

Disclosure Requirements in IFRS® Standards – A Pilot Approach (Proposed amendments to IFRS 13 and IAS 19)

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COMMENTS TO AcSB MUST BE RECEIVED BY
January 12, 2022

We value your input and look forward to your feedback on this Exposure Draft.

The response deadlines to these International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and Accounting Standards Board (AcSB) Exposure Drafts are the same, but should you desire the AcSB to consider your comments prior to finalizing its comment letter, please feel free to submit your comment letter earlier. Following the deadline, your feedback to the AcSB is considered as part of our IFRS Standards endorsement process. We also share Canadian feedback with the IASB through our involvement in international activities.

We therefore encourage you to respond directly to the IASB and copy the AcSB on your response.

Responses to our Canadian-specific question in this Exposure Draft should be sent directly to the AcSB by uploading your response letter via this [online form](#).

Please address your response to:

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This Exposure Draft reflects a proposal made by the IASB that the AcSB intends to adopt, subject to deliberating comments received, as Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Individuals and organizations are invited to send written comments on the Exposure Draft proposals. Comments are requested from those who agree with the Exposure Draft as well as from those who do not.

Comments are most helpful if they relate to a specific paragraph or group of paragraphs. Any comments that express disagreement with the proposals in the Exposure Draft should clearly explain the problem and include a suggested alternative, supported by specific reasoning. All comments received by the AcSB will be available on the website shortly after the comment deadline unless confidentiality is requested. The request for confidentiality must be stated explicitly within the response.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Accounting Standards Board (AcSB) proposes, subject to comments received following exposure, to incorporate into Part I of the CPA Canada Handbook – Accounting, amendments to IFRS 13 *Fair Value Measurement* and IAS 19 *Employee Benefits*.

IASB® Exposure Draft

The International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) recently issued the Exposure Draft, “[Disclosure Requirements in IFRS Standards — A Pilot Approach \(Proposed amendments to IFRS 13 and IAS 19\)](#),” which is available on the IASB website at www.ifrs.org. The IASB’s Exposure Draft proposes a new approach to developing disclosure requirements in IFRS Standards as well as new disclosure requirements for IFRS 13 and IAS 19. These proposals emphasize applying judgment and reducing “boilerplate” information in an effort to give investors more useful information. Disclosure requirements developed using this approach are intended to better enable preparers, auditors and others to make more effective materiality judgments and, thus, provide disclosures that are more useful to investors. The new approach is written as draft guidance for use by the IASB when developing disclosure requirements in individual standards. In applying this guidance, the IASB aims to:

- enhance investor engagement to ensure the IASB has an in-depth understanding of investors’ information needs and clearly explains those needs in the standards;
- give greater prominence to the objective of disclosure requirements, requiring companies to apply judgment and provide information to meet the described investor needs; and
- minimize requirements to disclose particular items of information to help companies focus on disclosing material information only.

The IASB tested this new approach using IFRS 13 and IAS 19, and proposes amendments to the disclosure requirements in those standards in the Exposure Draft.

The IASB’s Exposure Draft includes a Basis for Conclusions that is not part of this Exposure Draft. This material may provide useful information to stakeholders.

Comments requested

The AcSB encourages Canadian stakeholders to respond to the IASB on its Exposure Draft. Specific questions on which the IASB would like input are provided in the Invitation to Comment in its Exposure Draft. The AcSB requests that comment letters be sent directly to the IASB, with a copy to the AcSB.

The AcSB would like input from Canadian respondents on the following additional question regarding the proposed amendment:

The IASB has developed the proposed amendment in accordance with its due process for application around the world. Assuming the Exposure Draft proposal is finalized and approved by the IASB in accordance with its due process, do you think that the proposal is appropriate for application in Canada? If not, please specify which aspects of the proposal, and what circumstances, make the accounting requirement proposed in the Exposure Draft inappropriate.

Send responses to this additional question directly to the AcSB.

Comment on this document by uploading your response letter via this [online form](#).

The deadline for responding to the IASB on its Exposure Draft is January 12, 2022.¹ Responses to the AcSB on the additional question set out above are due on the same date.

1. At its meeting on July 21, 2021, the IASB extended the comment period on its Exposure Draft to January 12, 2022.

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