



Insights into Accounting and Financial Reporting

For-profit entities applying NZ IFRS

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Agenda



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New standards, amendments and IFRIC decisions





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- 01** Amendments effective for periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023
- 02** Amendments effective for periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024
- 03** Recent published IFRIC agenda decisions

Standards and Amendments effective for periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023

Standard	Amendment
Amendments to NZ IAS 8 <i>Accounting Policies, Changes in Estimates and Errors</i>	Definition of Accounting Estimates
Amendments to NZ IAS 1 <i>Presentation of Financial Statements</i> and IFRS Practice Statement 2	Disclosure of Accounting Policies
Amendments to NZ IAS 12 <i>Income Taxes</i>	Deferred tax related to assets and liabilities from a single transaction
Amendments to NZ IAS 12 <i>Income Taxes</i> *Effective 23 May 2023 (IFRS), 10 August 2023 (NZ IFRS)	Amendments to NZ IAS 12 – International Tax Reform – Pillar Two Model Rules*
NZ IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts	New standard

Accounting policy or estimate?

Definition of Accounting Estimates
NZ IAS 8, *Accounting Policies,
Changes in Accounting Estimates
and Errors*

Effective
from
1 January
2023

Accounting policy

Retrospective
(Restatement required)



Accounting estimate

Prospective
(No restatement)

Different outcomes



Diversity in practice

The term '**accounting estimates**'
was not defined

Unclear definition of a change in
accounting estimate

Accounting estimates



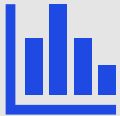
Definition of Accounting Estimates – **NEW**

Accounting estimates are monetary amounts in financial statements that are subject to measurement uncertainty



Definition of Accounting Policies – **UNCHANGED**

Accounting policies are the specific principles, bases, conventions, rules and practices applied by an entity in preparing a presenting financial statements.

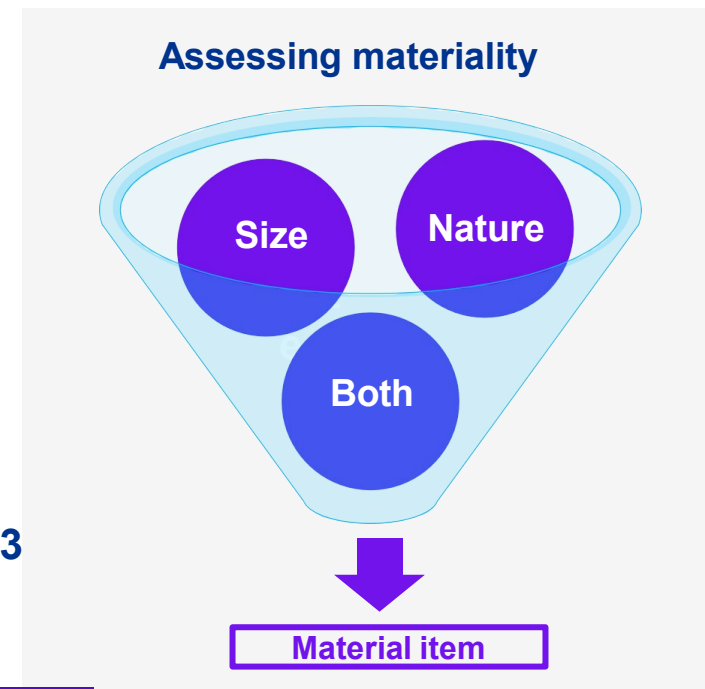
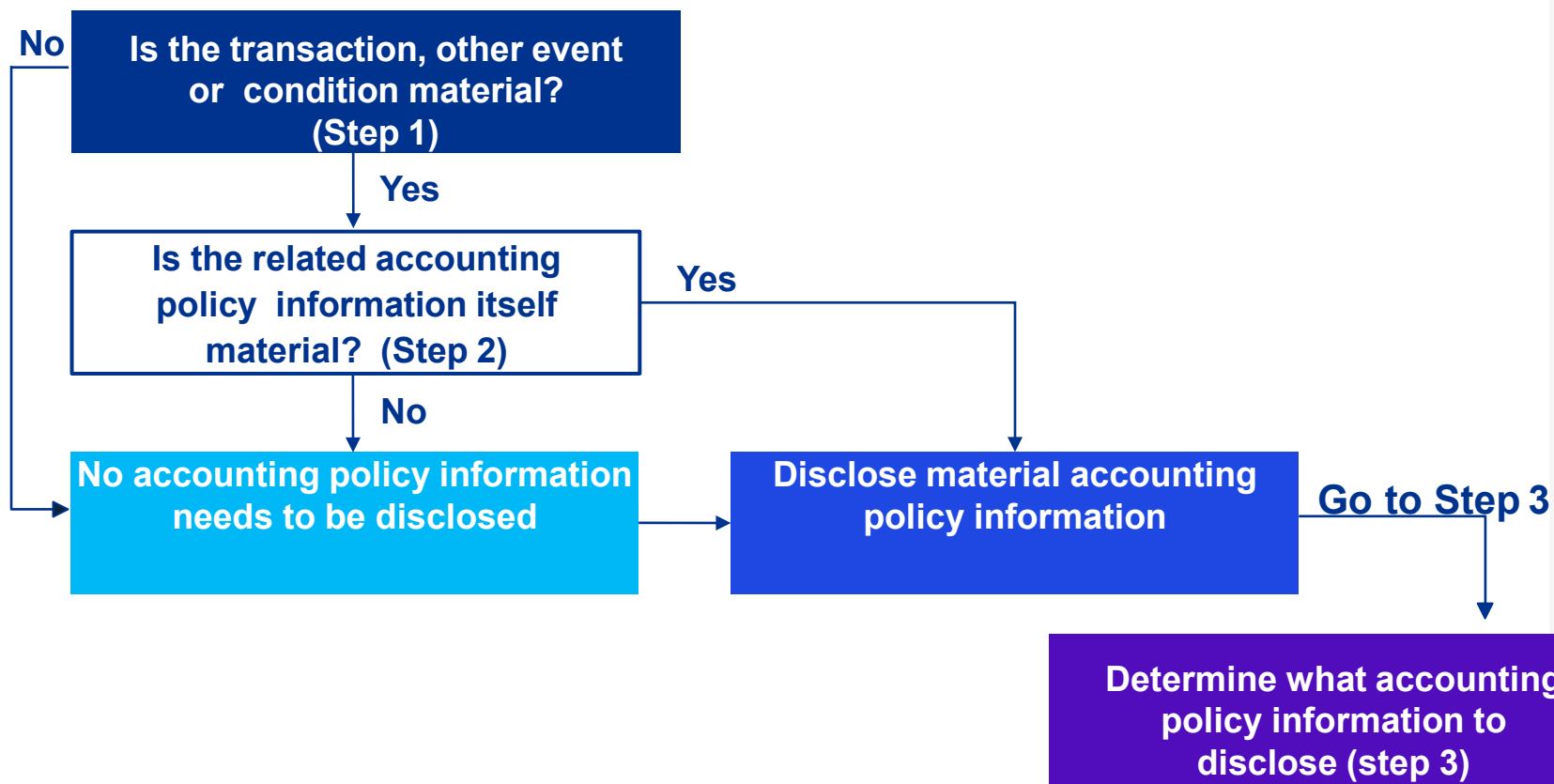


NZ IAS 8.35 - **UNCHANGED**

When it is difficult to distinguish a change in an accounting policy from a change in an accounting estimate, the change is treated as a change in an accounting estimate.

Disclose 'material' accounting policies

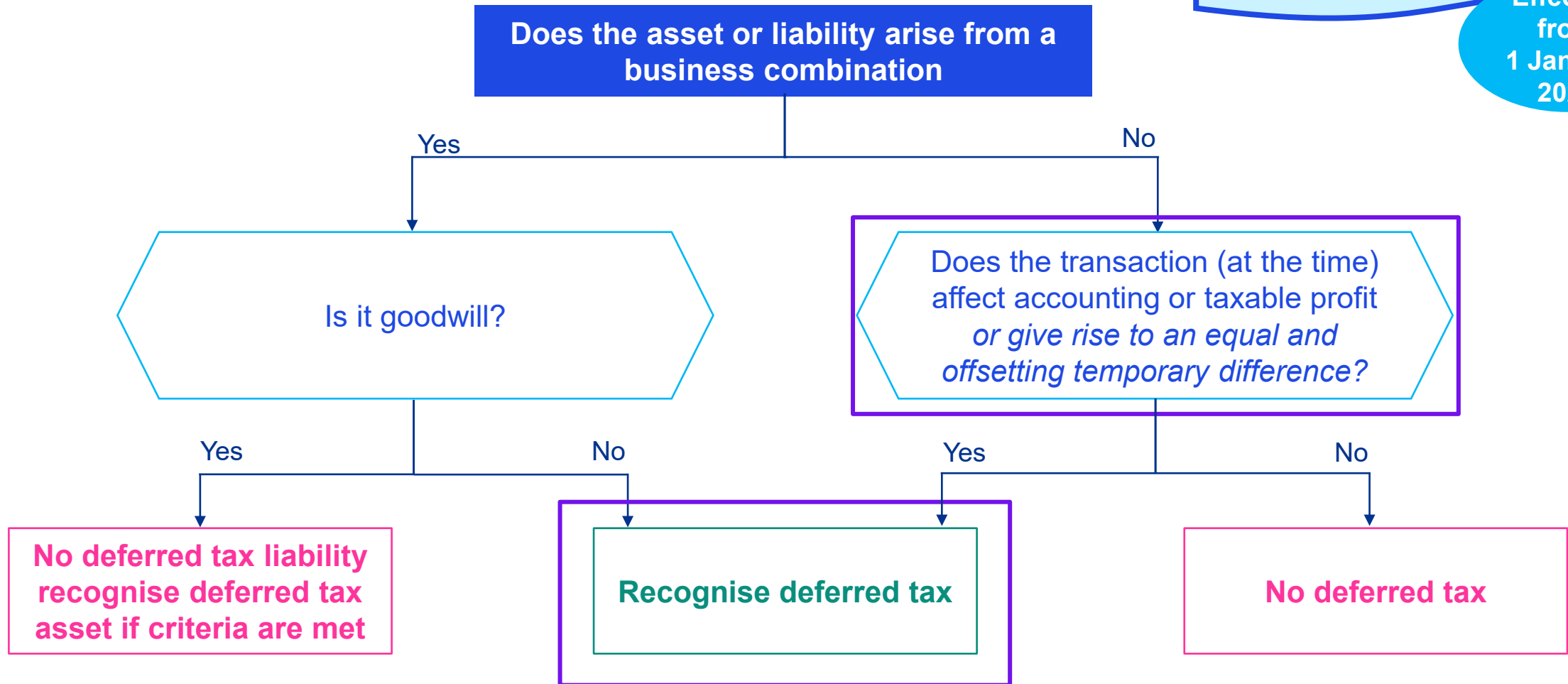
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Deferred tax – Initial recognition exemption

Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction [NZ IAS 12]

Effective
from
1 January
2023



Deferred tax related to assets & liabilities arising from a single transaction



Scenario

- On 1 Jan 2018 Co. A enters into a 10-year lease of a building and recognised a ROU asset and lease liability of \$100m (DR ROU asset; CR Lease liability)
- Co. A previously applied the IRE and recognised no deferred taxes on leases
- Co. A adopts amendments in their 31 Dec 2023 financial report
- Tax rate is 28%
- ROU asset and lease liability at the relevant dates:

	ROU asset	Lease Liability
1 Jan 2018	100	(100)
1 Jan 2022	60	(69)
1 Jan 2023	50	(60)
1 Dec 2023	40	(50)

Q1: What are the temporary differences to be recognised on transition (i.e. 1 Jan 2022)?

	Carrying amount	Tax Base	Deductible (Taxable) TD	DTA (DTL) @ 28%
ROU Asset	60	0	(60)	(16.8)
Lease Liability	(69)	0	69	19.3

Q2: What is the journal entry to be recorded on transition?

DR Deferred tax asset	\$19.3m	
CR Deferred tax liability		\$16.8m
CR Retained earnings		\$2.5m

International Tax Reform – Pillar Two Model

WHY

To address concerns about uneven profit distribution

WHO

Multinational Enterprises (MNE) > **EUR750 million** (approx. NZD\$1.3b) of global turnover in 2 of last 4 years (excludes govt, NFP, pensions, investment funds)

WHAT

A global minimum tax of 15% for each jurisdiction that a multinational group (MNE) operates (based on aggregate results of all entities in that jurisdiction)

HOW

- If **jurisdiction aggregate effective tax rate < 15%** then **top up tax** generally **payable** by ultimate parent on behalf of low tax jurisdiction
- **Highly complex** calculation involving tax and accounting inputs

Amendments to IAS 12: Pillar Two income taxes – what's the issue?

Do Pillar Two taxes create additional temporary differences?

Are existing deferred taxes remeasured to reflect potential top-up tax payable?

Which tax rate is used to measure deferred taxes?

Amendments to NZ IAS 12: International Tax Reform – Pillar Two Model Rules

Effective immediately retrospectively from 10 August 2023

Amendment:

An entity shall neither recognise nor disclose information about deferred tax assets and liabilities related to Pillar Two income taxes

Disclosure:

If the entity has applied exception to recognising and disclosing information about deferred tax assets and liabilities related to Pillar 2.

IFRS – effective immediately from May 2023

Effective periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023

Disclosures:

Separately disclose current income tax expense related to Pillar 2 income taxes

Known or reasonably estimable information that helps users of financial statements understand the entity's exposure to Pillar Two income taxes. This should be both quantitative and qualitative.

Amendments to IAS 12: International Tax Reform – Pillar Two Model Rules

J. Global minimum top-up tax^{a, b, c}

The Group operates in [*Country K*], which has enacted new legislation to implement the global minimum top-up tax. The Group expects to be subject to the top-up tax in relation to its operations in [*Country F*], where the statutory tax rate is 10 percent, and in [*Country G*], where Subsidiary X receives government support through additional tax deductions that reduce its effective tax rate to below 15 percent. However, since the newly enacted tax legislation in [*Country K*] is only effective from 1 January 2024, there is no current tax impact for the year ended 31 December 2023.

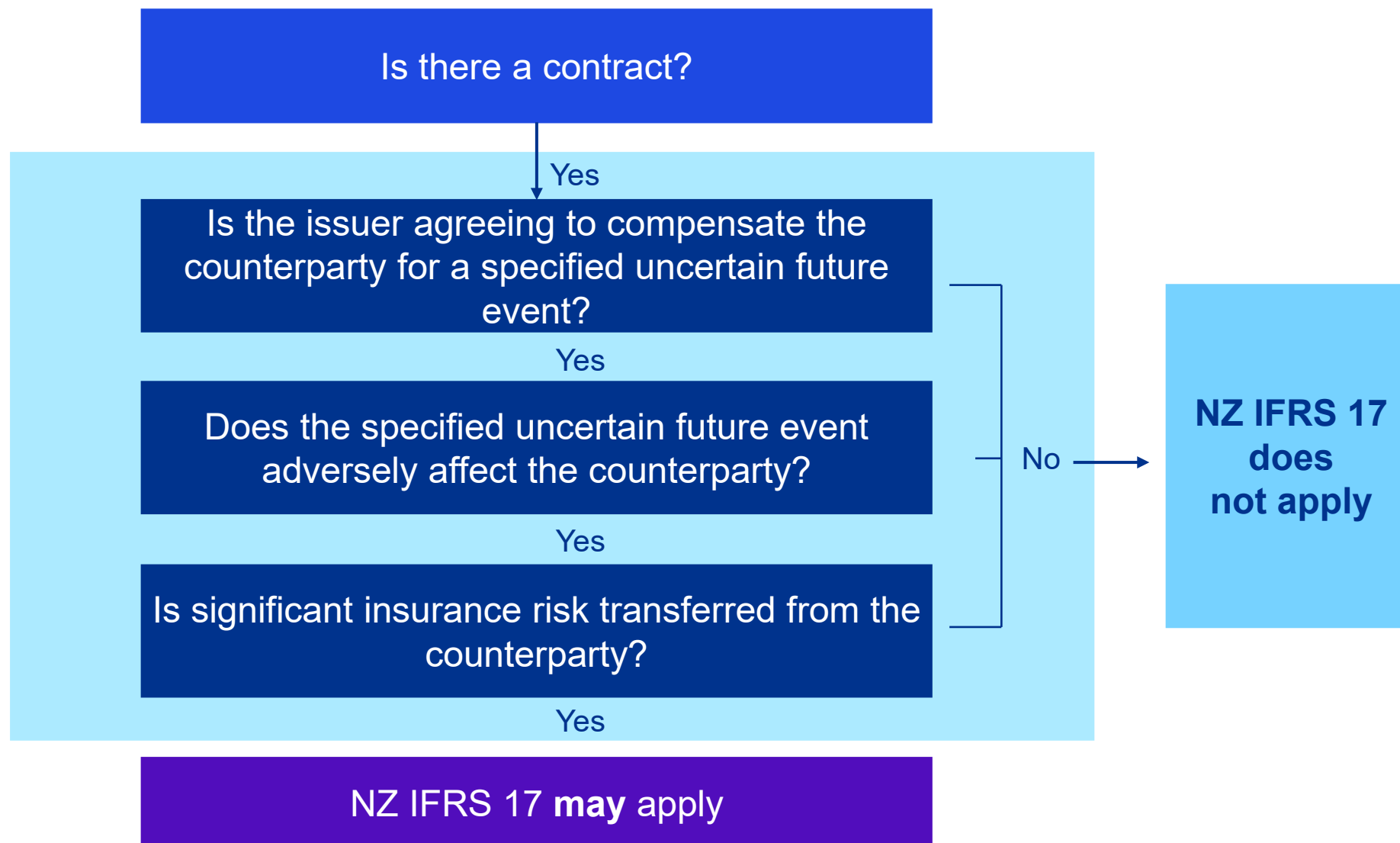
The Group has applied a temporary mandatory relief from deferred tax accounting for the impacts of the top-up tax and accounts for it as a current tax when it is incurred (see [Note 5\(B\)](#)).

If the top-up tax had applied in 2023, then the profits relating to the Group's operations in [*Country F and Country G*] for the year ended 31 December 2023 that would be subject to it amount to EUR 375 thousand, with the average effective tax rate applicable to those profits during 2023 being 12 percent.^{a, b, c}

NZ IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts (non- insurers)

Do you have an insurance contract?

Insurance risk is any risk, other than financial risk, transferred from the holder to the issuer of a contract



Do you have an insurance contract?

- Entity L sells annual breakdown contracts for equipment.
- In the 1st year, fees for these services are fixed.
- In subsequent years, these services are repriced based on:
 - The frequency of call outs by the customer and
 - The age of the individual piece of equipment

- ✓ Is there a contract?
- ✓ Compensating the policyholder for an uncertain future event?
- ✓ Event adversely affecting the policyholder?
- ✓ Transfer of insurance risk?

Is this an insurance contract?

- a. Yes
- b. No



This is an insurance contract

This is only the first step!

The second step is considering NZ IFRS 17's scope exceptions.

Some fixed-fee service contracts are insurance contracts

Are all the following conditions met?

1. The entity **does not reflect** an assessment of the risk associated with an **individual customer** in setting the price of the contract with that customer
2. The contract compensates the customer by **providing services**, rather than by making cash payments to the customer
3. The insurance risk transferred by the contract arises primarily from the **customer's use of services** rather than from uncertainty over the cost of those services

Yes

Chose to apply
NZ IFRS 15 or
NZ IFRS 17
contract by
contract

No

Apply NZ IFRS 17

Fixed-fee service contracts that **could** be in scope of NZ IFRS 17:



Roadside assistance



Phone screen repair



Equipment breakdown

Upcoming amendments effective on or after 1 January 2024

Amendments effective for periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024

Standard	Amendment	Effective Date
NZ IAS 1 <i>Presentation of Financial Statements</i>	Classification of liabilities as Current or Non-Current and Non-current Liabilities with Covenants	1 January 2024
NZ IAS 7 <i>Cash Flow Statements</i> and NZ IFRS 7 <i>Financial Instruments: Disclosures</i>	Disclosures – Supplier Finance Arrangements	1 January 2024
NZ IFRS 16 <i>Leases</i>	Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback	1 January 2024
Financial Reporting Standard 44	Disclosure of Fees for Audit Firms' Services	1 January 2024*

*Application is permitted for accounting periods that begin before 1 January 2024 but have not ended or do not end before 15 June 2023



Amendments to NZ IAS 1: Classification of liabilities as current or non-current

New basis of “current” liability classification



The amendments are effective for periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024, with earlier application permitted. Comparatives restated

Old requirement

No **unconditional** right



to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the reporting date

New requirement

No **substantive** right existing at reporting date



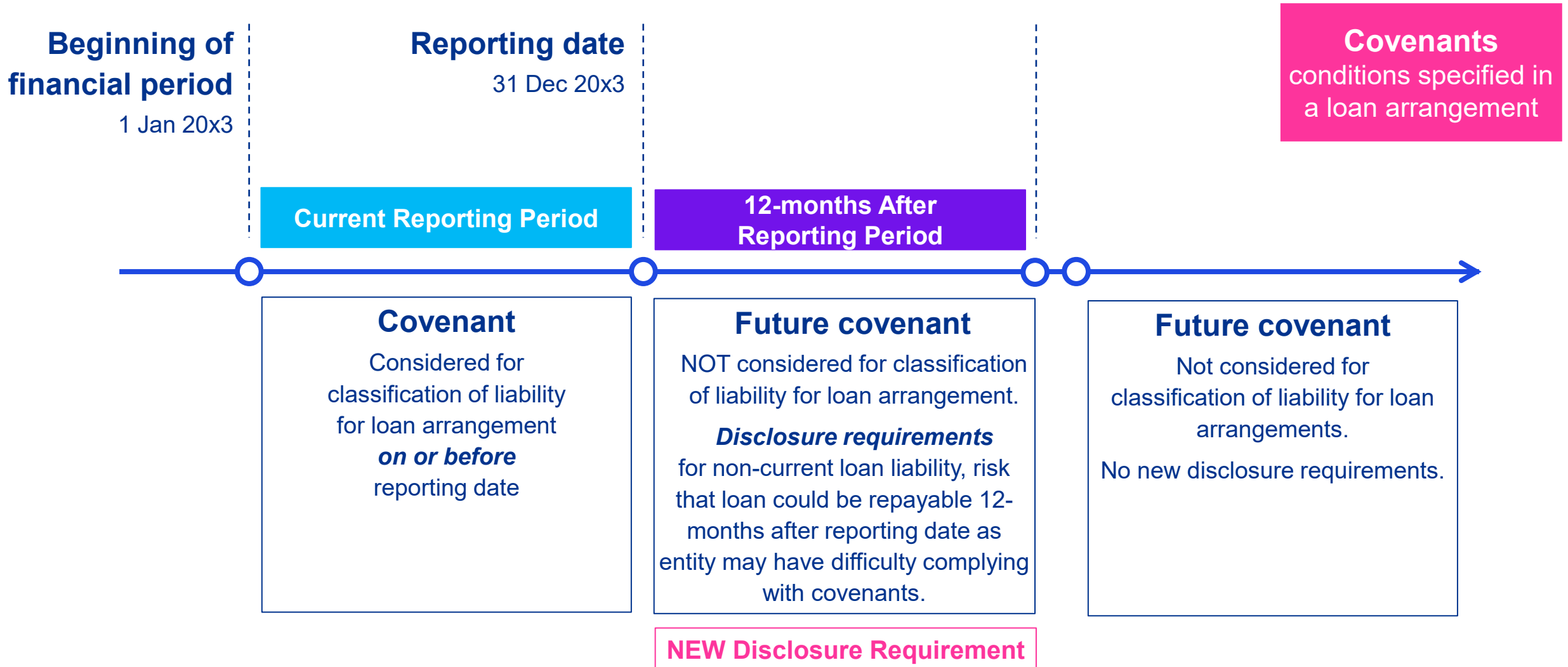
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Management’s intention or expectations does not impact classification

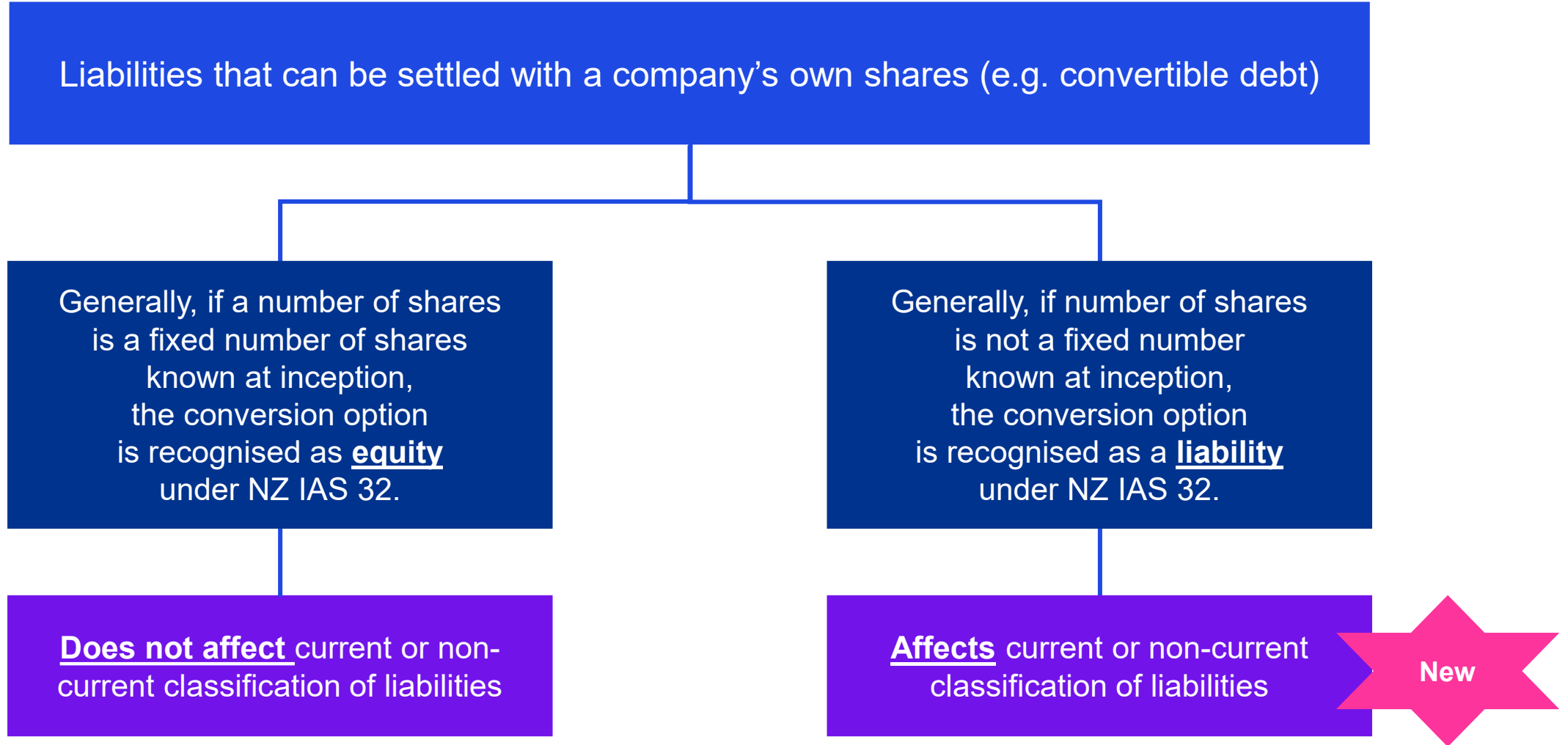
New Disclosure:

Disclose management’s expectation to settle earlier than 12 months from reporting date

Covenant considerations for loan arrangements



Settlement with shares – potential impact



Application considerations

On-going international discussion
Classification MAY change

Straight-forward scenarios

Term loan with objective covenant, e.g. minimum debt/equity ratio

Term facility with rollover arrangement with objective covenant, e.g. minimum debt/equity ratio

Complex scenarios

Long term securitisation facility arrangement with rolling short-term receivables

Loan arrangement, including roll over facility with subjective covenant, for example:

- material adverse change clause,
- change ownership / control
- delivery of unqualified financial statements

Hybrid instrument – discretionary interest, no fixed maturity, liability because redeemable if there is a change in control clause

Timing of substance assessment

Disclosure of fees for Audit Firms' Services

Tier 1

Disclose separately total fees incurred for services received from each audit or review firm and a general description of each service using the below categories:

- Audit or review of the financial statements
- Other audit or review services performed during the reporting period such as:
 - Audit or review related services
 - Other assurance services and other agreed upon procedures engagements
 - Taxation services
 - Other services

Tier 2

Reduced disclosure:

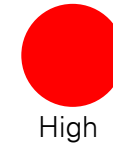
- Total fee incurred for services received from each audit or review of the financial statements
- Total fee incurred for any other services together with general description of those services

Application - periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024

IFRIC Agenda Decisions

The IFRIC agenda decisions

Likely frequency across entities:



High


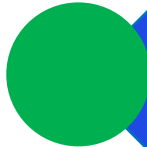

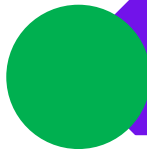


Medium





Low

Agenda decisions finalised by IFRIC and IASB

-  Guarantee over a derivative contract
-  Homes and home loans provided to employee
-  Insurance premiums receivable from an intermediary
-  Definition of a lease – substitution rights

Tentative agenda decisions

-  Payments contingent on continued employment during handover periods
-  Merger between parents and subsidiary – separate financial statements

Remember:



Accounting policy changes required if not consistent with agenda decision



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Emission and green schemes

Environment conscious initiatives



Taxes, fees or charges

Compulsory payments to the government levied on certain tax base (for tax) or in proportion to the services provided (fees/charges)



Emission schemes

Allowance or permission to engage in an activity e.g. emit carbon. Can be issued under a trading system



Green projects

Investment in return for carbon credits generated by the project



Carbon offset schemes

Programmes used by individuals and businesses to neutralise their carbon emissions



Sustainable investing

Sustainable-linked financing: financing arrangements which reward borrowers who achieve their ESG targets with a lower cost of borrowing



Green bonds: Loans with specific purpose to fund projects that have positive environmental and/ or climate benefits



Environmentally motivated subsidies

Payment to discourage use of certain material/ product that has a proven negative impact on the environment




Emission schemes: Potential accounting considerations

Purpose and design of the scheme

- Mandatory or voluntary?
- Governing authority: government or industry bodies?
- How would an obligation be settled?
- Can the rights under the scheme be sold or traded? Is there an established trading platform?

Is there an asset?

- Business model of the entity
- How is the right acquired – self-generated, purchased, granted by government
- Unit of account
- Does right meet recognition criteria of relevant standard?

Trader/ Investor 
Polluter 
Green Entity 

Is there a liability?

- What is the nature of any obligation – legal or constructive?
- What are the performance conditions to be fulfilled?
- When does the liability arise?

Polluter



Green Entity



Negative low emission vehicle credits



Is there a present obligation?

Under local law, an entity receives positive or negative credits depending on whether the average emissions of vehicle it produces or imports are higher or lower than the government target

An entity with **negative credits** at the end of the year must eliminate them by **obtaining and surrendering positive credits**. An entity can obtain positive credits by:

- **Purchasing** positive credits from another entity, or
- **Generating** positive credits in the future

If the entity fails to eliminate negative credits, the government can impose sanctions

Are average fuel emissions higher or lower than the government target?

Positive credits



Negative credits

Negative low emission vehicle credits

Liability

A present obligation arising from **past events**, the settlement of which is expected to result in an **outflow** from the entity of resources embodying **economic benefits**



Which event creates a present obligation?



Will settling an obligation to eliminate negative credits result in an outflow of resources embodying economic benefit?



Does the entity have a realistic alternative to settling the obligation?



Possibility of a constructive obligation?

Net zero and similar commitments

Which of these entities should recognise a provision for their net zero or similar commitments?

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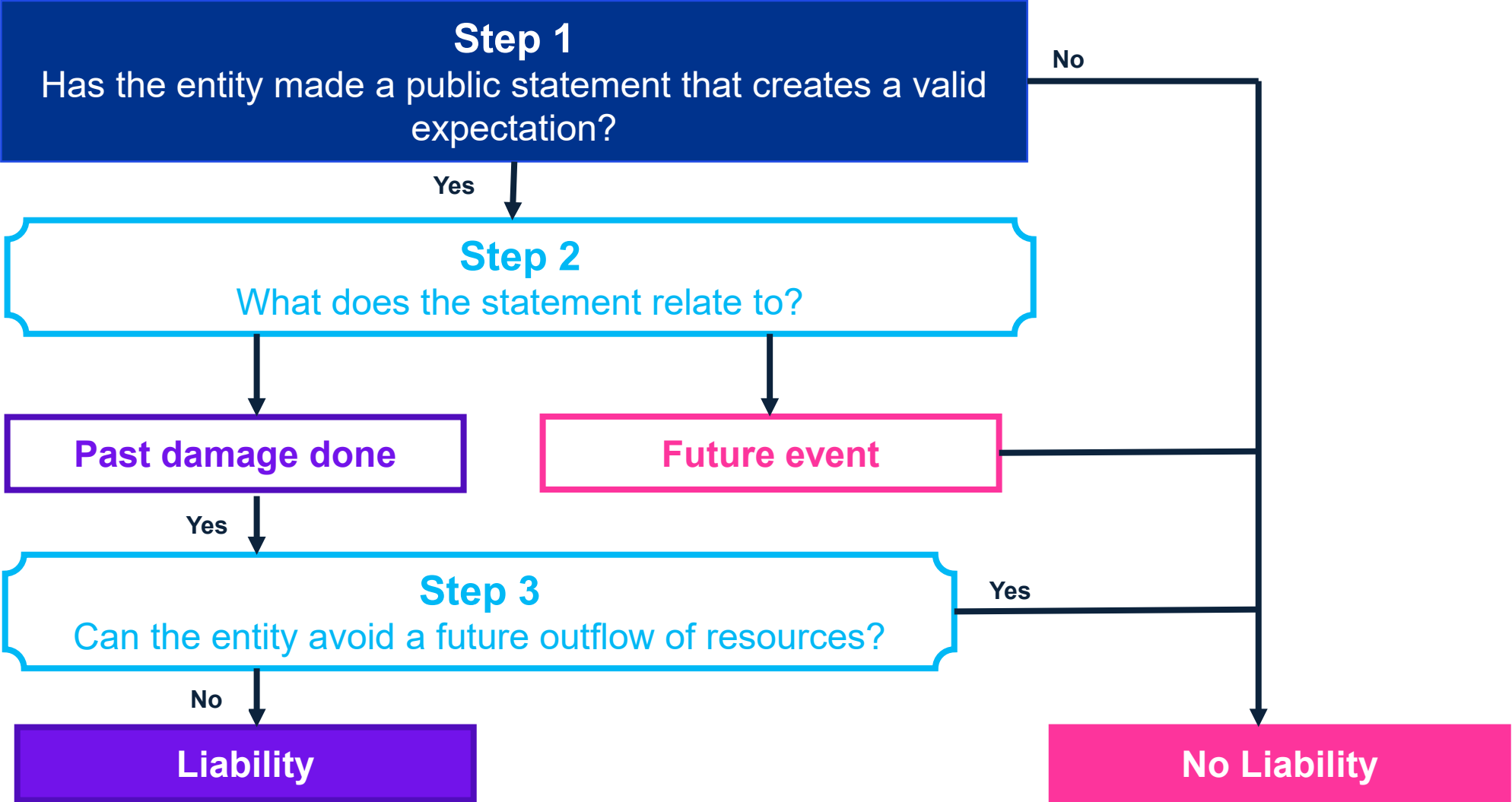
02

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03

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Purchasing carbon credits – the asset side

Consider the business purpose – i.e. whether of any of the following considerations apply

- Is the credit purchased together with other goods or services?
- Is the credit purchased with the intention of selling it in the ordinary course of business?
- Is the credit purchased to fulfil contracts with customers?
- Is the credit purchased for advertising or promotional activities?

Yes

Business purpose drives the accounting

No

Carbon credit is typically held for use

Should the entity recognise an asset?

Consider the nature of the economic benefits from the credit and when they are consumed

No

Expense as incurred

Yes

How should it classify the asset?

Consider the specific facts and circumstances to determine whether intangible asset or inventory

Voluntary Emission schemes – generating carbon credits

Voluntary schemes are typically designed to create or generate carbon credits



Should carbon credits be recognised separately and at what amount?



How do we measure them after they are recognised?



When are they derecognised?

Key takeaways

1

Understanding the terms of the scheme is critical

2

Determine how the entity is going to use the carbon credits as this will determine the impact on financial reporting

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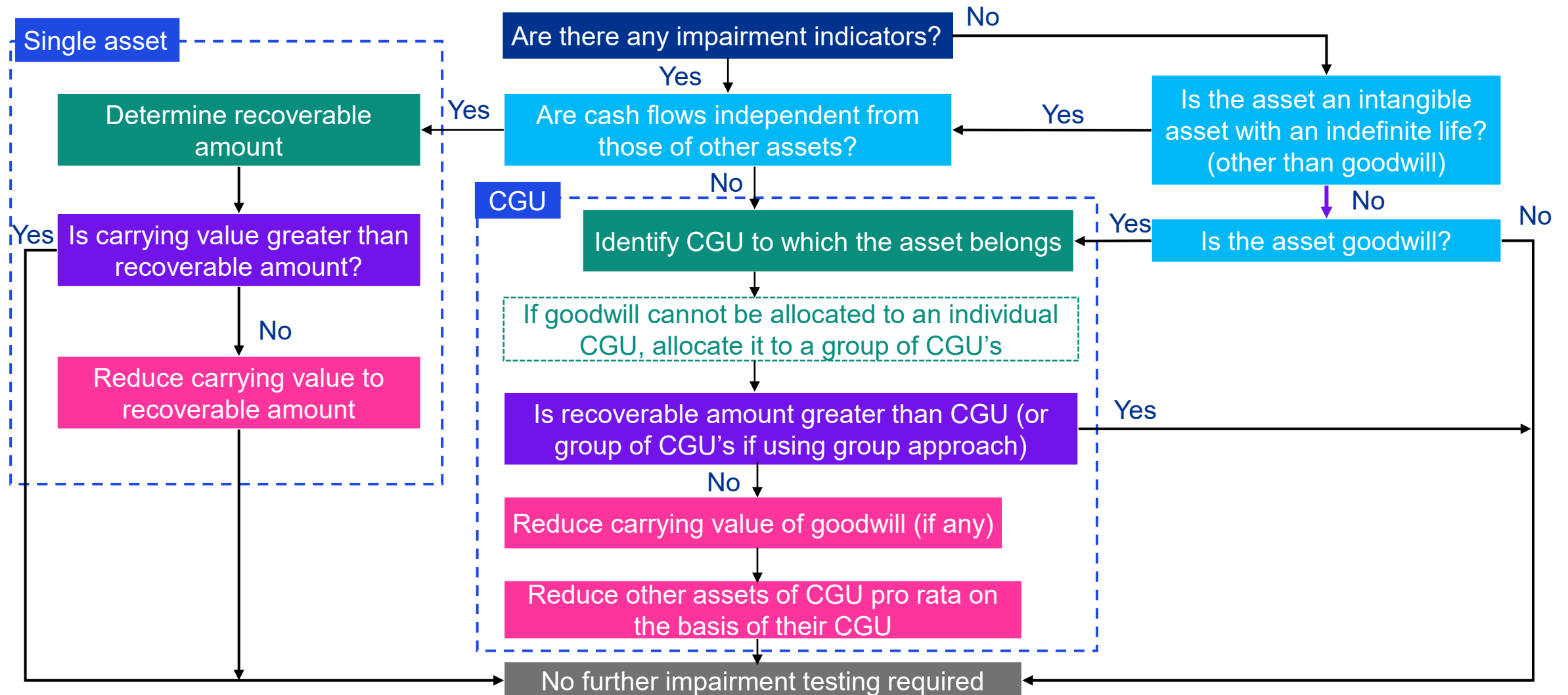
Understand what gives rise to an entity's obligations and when an obligation exists

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Approach the analysis in a structured way

Impairment of non-financial assets

Reminder – NZ IAS 36 Impairment of Assets



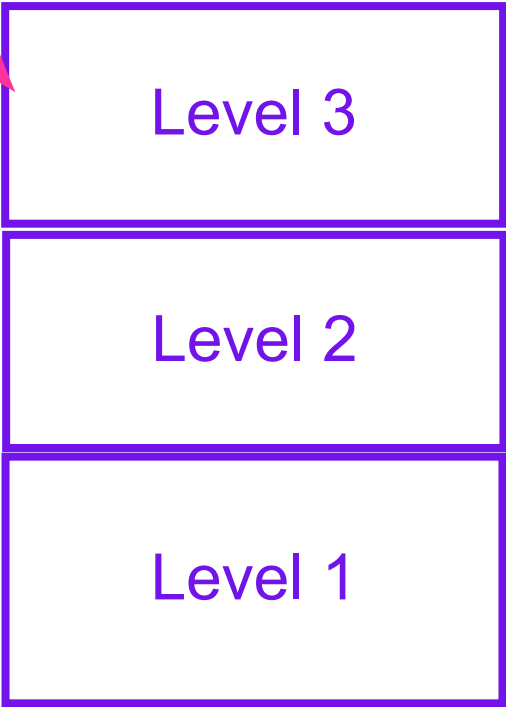
Identification of Cash Generating Units (“CGUs”)

Levels of impairment testing

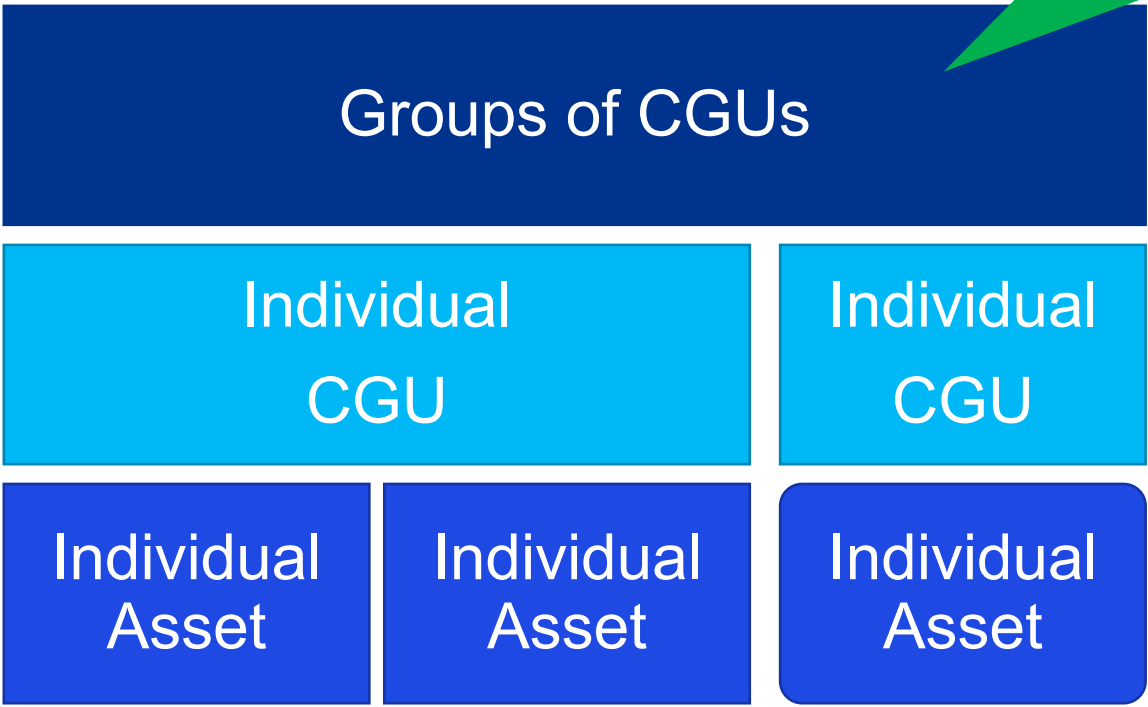


Determining the level where each asset is to be tested for impairment **does not default to the level of monitoring and decision making**

Entities often start and stop **HERE!**
Don't forget the levels of testing



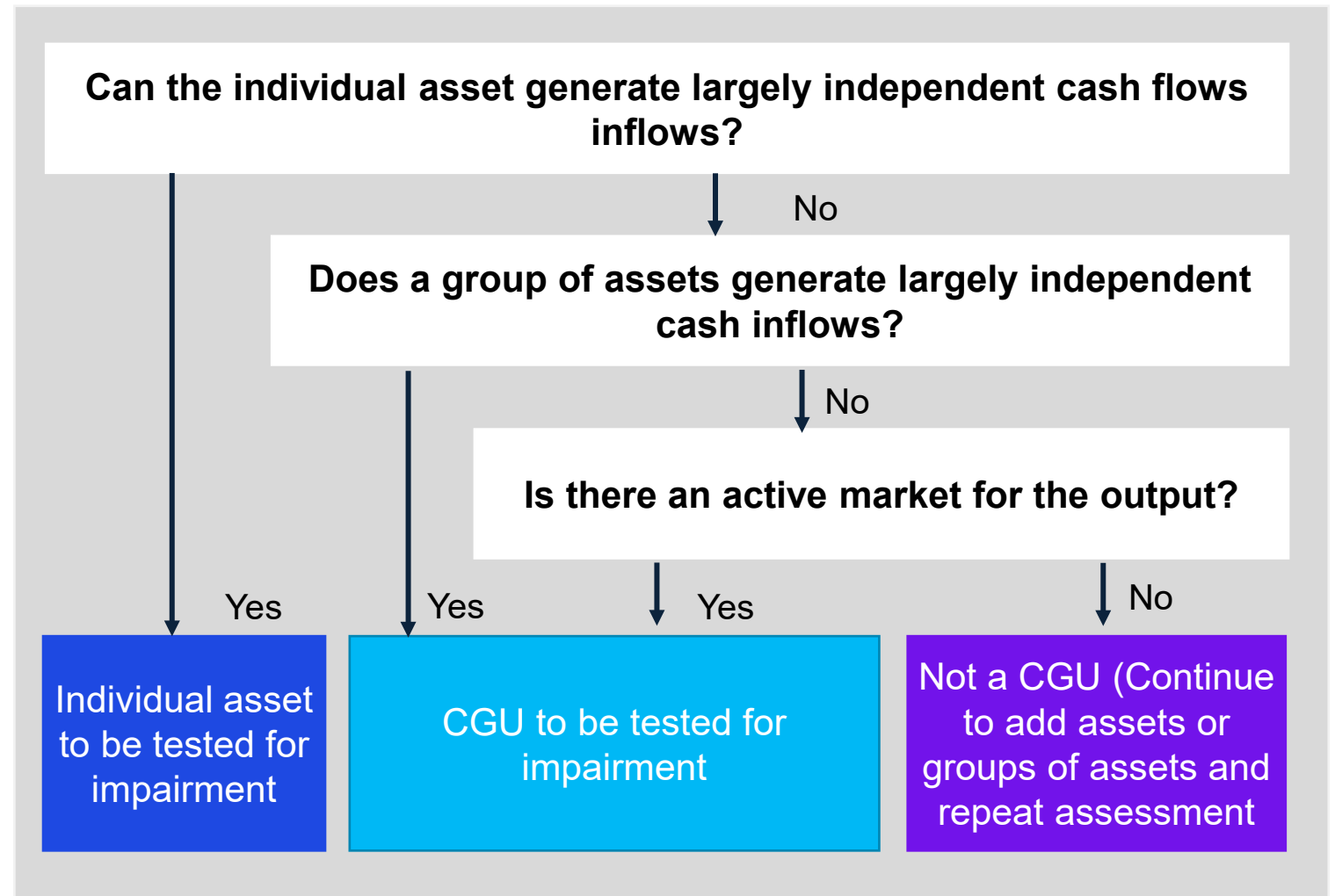
Be alert when testing goodwill at a 'group of CGUs' !



What is a CGU?



the smallest identifiable group of assets that generates cash inflows that are largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

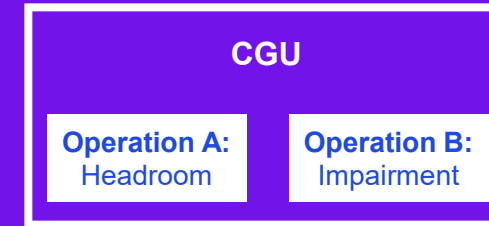


Identifying cash generating units (CGUs)

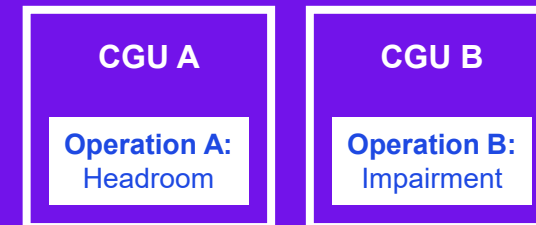
Why is it important?

- CGUs define the level at which assets are to be assessed for impairment
- CGU's often initially identified at too high a level
- Identification of CGUs requires **judgement**

What is the risk?



CGU identified at **too high a level**, may mask impairment



CGU's are not expected to change unless business operations and the nature of goods and services change fundamentally.

Does a group of assets generate largely independent cash inflows?

Determining independent cash inflows:

- Key test is identification of independent **cash inflows**
- Consider also
 - Manner in which management monitors operations, and
 - Makes decisions about continuing or disposing of assets and/or operations



Useful considerations:

Revenue separation

Are the streams of revenue derived from these groups independent of one another?

- Sell bundled products or which have multiple revenue streams;
- Have a large amount of referred work; or
- Operate a large number of smaller outlets e.g. retail outlets

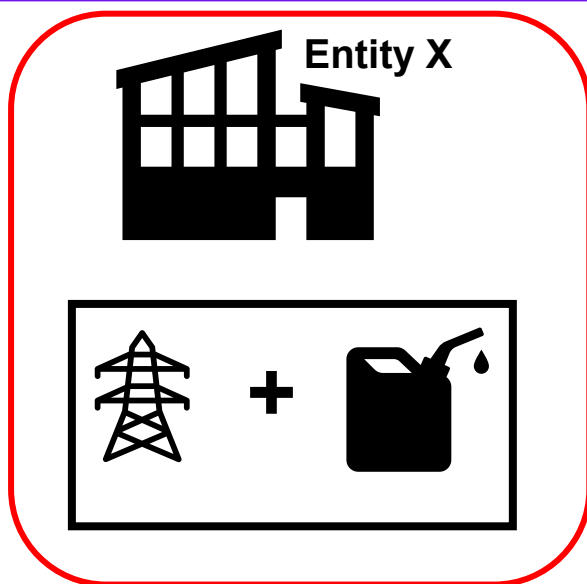
Asset separation

Are assets operated together to such an extent that they do not generate independent revenue streams? In making this assessment, the assets referred to are not corporate assets, rather, they are the core operating assets of the business

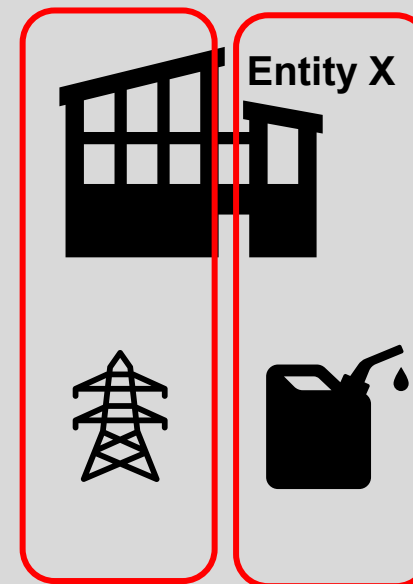
- Use a single asset base to generate different revenue streams; or
- Use multiple assets on a portfolio basis to service or supply a customer or a small number of customers

Revenue Separation

Entity X is a utility company that caters to the residential customers in a particular region. It offers a 'value-pack' to its customers, which is a bundle of two products: electricity and a monthly gas refill at a 50% discount. Although customers can elect to buy the elements of the package separately, more than three quarters of customers choose the value-pack.

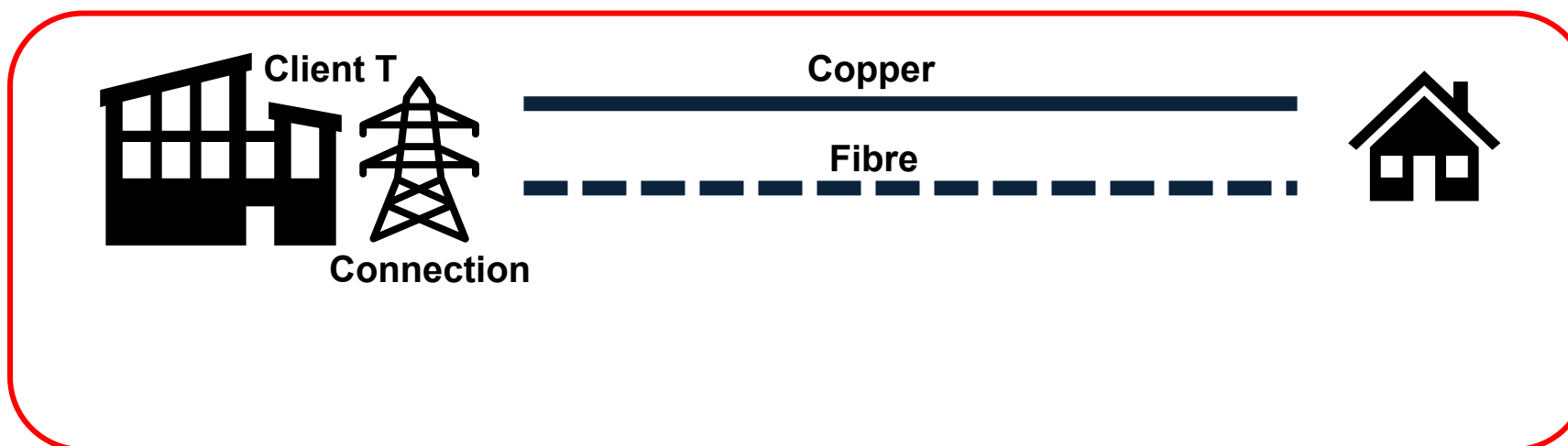


If we modify this example that less than half of its customers choose the value-pack



Asset Separation

Client T is a telecommunications company that offers fibre-to-the-premise services with the 'last mile' – i.e. the connection from the exchange or the cabinet to the customer's residence – being either copper or fibre. Both services are provided from a single fibre network, the backbone, which is the core operating asset.

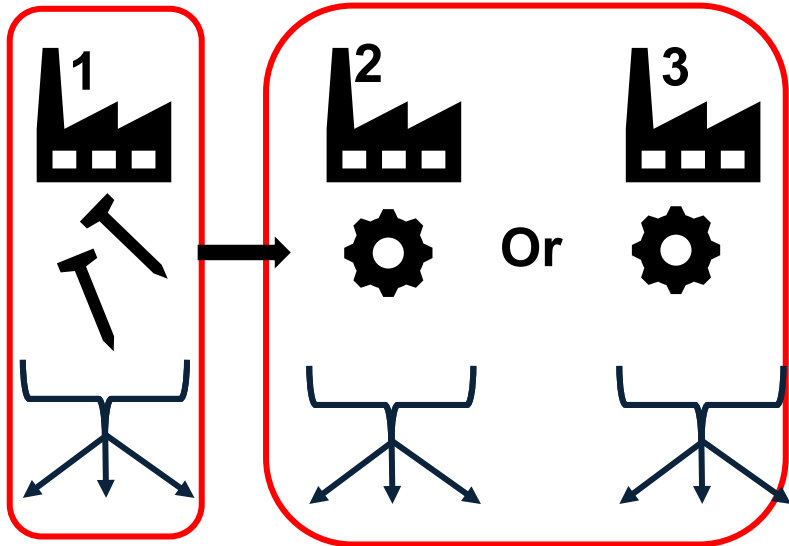


Is there an active market for the output?

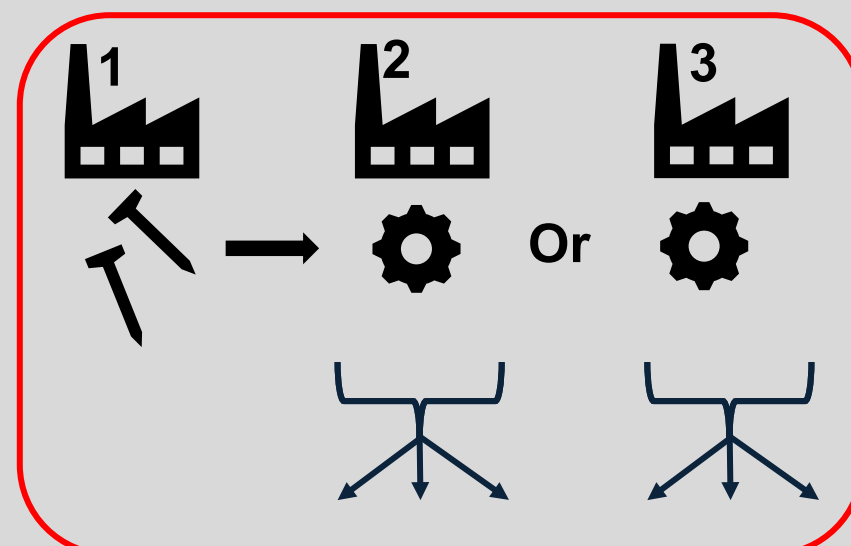
Entity Y produces a single product (widgets) and owns production plants 1,2 and 3. Each plant is located in a different region of the world. Plant 1 produces a component of the widgets that is assembled in either plant 2 or plant 3 and sold worldwide from either plant 2 or plant 3. Neither plant 2 nor plant 3 is operating at full capacity.

The utilisation levels depends on the allocation of order fulfilment between the two locations.

There is an active market for plant 1's component

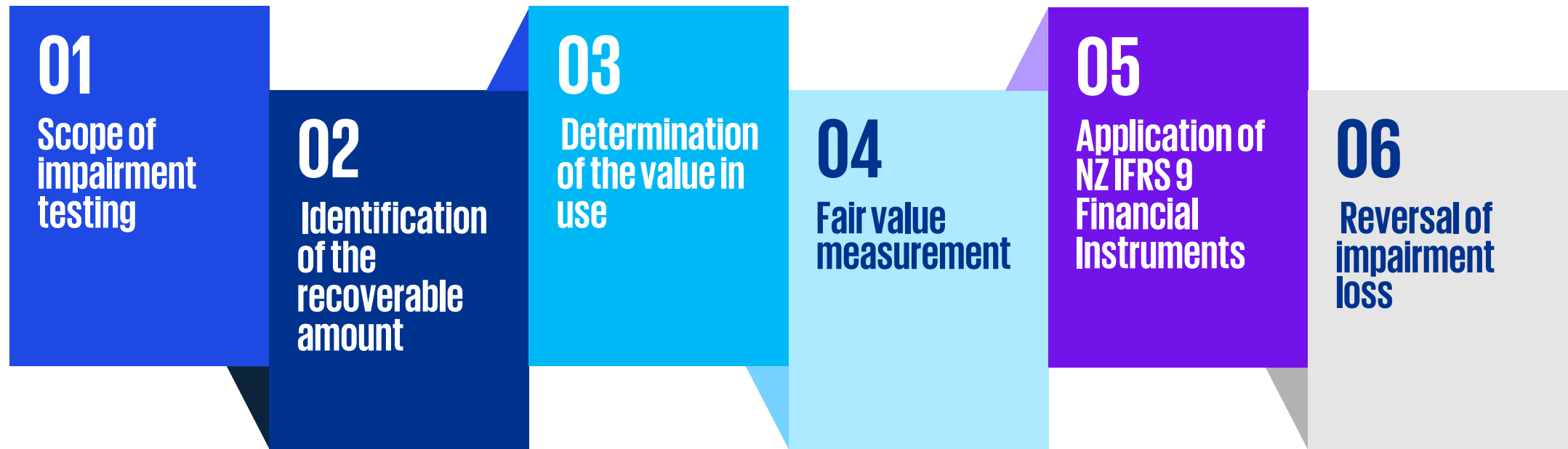


There is no active market for plant 1's component



Impairment – practical issues

Practical issues for impairment testing



Value in use (Discounted cash flow)

	Actual	Forecast →				
Year	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Terminal
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Lease payments						(200)
Capital expenditure	(285)	(180)	(200)	(200)	(200)	(203)
Working capital movement	(28)	(12)	(18)	(23)	(26)	(26)
Tax on EBIT	(338)	(355)	(362)	(369)	(377)	(382)
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Terminal value						6,580
Discount year		1.00	2.00	3.00	4.00	
Discount factor		0.92	0.85	0.78	0.72	0.72
Discounted cash flows		674	614	576	542	4,730
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CGU carrying amount	6,700					
Headroom	437					

Carrying amount	
Goodwill	300
Fixed assets	5,200
Right of use asset	1,200
Lease liability	-
Total CGU	6,700

Assumptions

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1. Key issues?
2. Common mistakes?

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Common errors in value in use impairment test

	Common errors	Key Reminder
1	EBITDA	Cross-checking these assumptions to possible external evidence would support the reasonableness of the discount rate and the cash flows used in determining value in use.
2	Inconsistency of working capital treatment	Cash flow forecasts should be based on the latest management-approved budgets or forecasts. It should be consistent with the assets being tested in the carrying amount.
3	Leases	If it is a post-IFRS 16 test, a key assumption is whether a potential buyer of a CGU will assume the lease liability on disposal or not.
4	Headroom	If the recoverable amount just happen to be slightly over the carrying amount, the DCF could be adapted in some way just get them over the line.
5	Post-tax discount rate disclosed in financial statement.	In practice, post-tax discount rate is used along with post-tax cash flows. However, for disclosure purposes, the pre-tax discount rate should be disclosed.
6	Real vs Nominal cash flows	Nominal cash flows are most commonly used in cash flow forecasts and these include effects of general inflation/CPI. However, not all costs experience the same exposure to inflation.

Other common errors

Common errors	Key Reminder
Assumptions	The cashflows and assumptions should be reasonable and supportable. For example, If market capitalisation is lower than a VIU calculation, the appropriateness of the assumptions should be challenged.
Formula errors	Formulas should be checked as part of the review process.
Foreign currency	When an asset or CGU generates cash flows in a foreign currency, those cash flows should first be estimated in the currency in which they will be generated. These cash flows should be discounted using a discount rate appropriate for that currency.
Tax expenses/losses	If tax cash outflows are calculated by multiplying EBIT by the statutory tax rate and discounted using a post tax discount rate, then the carrying value of any recognised deferred tax assets/deferred tax liability should be excluded from the total carrying value of the CGU used in impairment testing.



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