



Accounting roundup

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Recent developments

Amendments to Standards:

The International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) publishes amendments to IAS 12 *Income Taxes* related to assets and liabilities arising from a single transaction

UK endorsement:

The UK adopts IFRS amendments for COVID-19-related rent concessions beyond 30 June 2021

EU endorsement:

The European Union formally adopts four pronouncements issued by the IASB in May 2020

Note: Endorsement of IFRS Standards by the EU no longer applies in the UK with effect from the end of the transition period following the UK's exit from the EU (IP completion day, 31 December 2020 at 11pm UK time). Going forward, the power to endorse IFRS Standards for use in the UK has been delegated by statute to the UK Endorsement Board (UKEB). However, companies subject to the FCA's Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules need to have regard to both EU-endorsed and UK-endorsed IFRS Standards for periods commencing before IP completion day.

Exposure drafts published:

The IASB publishes its exposure draft of revised Practice Statement on Management Commentary.

The IASB publishes proposed amendments to IAS 21 *The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates* to clarify the accounting when there is a lack of exchangeability

Click here for the latest IASB work plan.

Meeting minutes and further information:

<u>April</u>, <u>May</u>, and <u>June</u> IASB meetings <u>April</u> and <u>June</u> IFRSIC meetings

UK GAAP

Amendments to Standards and Statements of Recommended Practice (SORPs):

The Financial Reporting Council (FRC) issues 'Amendments to FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland and FRS 105 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the Micro-entities Regime - COVID-19-related rent concessions beyond 30 June 2021'

The FRC issues 'Amendments to FRS 101 – 2020/21 cycle'

The Consultative Committee of Accountancy Bodies (CCAB) has published an updated draft of its Limited Liability Partnerships (SORP)

Corporate Governance

The FRC publishes a research report on changes in remuneration reporting

The FRC publishes the results of research carried out by Royal Holloway, University of London and the Involvement and Participation Association into workforce engagement

Other

The European Financial Reporting Advisory Group (EFRAG)

EFRAG issues its draft comment letter on the IASB's Exposure Draft ED/2021/4 'Lack of Exchangeability (proposed amendments to IAS 21)'

EFRAG issues its draft comment letter on the IASB's agenda consultation

EFRAG issues its draft comment letter on the IASB's Exposure Draft ED/2021/31 'Disclosure Requirements in

<u>IFRS Standards — A Pilot Approach (Proposed amendments to IFRS 13 and IAS 19)'</u>

EFRAG issues its draft comment letter on the IASB's Exposure Draft ED/2021/1 'Regulatory Assets and Regulatory Liabilities'

EFRAG issues its feedback statement on the IASB's Exposure Draft ED/2020/4 'Lease liability in a sale and leaseback (Proposed amendment to IFRS 16)'

EFRAG issues its final comment letter on the IASB's Exposure Draft ED/2020/4 'Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback (Proposed amendment to IFRS 16)'

EFRAG issues its final endorsement advice on the IASB's proposed amendment to IFRS 16 Leases and COVID-19.

EFRAG prepares a report on the implementation and application issues of IFRS 10 Consolidated Financial Statements,

IFRS 11 Joint Arrangements and IFRS 12 Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities as part of its response to the IASB's request for information

The EFRAG Secratariat publishes a briefing paper regarding how to account for rate-regulated activities

The EFRAG Secretariat publishes a briefing paper regarding how to account for business combinations under common control

The European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA)

ESMA publishes a report on the activities of accounting enforcers and their findings within the EU in 2020

FRC

The FRC publishes the results of its interim reporting thematic review

The FRC publishes its Strategy, Plan and Budget for 2021/22

The FRC commissions the Scenario Analysis Research project to explore the use of scenario analysis by

FTSE 350 companies

IASB

The IASB publishes its updated work plan

The IASB issues a podcast on the latest Board developments (June 2021)

The IASB will propose a narrow-scope amendment to IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts

The IASB issues a proposed IFRS Taxonomy Update

The IFRS Foundation issues a compilation of the IFRS Interpretations Committee agenda decisions from October 2020 to

March 2021

Public Sector

The International Public Sector Accounting Standards Board (IPSASB) releases four exposure drafts on principles of measurement

The IPSASB releases an updated IPSAS-IFRS alignment dashboard

Sustainability, climate and integrated reporting

Global developments

The Trustees of the IFRS Foundation propose amendments to the IFRS Foundation Constitution that would enable the creation of a new sustainability standards board

The Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors of the G7 support the IFRS Foundation Trustees' initiative on sustainability reporting

The Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors of the G20 support the FSB roadmap and welcome the IFRS Foundation
Trustees sustainability initiative

The Eminent Persons Group to advise the IFRS Foundation Trustees on their sustainability initiative

The International Integrated Reporting Council (IIRC) and the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB) officially announce their merger to form the Value Reporting Foundation (VRF)

The International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) Vice Chair explains why and how IOSCO supports the sustainability initiative of the IFRS Foundation Trustees

IOSCO publishes a report on issuers' sustainability-related disclosures

The International Valuation Standards Council (IVSC) publishes a second perspectives paper on ESG factors and business valuation

The International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) publish a revised building blocks approach to reporting sustainability information

A new Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures is launched

The Value Accounting Network is founded

The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) publishes a report on three key ways in which integrated thinking is communicated in the annual integrated report

The ACCA and the University of Glasgow Adam Smith Business School publish a report on climate change reporting by companies within the extractive industries

UK developments

The FRC issues a paper discussing Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) challenges, how they can be addressed and what actions the FRC intends to take

The Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) publishes new proposals on climate-related disclosure rules for listed companies and certain regulated firms

The Prince of Wales' Accounting for Sustainability Project (A4S) publish the 'Navigating the Reporting Landscape' guide

EU developments

The European Commission (EC) publishes a proposal for a Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive

The EC announces new sustainable finance strategy

The EC asks EFRAG to begin work on the European sustainability reporting standards

The EC publishes the final report on its fitness check on public reporting by companies

EFRAG publishes an update on current developments regarding EU sustainability reporting standards.

EFRAG launches a public consultation on due process procedures on EU sustainability reporting standard-setting Accountancy Europe provides feedback on the proposed EU Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive and releases a publication on cooperation in sustainability reporting standard-setting

UKEB

The UK Endorsement Board secretariat publishes its draft comment letter on the IASB's Discussion Paper DP2020/02

Business Combinations under Common Control ("BCUCC")

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The UK Endorsement Board secretariat publishes its final comment letter to the IASB's Request for Information on its post-implementation review of IFRS 10, IFRS 11 and IFRS 12

The UK Endorsement Board secretariat publishes its feedback statement on the IASB's Exposure Draft ED/2020/4 'Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback (Proposed amendment to IFRS 16)'

The UK Endorsement Board secretariat publishes its final comment letter on the IASB's Exposure Draft ED/2020/4 Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback

The UK Endorsement Board secretariat publishes a draft UK Endorsement Criteria Assessment on the IASB's amendment 'Covid-19-Related Rent Concessions beyond 30 June 2021 (Amendment to IFRS 16)'

The UK Endorsement Board receives delegated statutory powers from the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

Other 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:

<u>Software-as-a-Service arrangements</u> — Accounting changes are the result of an era of digital transformation <u>Special purpose acquisition companies</u>

Need to know

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

IASB proposes a revised Practice Statement on Management Commentary

IASB amends IAS 12 for deferred tax related to assets and liabilities arising from a single transaction

IFRS Foundation Trustees propose amendments to the IFRS Foundation Constitution to accommodate an International Sustainability Standards Board

IASB proposes amendments to IAS 21 to specify when a currency is exchangeable and how to determine the exchange rate when it is not

IASB publishes amendment to IFRS 16 to extend the practical relief on COVID-19-related rent concessions

IASB seeks views on what the Board's priorities should be over the next five years

IASB proposes amendments to the disclosure requirements in IAS 19 and IFRS 13

Purpose-driven Business Reporting in Focus

Aimed at preparers of corporate reports, as well as their users and auditors, this publication provides updates on developments in purpose-driven business practices that are impacting corporate reporting, including progress towards sustainability standards:

European Commission publishes proposed Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive

Governance in focus

Guidance and views on key aspects of the latest developments in corporate governance: <u>Governance in focus — Internal control and the board: What is all the fuss about?</u>

Other publications

2021 update on half-yearly financial reporting- This guide sets out the requirements for half-yearly financial reports and changes for preparers to contend with in 2021. It includes a section on 'Interim reporting in 2021' which provides a number of key messages from the FRC's latest Thematic Review on interim reporting and other areas of consideration for 2021 half-yearly reporters. The guide also includes a model half-yearly financial report, including illustrative IAS 34 condensed financial statements and a disclosure checklist.

IFRS compliance, presentation and disclosure checklist 2021-The checklist summarises the recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure requirements set out in IFRSs in issue as of 31 December 2020. This is a "pure" IFRS compliance, presentation and disclosure checklist. UK IFRS reporters should additionally consider the legal and regulatory requirements which UK IFRS reporters will also need to comply with.

IAS 34 compliance checklist 2021-The checklist summarises the requirements of IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting as of 31 December 2020. This workbook may be used generally to assist in considering compliance with the requirements of IAS 34, however the exercise of judgement by users is still required. This is a "pure" IFRS compliance checklist. UK IFRS reporters should additionally refer to 2021 update on half-yearly financial reporting for the legal and regulatory requirements which UK IFRS reporters will also need to comply with.

Other tools and resources (continued)

On the board agenda – half year 2021-This half year update is a timely reminder of some of the important reporting areas for board focus as we enter the second half of 2021. Our articles focus on interim reporting for reporters with December year ends, and an overview of changes in the regulatory reporting landscape as the FRC works towards its goal to transform itself into the Audit, Reporting and Governance Authority (ARGA).

<u>IFRS</u> in your pocket 2021-IFRS in your pocket is a comprehensive summary of the current IFRS Standards and Interpretations along with details of the projects on the standard-setting agenda of the International Accounting Standards Board.



Deloitte comment letters

IFRS

The proposed amendments to the IFRS Foundation Constitution

Tentative agenda decision on warrants classified as financial liabilities on initial recognition

Tentative agenda decision on non-refundable VAT on lease payments

The IASB's post-implementation review of IFRS 10, IFRS 11, and IFRS 12

Tentative agenda decision on costs necessary to sell inventories

Tentative agenda decision on preparation of financial statements when an entity is no longer a going concern

UK GAAP

FRED 78 'Draft amendments to FRS 102 and FRS 105 - COVID-19 related rent concessions beyond 30 June 2021'

Other

TCFD's proposed climate-related guidance

SEC's requests for input on climate-related and other ESG disclosures

BEIS consultation on climate-related financial disclosures

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

Other tools and resources (continued)



New and revised pronouncements for 30 June 2021 year-ends

The table below provides a summary of pronouncements that will be newly effective for those with 30 June 2021 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 UK*
Amendments		
Applying IFRS 9 Financial Instruments with IFRS 4 Insurance Contracts (Amendments to IFRS 4)	Optional #	Optional #
Amendments to References in the Conceptual Framework in IFRS Standards	Yes	Yes
Definition of a Business (Amendments to IFRS 3)	Yes	Yes
Definition of Material (Amendments to IAS 1 and IAS 8)	Yes	Yes
Interest Rate Benchmark Reform (Amendments to IFRS 9, IAS 39 and IFRS 7)	Yes	Yes
Covid-19-Related Rent Concessions (Amendment to IFRS 16)	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.
- * Endorsement of IFRS by the EU no longer applies in the UK with effect from the end of the transition period following the UK's exit from the EU (31 December 2020 at 11pm UK time). Going forward, the power to endorse IFRS Standards for use in the UK has been delegated by statute to the UK Endorsement Board. This has the following implications:
 - For accounts prepared and approved before IP completion day (defined as 31 December 2020 at 11pm UK time), UK companies required or choosing to apply IFRS Standards should apply EU-adopted IFRS Standards.
 - For accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2021, UK companies required or choosing to apply IFRS Standards will need to comply with UK-adopted IFRS Standards.
 - Transitional provisions exist for companies whose year-end straddles IP completion day or whose year-end is before IP completion day but whose accounts are filed after IP completion day. These permit such companies to adopt any new IFRS standards or amendments that are endorsed by the UK after IP completion day in addition to 'frozen' IFRS as endorsed by the EU at IP completion day.
 - For periods beginning before IP completion day, companies subject to the FCA's Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules (DTR) which are required to produce consolidated accounts must additionally state compliance with IFRS Standards adopted pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002 as it applies in the European Union. This means that EU adoption of IFRS Standards subsequent to IP completion day remains relevant for such entities.

The latest UK endorsement status can be found here and the EU endorsement status can be found here.

^{**} This amendment has not yet been endorsed for use in the EU.

Other tools and resources (continued)

UK GAAP

Amendments to FRS 102 have recently been made in relation to the second phase of the interest rate benchmark reform and also in relation to accounting for temporary rent concessions for operating leases occurring as a direct consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic extending beyond 30 June 2021 (for which an amendment was also made to FRS 105).

<u>Amendments</u> to FRS 101, FRS 102, FRS 104 and FRS 105 have also recently been issued to reflect changes in company law following the UK's exit from the European Union that came into effect at the end of the Transition Period. These take effect for periods beginning on or after 1 January 2021.

Minor amendments were also made as a result of the 2020/21 annual review of FRS 101.

Click here to see the UK GAAP options available for financial reporting periods ending on 30 June 2021.

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