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IFRS 18 | IFRIC agenda decisions

Discussions on new and existing requirements



In its September meeting, the IFRS® Interpretations Committee discussed three new technical issues. One relates to IFRS 18 *Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements*. The other two address existing requirements in IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments* and IAS 16 *Property, Plant and*

Equipment. All three discussions are important because they address practical application questions on new and existing requirements.

In our latest video, part of a series on key discussions by the Committee, Volker Specht summarises what was covered.



After seven years, KPMG's Global IFRS Leader Brian O'Donovan has stepped down from his role as a member of the IFRS® Interpretations Committee – the IFRIC. Now joining the Committee is Volker Specht, Chief Accountant with KPMG in Germany.

In our latest video, part of a series on key discussions by the Committee, Brian and Volker share their views on the role of the Committee, its key strengths and some headline challenges for the future.



Bookmark our IFRIC agenda decisions page for our latest insights on the work of the IFRS Interpretations Committee. The IFRS Foundation also publishes updates of the Committee's meetings.

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Telcos | Are you ready for IFRS 18?

Don't underestimate the effort required



IFRS 18 *Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements* is effective from 1 January 2027 and applies retrospectively, with comparatives restated.

Our new IFRS 18 guides highlight the key industry-specific impacts for telecommunication companies (telcos), as they get into the detail and think about how the new requirements apply to their specific circumstances.

Telcos will be impacted, whether it be the more structured income statement, disclosed and audited MPMs or enhanced aggregation and disaggregation of information.

The impact may depend on current presentation practices.

Read our article to find out more.

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First Impressions | IFRS 20

Our detailed insights and analysis



IFRS 20 Regulatory Assets and Regulatory Liabilities is here.

IFRS 20 introduces a new accounting model under which a company subject to rate regulation, that meets the scope criteria, recognises regulatory assets and regulatory liabilities.

Our First Impressions publication provides detailed insights, using a step-by-step approach and illustrative examples to show how companies might apply IFRS 20.

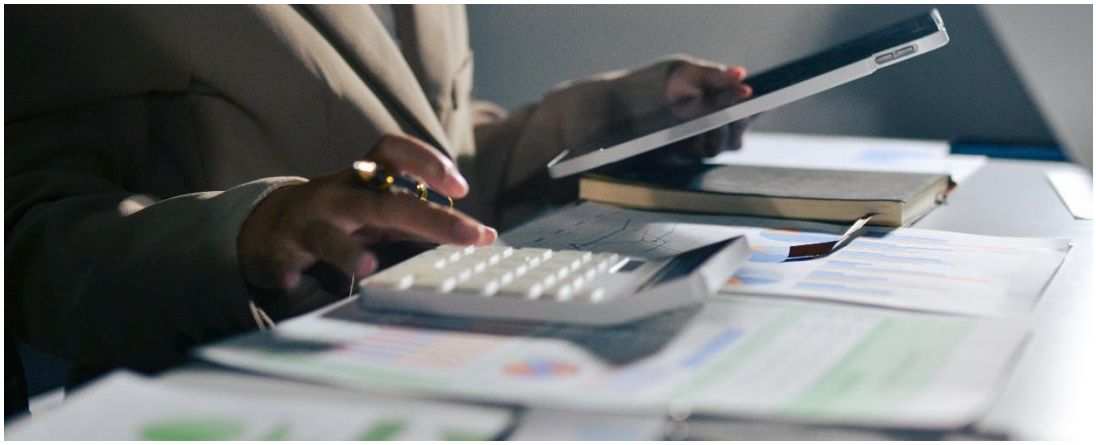
Read our article to find out more.

Consider whether you are required to apply IFRS 20 and, if so, what the implications will be for your company.

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Fair value option in IAS 28

IASB issues targeted amendments ahead of IFRS 18



The way companies account for their investments in associates and joint ventures impacts how they classify the related income and expenses in the statement of profit or loss. As companies prepare to transition to IFRS 18 *Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements*, questions have been raised about who can apply the fair value option in IAS 28 *Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures*.

Under the targeted amendments issued by the International Accounting Standards Board, more companies may now be eligible to measure investments in associates and joint ventures at fair value through profit or loss.

A company applies the amendments to IAS 28 when it first applies IFRS 18. IFRS 18 transitional requirements allow eligible companies to elect the fair value option for their investments in associates and joint ventures on initial application.

Companies should act now to assess their eligibility. Eligible companies should also assess the related presentation impacts when deciding whether to take advantage of the one-time opportunity to elect the fair value option on transition to IFRS 18.

Read our article to find out more.

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Carve-outs | Navigating the reporting challenges

Mergers and acquisitions (M&A)



Mergers and acquisitions (M&A) activity is increasingly characterised by fewer, larger and more strategic transactions, with carve-outs becoming a key tool for organisations seeking to streamline portfolios and focus investment on core businesses.

According to Josh Martin, the KPMG Global Head of Transaction Services, successful transactions depend on early preparation and disciplined execution across operations, technology, talent and AI.

As carve-out activity increases, so does the need for robust financial reporting. Users and regulators often require combined and carve-out financial statements because they provide meaningful and decision-useful information. However, preparing them can be complex and may require significant judgement, particularly as IFRS Accounting Standards do not specifically address combined and carve-out financial reporting. As a result, practices have evolved differently across jurisdictions.

Our Combined and Carve-out Financial Statements guide can help. It draws on practical experience and observations from recent transactions, highlighting common approaches and areas of diversity in practice to help organisations navigate these reporting challenges with confidence.

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IFRS 16 | Lease accounting

Read our updated overview publication



Some years on from the adoption of IFRS 16 *Leases*, many of its original implementation challenges continue to raise application issues. These include deciding whether a transaction is, or contains, a lease and determining whether lease payments are fixed or variable in nature.

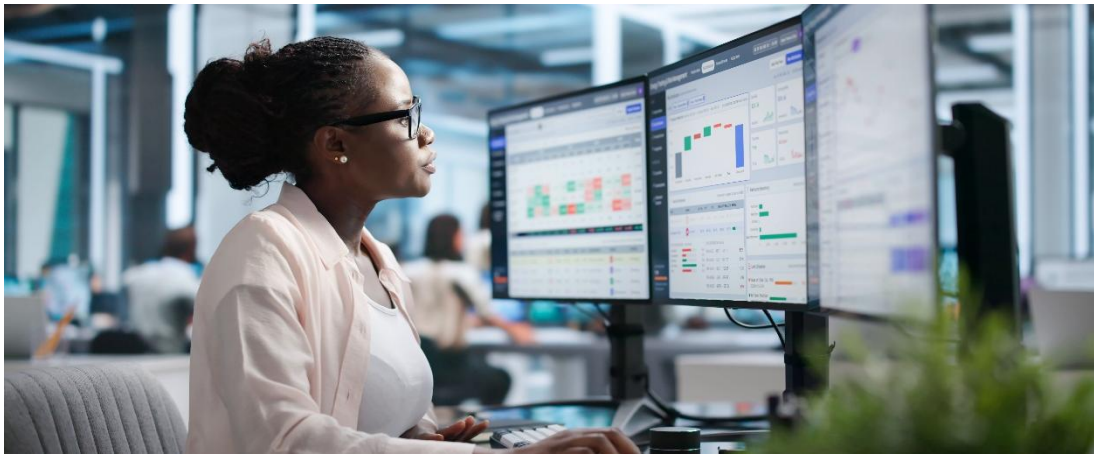
Meanwhile, adopting new processes or new technologies (e.g. those relating to renewable energy and AI) are creating new challenges for companies.

Our updated publication IFRS 16 – An overview provides you with examples and insights to help you understand the standard's requirements and their impacts on your financial statements. If you are looking for a practical overview of IFRS 16, or just a refresher, you've come to the right place.

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IFRS 9 and IFRS 7 – Review of hedge accounting and related disclosure requirements

Take this opportunity to give feedback



To understand whether they are delivering their intended outcomes, the International Accounting Standards Board is reviewing the hedge accounting requirements in IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments* and the related disclosures in IFRS 7 *Financial Instruments: Disclosures*.

The IASB asks whether:

- the requirements provide a clear basis to apply them appropriately and consistently, and to make appropriate judgements;
- the hedge accounting disclosures provide useful information, and
- the costs and benefits of applying the requirements are reasonable.

Read our article.

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IFRS Foundation | Reducing the size of the boards

Proposals impact board size, geographical allocation and voting arrangements



The practicalities of setting IFRS® Standards face a significant overhaul, under new proposals issued by the IFRS Foundation to streamline its operations. This forms part of an ongoing strategic review intended to ensure that the Foundation remains fit for the future and continues to deliver the global standards within its available resources.

The Trustees propose to amend the Constitution and reduce the size of the International Accounting Standards Board and the International Sustainability Standards Board from 14 to 8–12 members. This would impact, for example, the:

- geographical allocation of board members; and
- voting arrangements.

Read our article to find out more. Have your say on the proposals which are open for comment until 16 November 2026.

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Insights into IFRS®

Tell your own story



Heightened global uncertainty is impacting different businesses in different ways. Users of your reports need a clear and connected story that helps them understand:

- the specific challenges and opportunities your company is facing;
- how you are responding; and
- what judgements, estimates and assumptions you are making.

Insights into IFRS is here to help you tell your own story. This 23rd edition includes our up-to-date guidance on key aspects of financial reporting, including the upcoming changes required by IFRS 18 – the new presentation accounting standard.

To learn more, read our article.

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