

IAS 7 and IAS 33: Cash Flow per Share Information

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Since 2003, Canadian standards have specifically prohibited financial statement presentation of cash flow per share information. IFRSs are silent on this issue; neither IAS 7 *Statement of Cash Flows* nor IAS 33 *Earnings per Share* specifically discusses cash flow per share. Two views were presented on whether cash flows per share information can be presented under IFRSs:

- (a) View A — per share information based on other metrics is not permitted. IAS 33 only addresses per share information based on earnings.
- (b) View B — in the absence of a specific prohibition, cash flow per share is acceptable.

The issue was whether a request should be made to the IFRS Interpretations Committee for clarification of the appropriate accounting treatment.

As there is a current related project by the IASB, the members recommended communicating with the staff of the IASB's project on earnings per share because it is not clear whether presentation of cash flow per share information is acceptable under IFRSs.