new section on fair value measurement is introduced in the Standard



Fair Value Measurement

Effect to SMEs

- No changes to when SMEs are permitted or required to measure an item at fair value
- Clear guidance on how to measure fair value

Effect to Users

- Improved disclosures on fair value
- Improved comparability across entities



What we want to know ...

Comments or suggestions on the new section for fair value measurement?



Revenue



Revenue



Reflecting improvements from IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers

IASB's proposals

- Introduce a framework for recognising revenue for goods and services, which requires revenue to be recognised when the customer obtains control of the good or service, based on the five-step model in IFRS 15
- Simplify requirements of IFRS 15 to make the five-step model easier for SMEs to apply
- Provide transition relief to allow SMEs to apply their current revenue recognition policy to contracts already in progress



Revenue

Effect to SMEs

- A comprehensive framework for determining when and how much revenue to recognise for goods and services
- For many contracts, the revised Section 23 is expected to have little, if any, effect on the amount and timing of revenue recognition

Effect to Users

- Improved consistency in revenue reported for economically similar transactions
- Improved comparability across entities
- Improved disclosures to help understand the amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows from contracts with customers



What we want to know ...

- Do you agree that the revised Section 23 would be appropriate for SMEs and users of their financial statements? If not, what modifications do you propose and why?
- The IASB is proposing to simplify the guidance in paragraphs 27-29 of IFRS 15. Do you believe the guidance is appropriate and adequate for entities applying the Standard?



Other topics the IASB is seeking feedback on





Deleting paragraph 28.19 on employee benefits

The IASB is proposing to delete paragraph 28.19

WHY?

- Feedback identified challenges when applying paragraph 28.19, resulting in diversity of application
- Feedback also provided evidence that a limited number of entities apply paragraph 28.19



- Do you agree that application of the measurement simplifications for defined benefit obligations is limited and, therefore, agree with the IASB's proposal to delete paragraph 28.19?
- If you disagree with IASB's proposal to delete paragraph 28.19, do you agree with an alternative approach that clarifies paragraph 28.19?



Not aligning with IFRS 16 Leases

The IASB decided not to align the Standard with IFRS 16 Leases during this review

WHY?

- Costs and efforts for SMEs to apply IFRS 16 requirements (at this stage of IFRS 16's life cycle) might not be justified
- Findings from the post-implementation review of IFRS 16 and application questions may provide additional information about the costs and benefits of aligning with IFRS 16



Do you agree with the IASB's decision to consider amending the Standard to align it with IFRS 16 in a future review of the Standard?



Recognition and measurement of development costs

The IASB is seeking views on whether it should introduce an accounting policy option that allows **recognition** of intangible assets arising from development costs

WHY?

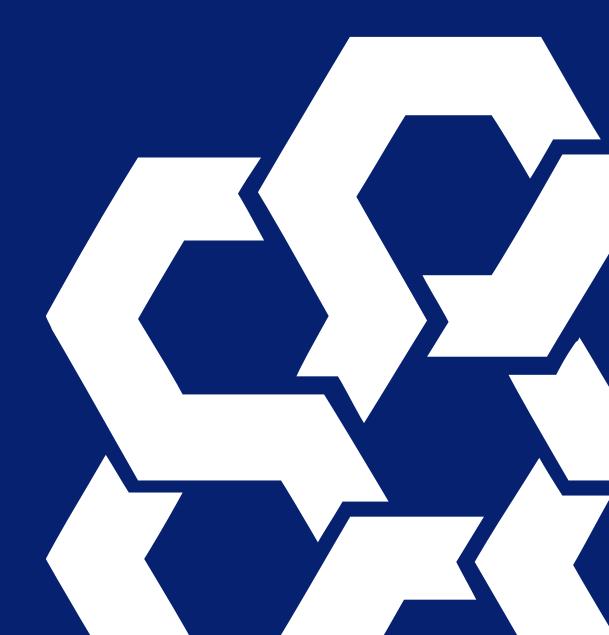
- Feedback on this comprehensive review questioned the simplification to require all development costs to be recognised as expenses due to cost—benefit
- SMEIG members agreed with amending the recognition and measurement requirements for development costs subject to the criteria in IAS 38



What are your views on introducing an accounting policy option that permits an entity applying the Standard to recognise intangible assets arising from development costs that meet the criteria in paragraphs 57(a)–(f) of IAS 38?

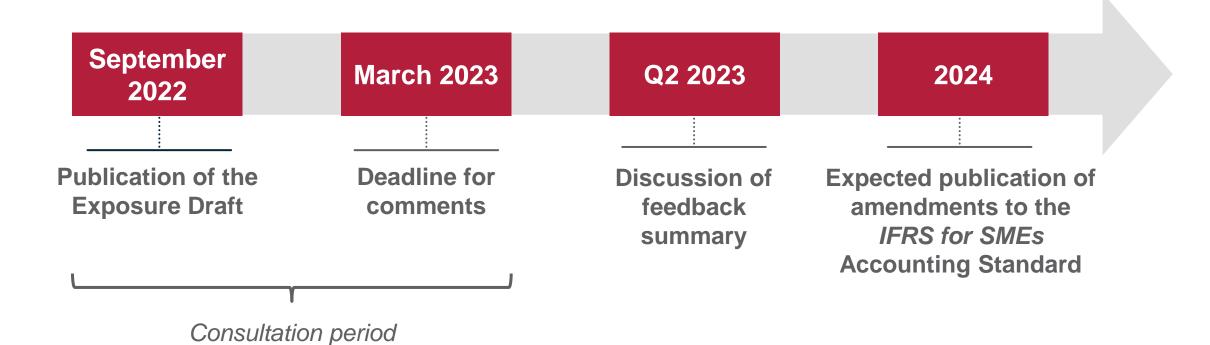


Questions?





Next steps





Get involved in this consultation

Open for comment until 7 March 2023







Access the consultation documents:

- Exposure Draft
- Basis for conclusions
- Snapshot



For further details, please visit the project page - Second Comprehensive Review of the IFRS for SMEs Accounting Standard

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Scan the QR Code.

Tell us what you think:

- Send us an email at <u>sme@ifrs.org</u>



Thank you!

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