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Recent developments

Amendments:

The International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) finalises amendments to IAS 1 to clarify the classification of liabilities

EU endorsement:

The European Union formally adopts amendments to IAS 1 and IAS 8 regarding the definition of materiality

The European Union formally adopts updated references to the Conceptual Framework

The European Union formally adopts IBOR amendments

Exposure drafts published:

<u>The IASB proposes a new standard on general presentation and disclosures in financial statements</u>

Click here for the latest IASB work plan.

Recent developments (continued)

Meeting minutes and further information:

October, November and December IASB meetings

November IFRSIC meeting

UK GAAP

Amendments:

The Financial Reporting Council (FRC) makes amendments to FRS 102

Exposure drafts published:

The FRC issues FRED 73 Draft amendments to FRS 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework 2019/20 cycle.

Corporate Governance

The FRC publishes a revised UK Stewardship Code

The Hampton-Alexander Review publishes its 2019 Report

The Investment Association publishes its updated Principles of Remuneration

Other

The European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) announces its enforcement priorities for 2019 financial statements

ESMA reports on EU issuers' use of Alternative Performance Measures (APMs)

ESMA issues findings on potential undue short-term pressures in securities markets

The European Financial Reporting Advisory Group (EFRAG) publishes its feedback statement on proposed amendments to IFRS 3 to update a reference to the Conceptual Framework

EFRAG issues its final endorsement advice on amendments to the interest rate benchmark reform

EFRAG publishes its draft comment letter on proposed amendments to IAS 1 and the Materiality Practice Statement

EFRAG publishes its final comment letter on proposed amendments to IFRS 3 regarding a reference to the Conceptual Framework

EFRAG publishes its final comment letter on proposed amendments to IAS 12 Income Taxes

UK taskforce publishes second report on IFRS 9 expected credit loss disclosures

Sir Donald Brydon issues his report on the quality and effectiveness of audit

The Audit and Assurance Faculty of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) and the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) publish A Buyers guide to assurance on non-financial information

New report from the International Integrated Reporting Council (IIRC): 'Integrated Thinking & Strategy: State of play report'

The Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) publishes a feedback statement on climate change and green finance

The IFRS Foundation issues a compilation of 2019 IFRS Interpretations Committee agenda decisions

The IFRS Foundation issues a guide on selecting and applying accounting policies

Accountancy Europe releases paper on interconnected standard-setting for corporate reporting

Other - FRC

The FRC publishes findings on the quality of corporate reporting in 2018/2019

The FRC publishes letter to audit firms setting out areas of focus to achieve high quality audits consistently

The FRC's Financial Reporting Lab publishes a report discussing reporting on climate-related issues

The FRC's Financial Reporting Lab publishes a report showing the need for improved workforce reporting

The FRC publishes thematic review findings of IFRS 9, IFRS 15, and IAS 36 company disclosures

The FRC publishes the results of its IFRS 16 thematic review

The FRC announces its thematic reviews for 2020/2021

The FRC calls for better governance reporting as companies adopt the 2018 UK Corporate Governance Code

The FRC publishes a Streamlined Energy & Carbon Reporting (SECR) Taxonomy

The FRC issues a revised Going Concern audit standard (ISA 570)

Recent developments (continued)

The FRC publishes a report on developments in audit

The FRC publishes an updated XBRL tagging guide

The FRC publishes an updated practice aid to assist audit committees in evaluating audit quality

The FRC publishes revised ethical and auditing standards

Other - IASB

The IASB issues a podcast on the latest Board developments

The IASB publishes an updated work plan - Analysis

The IASB releases a podcast on IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts

Other - industry specific

HM Treasury publishes sustainability reporting guidance for public sector annual reports 2019-2020

HM Treasury issues new financial reporting manual (FReM) and IFRS 16 application guidance

FRAB minutes for April and June 2019 meetings released

FRAB minutes for September 2019 meeting released



Tools and resources

Deloitte publications, interviews and recordings

A closer look

Detailed analysis and observations on specific corporate reporting requirements, designed for financial controllers and finance directors:

Financial instruments disclosures when applying the amendments to IFRS 9 and IAS 39 on Interest Rate

Benchmark Reform

Climate change

Need to know

Designed for financial controllers, chief accountants, and accounting technicians:

New reporting requirements for large private companies

<u>IASB proposes new Standard titled 'General Presentation and Disclosures'</u>

Governance in brief

A summary of the latest corporate governance developments:

FRC issues advice on annual reports for 2019/20 reporting season

New 2019 reporting requirements for large private companies - a reminder

IIA raises the bar on internal audit

Governance in focus

Guidance and views on key aspects of the latest developments in corporate governance:

Internal control and the board: What is all the fuss about?

On the board agenda 2020

Other publications

<u>Annual report insights 2019 — Surveying FTSE reporting</u> - *Our latest annual reporting survey,* Annual report insights 2019, provides insights into practices in annual reporting, focusing on areas where requirements have changed, where regulators are focusing or where innovative practices are emerging.

<u>Stay Tuned Online - IFRS and UK GAAP Update December 2019</u> - Stay Tuned Online is an online financial reporting update, aimed at helping finance teams keep up to speed with IFRS and UK financial reporting issues. Each update lasts about an hour.

Tools and resources (continued)

Corporate Governance Disclosure Checklist (For periods commencing on or after 1 January 2019) - This checklist sets out the key disclosure requirements under the Listing Rules, the Disclosure Guidelines and Transparency Rules on audit committees and corporate governance statements, the 2018 UK Corporate Governance Code, the Guidance on Risk Management and Internal Control and Related Financial and Business Reporting, the 2016 version of the Guidance on Audit Committees, the 2018 version of the Guidance on Board Effectiveness and the Statutory Audit Services for Large Companies Market Investigation (Mandatory Use of Competitive Tender Processes and Audit Committee Responsibilities) Order 2014.

<u>IFRS model financial statements 2019</u> - These financial statements illustrate the presentation and disclosure requirements of IFRS Standards for the year ended 31 December 2019 by an entity that is not a first-time adopter of IFRS Standards. They illustrate the impact of the application of IFRS Standards that are mandatorily effective for the annual period beginning on 1 January 2019.

IFRS model financial statements 2019 — Appendix 2: IFRS 16 — Transition using the cumulative catch-up approach - The model financial statements of International GAAP Holdings Limited illustrate the initial application of IFRS 16 using a full retrospective approach. This Appendix illustrates the changes required on initial application using the cumulative catch-up approach.



Insurance webcasts

<u>Insurance webcast 76 — The IASB accepts to discuss new topics to amend IFRS 17</u>



Deloitte comment letters

IFRS

IASB's proposed amendments to IAS 12

Tentative agenda decision on IAS 29 — Translating a hyperinflation foreign operation

Tentative agenda decision on IFRS 15 — Training costs to fulfil a contract

<u>Tentative agenda decision on IAS 21 and IAS 29 — Presenting comparative amounts when a foreign operation first becomes hyperinflationary</u>

<u>Tentative agenda decision on IFRS 16 — Definition of a lease — Shipping contract</u>

<u>Tentative agenda decision on IAS 21 and IAS 29 — Cumulative exchange differences before a foreign operation becomes hyperinflationary</u>

IASB's proposed amendments to IAS 1 and the Materiality Practice Statement

Other

ACCA/CAANZ/ICAS consultation paper on SDG disclosures

Further comment letters, including responses to IFRSIC tentative agenda decisions, can be found by clicking here.

Tools and resources (continued)



New and revised pronouncements for 31 December 2019 year-ends

The table below provides a summary of pronouncements that will be newly effective for those with 31 December 2019 year-ends.

IFRS

Pronouncement	Newly effective for those reporting under IFRS Standards as issued by the IASB	Newly effective for those reporting under IFRS Standards as endorsed by the EU
Standards	the mass	the EO
IFRS 16 Leases	Yes	Yes
Interpretations		
IFRIC 23 Uncertainty over income tax treatments	Yes	Yes
Amendments		
Annual Improvements 2015-2017 Cycle	Yes	Yes
Applying IFRS 9 Financial Instruments with IFRS 4 Insurance Contracts (Amendments to IFRS 4)	Optional #	Optional #
Long-term Interests in Associates and Joint Ventures (Amendments to IAS 28)	Yes	Yes
Prepayment Features with Negative Compensation (Amendments to IFRS 9)	Yes	Yes
Plan Amendment, Curtailment or Settlement (Amendments to IAS 19)	Yes	Yes

The application of both approaches (overlay approach/ deferral approach) is optional and an entity is permitted to stop applying them before the new insurance contracts standard is applied.

For those standards issued but not yet effective, the latest EU endorsement status can be found <u>here.</u>

UK GAAP

As the revised UK GAAP regime has now been in place for a number of years, preparation of either parent company or subsidiary accounts under either FRS 101 or FRS 102 should now have become a more routine exercise. The FRC has made several changes to FRS 102 as part of its first triennial review of the Standard to deal with issues highlighted in its implementation. The amendments were published in <u>December 2017.</u>

Click <u>here</u> to see the UK GAAP options available for financial reporting periods ending on 31 December 2019.

Other regulatory requirements

- Compliance with *The Companies (Miscellaneous reporting) Regulations 2018* including s172 reporting, the requirement for very large private companies and unlisted public companies to disclose their corporate governance arrangements within their directors' report and changes to the directors' remuneration report for quoted and UK registered companies with more than 250 employees. For more information click here.
- The Companies (Directors' Remuneration Policy and Directors' Remuneration Report) Regulations 2019 came into force on 10 June 2019. Although the changes to remuneration reporting only take effect for periods beginning on or after this date, changes to the requirements on the remuneration policy will apply in respect of any new policy brought to shareholders for approval on or after 10th June 2019. Further information is available here.
- FRC Revised Guidance on the Strategic Report. Further information is available here.
- Compliance with the 2018 UK Corporate Governance Code for companies with a premium listing. Further information is available here.

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