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## Objective

1. This paper sets out the staff plans for implementation support for IFRS 20 *Regulatory Assets and Regulatory Liabilities*. IFRS 20 will be published at the end of May 2026 and has an effective date of 1 January 2029.
2. IFRS 20 supplements the information an entity provides by applying IFRS 15 *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*. It requires an entity to provide information that gives insights into the total amount of compensation to which the entity is entitled for regulatory goods or services supplied in each reporting period. The resulting information gives a more complete picture of the revenue the entity earned from supplying those goods and services.

## Background

3. In developing IFRS 20, the IASB ensured the Standard is supported by the necessary application guidance and illustrative examples to facilitate consistent application.
4. Implementation support activities after IFRS 20 is published will help identify implementation challenges and potential unintended consequences of the requirements early in the implementation process. In determining what implementation support activities would be appropriate for IFRS 20, the staff has considered the [Due Process](#)

[Handbook](#) (the Handbook) and reviewed such activities for other recent IFRS Accounting Standards (see Appendix A).

5. Paragraph 6.43 of the Handbook states:

After a Standard is issued, the IFRS Foundation conducts various activities to support the Standard's implementation and consistent application. These activities might include publishing materials such as articles and webcasts [...]. A board might also form a group comprising experts involved in the implementation of the Standard to provide a public forum for the discussion of implementation questions that arise when entities implement the new requirements. Board members and technical staff might also hold meetings with interested parties, including national standard-setting bodies, to help understand matters that have arisen from the implementation of the Standard and the potential effect of its requirements.
6. In comparing IFRS 20 to other IFRS Accounting Standards, the staff observes:
  - (a) IFRS 20 targets a very specific accounting issue—accounting for differences in timing—for a targeted population of entities, namely entities subject to rate regulation that gives rise to differences in timing.
  - (b) the level of complexity in IFRS 20 is lower, and its effects are less pervasive, compared to other IFRS Accounting Standards such as IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments* and IFRS 17 *Insurance Contracts*.
  - (c) the Illustrative Examples accompanying IFRS 20 include examples that cover many fact patterns and are designed to support consistent application.
7. The staff is also aware of the need to balance implementation support activity with other IASB priorities.

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## Planned implementation support activities

### *Early post-publication (Expected timing: May–December 2026)*

8. The staff plans the following implementation support activities in the months following the publication of IFRS 20:<sup>1</sup>
- (a) webcasts (see paragraph 9);
  - (b) targeted outreach events (see paragraph 10);
  - (c) meetings with IFRS Foundation bodies (see paragraph 11); and
  - (d) conferences (see paragraph 12).

### *Webcasts*

9. Webcasts provide stakeholders with information about the Standard, including detailed information about more complex aspects of the requirements. We have already published a webcast providing an overview of the Standard.<sup>2</sup> We also plan webcasts on, for example:
- (a) common types of compensation provided by a regulatory agreement and when they form part of total allowed compensation, to help stakeholders identify differences in timing;
  - (b) what is a direct relationship between an entity's regulatory capital base and a related items or items, and the consequences for recognition of regulatory assets and regulatory liabilities.

### *Targeted outreach events with stakeholders*

10. At the July 2026 Accounting Standards Advisory Forum (ASAF) meeting we will indicate our willingness to support ASAF members in their IFRS 20 implementation activities including participating in meetings they organise with their stakeholders.

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<sup>1</sup> The planned implementation support activities are aligned with paragraph 6.43 of the Due Process Handbook (see paragraph 5).

<sup>2</sup> [Webcast: Overview of the forthcoming IFRS Accounting Standard—IFRS 20](#) published in March 2026.

We also plan to participate in meetings organised by other stakeholders such as accounting firms, preparers and securities or rate regulators.

#### *IFRS Foundation bodies*

11. We plan to give a status update about the publication of IFRS 20 at the Emerging Economies Group (EEG), Global Preparers Forum (GPF) and Capital Markets Advisory Committee (CMAC) meetings in June 2026, and at the ASAF meeting in July 2026. We also plan to run a technical session on IFRS 20 at the EEG meeting in November 2026. Additional meetings with IFRS Foundation bodies will be held during the implementation period as required.

#### *Conferences*

12. We will present sessions at the IFRS Conference in June 2026 and at the WSS Conference in September 2026. The session at the IFRS Conference will introduce the key requirements in IFRS 20, and will give participants the opportunity to ask questions as they begin their implementation process. We plan to provide a similar session at the WSS Conference but with the opportunity to explore some of the more technical aspects of IFRS 20 in more depth.

#### ***Mid post-publication (Expected timing: January 2027–June 2028)***

13. During this period, we will monitor the implementation of IFRS 20 by early adopters and the implementation activities of entities preparing to adopt on the effective date. We plan to do this through targeted outreach events with stakeholders and conferences and will consider developing additional materials to support implementation if needed.

#### ***Late post-publication (Expected timing: July–December 2028)***

14. We are not planning any specific implementation support activities during this period to avoid disrupting entities' implementation activities. However, we will stand ready to respond to any identified implementation issues if needed.

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***Around effective date (Expected timing: Q1 2029)***

15. During this period, we will focus on users' education on the Standard and its effects in entities' financials statements.

**Transition Resource Group**

16. Paragraph 6.43 of the Handbook states that a board might form a group of experts to provide a public forum for the discussion of implementation questions (see paragraph 5). The staff does not think a Transition Resource Group (TRG) is necessary for IFRS 20. The wide range of situations covered by the Illustrative Examples should reduce the need for such a group. Further, given the nature and diversity of rate-regulated activities, we think it is likely that any questions that arise will either be around the application of judgement or relate to the specific terms of a regulatory agreement. We think it would be difficult for a TRG to deal with these types of questions. We think implementation questions can be more effectively resolved through the activities noted above and, if necessary, the Interpretations Committee—the Interpretations Committee has demonstrated with recent Standards that it can be very effective in addressing implementation questions in a timely manner.

**Question for the IASB**

1. Does the IASB have any comments on the planned implementation support activities?

## Appendix A—Implementation support activities for other recent IFRS Accounting Standards

A1. This table summarises the implementation support activities undertaken for other recent IFRS Accounting Standards.

### Implementation support activities for Standards issued in recent years

Activities	IFRS 17	IFRS 18	IFRS 19
• Publication of educational materials	✓ <sup>1</sup>	✓	
• Publication of webcasts	✓ <sup>1</sup>	✓ <sup>2</sup>	✓ <sup>2</sup>
• Presentation at webinars	✓ <sup>3</sup>	✓ <sup>3</sup>	
• Presentation to IFRS Foundation groups: ASAF, CMAC, GPF and EEG	✓ <sup>4</sup>	✓ <sup>4</sup>	✓ <sup>4</sup>
• Participation in IFRS Foundation events: IFRS Conference and World Standard-setters Conference	✓	✓	✓
• Submissions to transition resource group	✓		

<sup>1</sup>: Educational materials and webcast series on specific aspects of the requirements. Educational materials for investors.

<sup>2</sup>: Introduction to new Standard and overview of requirements.

<sup>3</sup>: IFRS 17 national standard-setters webinar. IFRS 18 public webinar series.

<sup>4</sup>: IFRS 17: Education sessions at CMAC and EEG. IFRS 18: Education session at EEG and introductory session at GPF. IFRS 19: Education sessions at ASAF and EEG and introductory session at CMAC/GPF.