

Staff summary of the IASB's tentative decisions

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Table 1—IASB's tentative decisions on application questions for investments in associates

Application questions	IASB Meeting	IASB's tentative decisions
Changes in an investor's interest on obtaining significant influence		
How does an investor determine the initial carrying amount of an investment in an associate? ¹	April 2022 March 2023	1. In answering the application question(s) on applying the equity method to changes in ownership interests while retaining significant influence, the IASB tentatively decided how an investor measures the cost of an investment on obtaining significant influence. Therefore, the IASB's tentative decision, at its April 2022 meeting, resolves these application questions.
An investor, with a previously held interest in an entity, acquires an additional interest and obtains significant influence. Does the initial measurement include the original purchase cost of the previously held interest or the carrying amount of that interest applying IFRS 9 <i>Financial Instruments</i> ? ²		
Changes in an investor's interest while retaining significant influence		
How does an investor apply the equity method when purchasing an additional interest in an associate while retaining significant influence?	April 2022 March 2023	2. The IASB tentatively decided that an investor would measure the cost of an investment, when an investor obtains significant influence, at the fair value of the consideration transferred, including the fair value of any previously held interest in the associate.

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Changes in an investor's interest while retaining significant influence		
	April 2022 March 2023 June 2022	<p>3. The IASB tentatively decided that an investor purchasing an additional interest in an associate while retaining significant influence would recognise any difference between the cost of the additional interest and its additional share in the net fair value of the associate's identifiable assets and liabilities either as goodwill, or as a gain from a bargain purchase.</p> <p>4. The IASB tentatively decided that an investor purchasing an additional interest in an associate (that is a bargain purchase), while retaining significant influence, would recognise a gain from a bargain purchase in profit or loss.</p>
Whether an investor recognises its share of other changes in an associate's net assets while retaining significant influence, and if so, how is the change presented?	September 2022 June 2023	<p>5. The IASB tentatively decided that when the investor's ownership interest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> increases and the investor retains significant influence, the investor would recognise that increase as a purchase of an additional interest. decreases and the investor retains significant influence, the investor would recognise that decrease as a partial disposal. <p>6. The IASB tentatively decided not to develop proposals on how an investor applies the equity method when an associate grants an equity-settled share-based payment or a share warrant</p>
How does an investor account for the associate's issuance of shares while retaining significant influence? Common transactions include the repurchase or issuance of shares by the associate. ³		<p>7. In answering the application question(s) on applying the equity method to changes in ownership interests while retaining significant influence, the IASB tentatively decided how an investor accounts for changes in an associate's net assets that change the investor's ownership interest from the issue of equity instruments. Therefore, the IASB's tentative decision, at its September 2022 meeting, resolves this application question.</p>

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Application questions	IASB Meeting	IASB's tentative decisions
Changes in an investor's interest while retaining significant influence		
How does an investor apply the equity method when disposing of an interest in an associate while retaining significant influence?	December 2022	8. The IASB tentatively decided that an investor applying the equity method is measuring a single investment in an associate. Accordingly, in a partial disposal, an investor would be required to measure the portion of the investment in the associate to be derecognised as a proportion of the carrying amount of the investment at the date of the disposal.
Recognition of losses		
Whether an investor that has reduced its interest in an associate to nil is required to 'catch up' unrecognised losses if it purchases an additional interest in the associate?	December 2022	9. The IASB tentatively decided that an investor applying the equity method that has reduced the carrying amount of its investment in an associate to nil and has therefore stopped recognising its share of an associate's losses would not recognise any unrecognised losses on purchasing an additional interest in the associate.
Whether an investor that has reduced its interest in an associate to nil recognises each component of comprehensive income separately?	December 2022	10. The IASB tentatively decided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to clarify that an investor would recognise its share of an associate's comprehensive income until its interest in the associate is reduced to nil. that when an investor has reduced the carrying amount of its investment in an associate to nil the investor would recognise separately its share of each component of the associate's comprehensive income. that if an investor's share of an associate's comprehensive income is a loss that is larger than that carrying amount of its investment in the associate, an investor would recognise in order its share of the associate's profit or loss, and its share of the associate's other comprehensive income.
Whether an investor that has reduced its interest in an associate to nil continues eliminating its share of gains arising from a downstream transaction?	March 2023	11. The IASB's tentative decision, at its March 2023 meeting, on the perceived conflict between IFRS 10 <i>Consolidated Financial Statements</i> and IAS 28 <i>Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures</i> resolves this application question.

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Transactions with (and between) equity accounted investments		
How should an investor recognise gains or losses that arise from the sale of a subsidiary to its associate, applying the requirements in IFRS 10 and IAS 28?	March 2023	12. The IASB tentatively decided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that an investor would recognise the full gain or loss on all transactions with its associate. to propose improvements for the disclosure requirements when an investor recognises the full gain or loss on transactions with its associate.
Whether to recognise the portion of the investor's share of gain that exceeds the carrying amount of its investment in the investee in a downstream transaction?	March 2023	13. The IASB's tentative decision, at its March 2023 meeting, on the perceived conflict between IFRS 10 and IAS 28 resolves these application questions.
Whether the investor's share of gain or loss is eliminated from the carrying amount of the investment in the investee or the acquired asset in an upstream transaction?		
Whether the provision of service and transactions that are not transfer of assets are upstream or downstream transaction?		
Whether the requirement for adjustment of gains or losses in intra-group transactions between subsidiaries should be applied by analogy to transactions between investees that are accounted for applying the equity method?		

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Transactions with (and between) equity accounted investments		
Does an investor eliminate its portion of gain or loss in a downstream transaction against the transaction gain or loss or the share of the associate's profit or loss? ⁴	March 2023	14. The IASB's tentative decision, at its March 2023 meeting, on the perceived conflict between IFRS 10 and IAS 28 resolves this application question.
<p>An investor sells an item of property, plant and equipment to an associate and leases it back:</p> <p>(a) IFRS 16 <i>Leases</i> requires to recognise only the amount of gain or loss that relates to the rights transferred; whereas</p> <p>(b) IAS 28 requires to adjust for the investor's portion of gain or loss.</p> <p>Concerns were expressed about possible double counting.⁵</p>	March 2023	15. The IASB's tentative decision, at its March 2023 meeting, on the perceived conflict between IFRS 10 and IAS 28 resolves this application question, resolving any concern about possible double counting.

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Initial recognition of an investment in an associate—Deferred taxes		
Does an investor account for a deferred tax asset (or liability) arising from recognising its share of the associate's net identifiable assets and liabilities at fair value?	April 2023	16. The IASB tentatively decided that an investor would account for, and include in the carrying amount of its investment in an associate, a deferred tax asset (or liability) arising from recognising its share of the associate's net identifiable assets and liabilities at fair value.
Contingent consideration		
How to, initially and subsequently, recognise and measure contingent consideration on obtaining significant influence in an associate applying IAS 28?	June 2023	17. The IASB tentatively decided that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> on obtaining significant influence in an associate, an investor would recognise contingent consideration as part of the cost of the investment and measure that contingent consideration at fair value; and for each subsequent reporting period: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>for contingent consideration classified as equity</i>—an investor would account for its subsequent settlement within equity. <i>for other contingent consideration</i>—an investor would measure it at fair value at each reporting date and recognise changes in fair value in profit or loss.
Impairment		
Does an investor assess a decline in fair value in relation to the original purchase price or the carrying amount at the reporting date?	July 2023	18. The IASB tentatively decided to propose amendments to IAS 28: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to change the term 'cost' to 'carrying amount' in paragraph 41C of IAS 28. to add as objective evidence of impairment a purchase price an investor pays for an additional interest in an associate, or a selling price for part of the interest, that is lower than the carrying amount of the investment in the associate at the date of the purchase or sale of that interest. to remove the term 'significant or prolonged'.

Table 2—IASB’s tentative decisions on improvements to disclosure requirements for investments in associates

Improvements to disclosure requirements	IASB Meeting	IASB’s tentative decisions
A reconciliation between the opening and closing carrying amount of an investor’s investments in associates.	September 2023	<p>19. The IASB tentatively decided to propose amendments to IFRS 12 <i>Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to add a disclosure objective requiring an investor to disclose information that enables users of its financial statements to evaluate the changes in the amounts in the financial statements arising from investments in associates; and to meet that new disclosure objective, to require an investor to disclose a reconciliation between the opening and closing carrying amount of its investments in associates.
Other changes in the associate’s net assets that change an investor’s ownership interest.	September 2023	<p>20. The IASB tentatively decided to propose amendments to IFRS 12 to require an investor to disclose the gain or loss from recognising its share of other changes in its associate’s net assets that change its ownership interest, while it retains significant influence.</p>
Transactions with equity-accounted investments	September 2023	<p>21. The IASB tentatively decided to propose amendments to IFRS 12 to require an investor to disclose its gains or losses on transactions to its associates.</p> <p>22. The IASB tentatively decided not to propose amendments to IFRS 12 to require an investor to disclose the gains or losses on transactions from its associates.</p>

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Contingent consideration arrangements	September 2023	<p>23. The IASB tentatively decided to propose amendments to IFRS 12 to require an investor that has entered into a contingent consideration arrangement, to disclose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>on obtaining significant influence in an associate</i>—the amount recognised as part of the cost of the investment, a description of the arrangement and the basis for determining the amount of the payment, and an estimate of the range of outcomes (undiscounted) or, if a range cannot be estimated, that fact and the reasons why a range cannot be estimated. If the maximum amount of the payment is unlimited, the investor shall disclose that fact. • <i>for each subsequent reporting period until the investor collects or settles the contingent consideration or it is cancelled or expires</i>—any changes in the recognised amounts, including any differences arising upon settlement, any changes in the range of outcomes (undiscounted) and the reasons for those changes, and the valuation techniques and key model inputs used to measure the contingent consideration.

Table 3—IASB’s tentative decisions for investments other than those in associates accounted for using the equity method

Type of investment	IASB Meeting	IASB’s tentative decisions
Investments in subsidiaries in separate financial statements	October 2023 November 2023	<p>24. The IASB tentatively decided that its tentative decisions on application questions for investments in associates apply when a parent elects to use the equity method to account for its investments in subsidiaries in separate financial statements.</p> <p>25. The IASB tentatively decided to propose that a parent that elects to use the equity method to account for its investments in subsidiaries in separate financial statements would disclose the gains or losses from the parent’s transactions to its subsidiaries.</p>
Investments in joint ventures	October 2023 November 2023	<p>26. The IASB tentatively decided that its tentative decisions on application questions for investments in associates apply to investments in joint venturers.</p> <p>27. The IASB tentatively decided to propose the same improvements to the disclosure requirements that it has tentatively decided to propose for investments in associates for investments in joint ventures.</p>

Table 4—IASB’s tentative decisions on transitional requirements for the amendments to be proposed to IAS 28

Transitional requirements	IASB Meeting	IASB’s tentative decisions
Transitional requirements for the amendments to be proposed to IAS 28	November 2023	<p>28. The IASB tentatively decided to propose that an investor or a joint venturer would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> retrospectively apply the requirement to recognise the full gain or loss on all transactions with its associates or joint ventures. recognise and measure contingent consideration at fair value at the transition date, and recognise any corresponding adjustment to the carrying amount of its investments in associates or joint ventures. prospectively apply all the other requirements from the transition date.