

Closing the GAAP: New IFRS Pronouncements (including developments to December 31, 2019)

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The following summarizes IFRS pronouncements that must be applied, if applicable, for the first time by a calendar year-end entity that is preparing financial statements in accordance with IFRS as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (“IASB”). This newsletter sets out new requirements by the calendar year in which they are first effective.

The listing includes the following pronouncements:

- International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”)
- IFRS Interpretations Committee (“IFRIC”) Interpretations

The IASB has a number of projects in progress. Information on these projects is available on the IASB website at:

<http://www.ifrs.org/projects/work-plan/>.

Information on IFRIC projects is available at:

<http://www.ifrs.org/projects/interpretations-committee-open-items/>.

This ACS newsletter supersedes the information in previous [Newsletter 2019-060](#) and will be updated quarterly. Developments since the issue of the previous newsletter, if any, are highlighted in yellow.

While we have attempted to make this newsletter as complete as possible, it may not include all changes or modifications to existing authoritative literature that may affect a particular enterprise.



Developments related to 2019 calendar years

Reference Pronouncement and Effective Date Impacting 2019 Calendar Years

IAS 19 Plan amendments, curtailments or settlements
Amends the guidance in IAS 19, *Employee Benefits*, in connection with defined benefit plans and accounting for plan amendments, settlements, or curtailments.
Effective for plan amendments, settlements or curtailments that occur on/after the beginning of the first annual reporting period beginning on/after January 1, 2019.

IP 2017 Annual improvements to IFRSs 2015-2017 Cycle
Improves and amends existing standards, basis of conclusions and guidance. The improvements below are effective for years beginning on/after January 1, 2019.

IFRS	Subject of amendment/clarification
IFRS 3, <i>Business Combinations</i>	Amended to clarify measurement of previously held interests in a joint operation when control is obtained
IFRS 11, <i>Joint Arrangements</i>	Amended to clarify that when an entity obtains joint control of a business that is a joint operation, it does not remeasure previously held interests
IAS 12, <i>Income Taxes</i>	Amended to clarify income tax consequences of payments on financial instruments classified as equity
IAS 23, <i>Borrowing Costs</i>	Amended to clarify borrowing costs eligible for capitalization

IAS 28 Interests in associates and joint ventures
Amended to clarify that an entity applies IFRS 9, including its impairment requirements, to long-term interests in an associate or joint venture to which the equity method is not applied.
Effective for years beginning on/after January 1, 2019.

Learning more: [In brief INT2018-03](#)

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Reference	Pronouncement and Effective Date Impacting 2019 Calendar Years
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IFRS 9

Prepayment features with negative compensation

Amended to clarify that a financial asset that would otherwise have contractual cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest but do not meet that condition only as a result of a prepayment feature with negative compensation, may be measured at amortized cost or at fair value through other comprehensive income when eligibility conditions are met.

Effective for years beginning on/after January 1, 2019.

Learning more: [In brief INT2017-13](#)

IFRIC 23

Uncertainty over income tax treatments

Clarifies how the recognition and measurement requirements of IAS 12, Income Taxes, are applied where there is uncertainty over income tax treatments.

Effective for years beginning on/after January 1, 2019.

Learning more: [In brief INT2017-06](#)

IFRS 16

Leases

New standard on leases, superseding IAS 17, *Leases*, and related interpretations.

Effective for annual reporting periods beginning on/after January 1, 2019.

Learning more: [In depth INT2019-02](#)

[In brief INT2019-02](#)

[In depth INT2018-11](#)

[In depth INT2016-01](#)

Developments related to 2020 calendar years

Reference	Pronouncement and Effective Date Impacting 2020 Calendar Years
IFRS 9/IAS 39 and IFRS 7	<p><u>Interest rate benchmark reform (Phase 1)</u></p> <p>Amendments provide temporary relief from applying specific hedge accounting requirements to hedging relationships directly affected by IBOR reform and require certain related disclosures.</p> <p>Effective for years beginning on/after January 1, 2020.</p> <p>Learning more: In depth INT2019-04</p>
IAS 1 and IAS 8	<p><u>Definition of material</u></p> <p>Amended to revise the definition of material.</p> <p>Effective for years beginning on/after January 1, 2020.</p> <p>Learning more: In brief INT2018-14</p>
IFRS 3	<p><u>Definition of a business</u></p> <p>Amended to revise the definition of a business.</p> <p>Effective for years beginning on/after January 1, 2020.</p> <p>Learning more: In brief INT2019-08 In brief INT2019-04 In brief INT2018-13</p>
Conceptual Framework	<p><u>IASB revises conceptual framework</u></p> <p>Replaces the <i>Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting</i> issued by the IASB in September 2010.</p> <p>Effective for years beginning on/after January 1, 2020.</p> <p>Learning more: In brief INT2018-07</p>

Developments related to 2021 calendar years

Reference	Pronouncement and Effective Date Impacting 2021 Calendar Years
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IFRS 17

Insurance Contracts

New standard on accounting for insurance contracts, replacing IFRS 4, *Insurance Contracts*.

Effective for years beginning on/after January 1, 2021.

Learning more: [In depth INT2017-04](#)

Appendix A: CPA Canada Handbook, Part I – IFRS

As at December 31, 2019, the following IFRS pronouncements (described previously in this newsletter and denoted by *) have not yet been incorporated into the CPA Canada Handbook, Part I – IFRS (“Part I”) and are therefore not yet available for early adoption by Canadian entities applying Part I:

Reference	Pronouncement
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None	
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