

# INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS (IFRS)

## *AN OVERVIEW*

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# Brief History of IFRS

| S.No | Section                    | Overview                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| 1    | Background                 | IFRS are standards and interpretations adopted by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB)<br>International Accounting Standards (IAS) were issued by the International Accounting Standard Committee (IASC) between 1973 and 2000.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 2    | Boards/Committees Involved | The IASB which is governed by IFRS Foundation replaced the IASC in 2001 and made a couple of changes -<br>-Amended some IASs<br>-Replaced some IASs with new IFRSs<br>-Issued certain new IFRSs on topics for which there was no previous IAS.<br>-Through IFRS Interpretations Committee, develops interpretations for approval by the IASB, and undertakes tasks at the request of the IASB.                                                                                                                                                 |
| 3    | Objective of IFRS          | Financial Reports are the Key reports for investors to make investment decisions. The financial performance of the organisation is evaluated on the basis of financial reports. In order to analyse & compare the financial reports of multiple entities accurately, it is extremely important that the companies are following the same set of accounting standards while preparing their financial reports. That's why, this was the key objective to have general accepted set of reporting standards which was introduced as IFRS and IAS. |
| 4    | Uses of IFRS               | Many Jurisdictions have reporting requirements for listed and other types of entity that include presenting financial statements that are prepared in accordance with a set of generally accepted accounting principles. IFRS is increasingly that prescribed set of principles and is used extensively around the world and meeting its objectives.                                                                                                                                                                                           |

# Accounting principles and applicability of IFRS

IFRSs are intended to be applied by profit-orientated entities. These entities' financial statements give information about performance, position and cash flow that is useful to a range of users in making financial decisions. These users include shareholders, creditors, employees and the general public. A complete set of financial statements includes:

- A statement of financial position;
- A statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income;
- A statement of changes in equity;
- A statement of cash flows;
- Notes; and
- A statement of financial position as at the beginning of the earliest comparative period, but only when an accounting policy has been applied retrospectively or items in the financial statements have been restated or reclassified.
- Comparative information ( i.e. minimum of two of each of the above statements – one for the current period and one for the preceding period plus related notes)

# Current status of IFRS and IAS

| S.No | Particulars                                                                         | Descriptions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| 1    | Status of issued IFRS, IAS, IFRIC interpretations and SIC interpretations till date | <p>Till now, IASB, IFRIC and SIC has issued:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ 17 IFRS</li> <li>✓ 28 IAS</li> <li>✓ 20 interpretations by IFRIC (International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee)</li> <li>✓ 8 Interpretations by SIC (Standard Interpretations Committee)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                     |
| 2    | Changes in IFRS                                                                     | <p>Mandatory new IFRS for Quarter-1 (at 31 March 2018) are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ IFRS 9 Financial Instruments replaces IAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement.</li> <li>✓ IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers</li> <li>✓ IFRS 16 Leases</li> </ul> <p><u>Other new IFRS not mandatory</u></p> <p>IFRS 17 Insurance contracts supersedes IFRS 4 Insurance Contracts as of 1 January 2021</p> |
| 3    | Changes in IFRIC Interpretations                                                    | <p>Mandatory new IFRIC for Quarter-1 (at 31 March 2018) are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ IFRIC 22 Foreign Currency Transactions and Advance Consideration</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

# OVERVIEW OF IFRS (*Contd.*)

| S.No | Particulars                                                               | Overview                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| 1    | IFRS 1 First-time Adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards | <p>a) It Prescribes the procedures when an entity adopts IFRSs for the first time as the basis for preparing its general purpose financial statements.</p> <p>b) Procedure involves Select accounting policies based on IFRS, retrospective restatement of Balance sheet with necessary adjustments, presenting of opening balance sheet as comparative with current period</p>                |
| 2    | IFRS 2 Share-based Payment                                                | This standard prescribes the accounting for transactions in which an entity receives or acquires goods or services either as consideration for its equity instruments or by incurring liabilities for amounts based on the price of the entity's shares or other equity instruments of the entity.                                                                                             |
| 3    | IFRS 3 Business Combinations                                              | <p>a) Under this standard, an acquirer of a business recognises the assets acquired and liabilities assumed at their acquisition-date fair values and discloses information that enables users to evaluate the nature and financial effects of the acquisition.</p> <p>b) A business combination is a transaction or event in which an acquirer obtains control of one or more businesses.</p> |
| 4    | IFRS 4 Insurance Contracts                                                | <p>a) It prescribes the financial reporting for insurance contracts and this standard applies to insurance contracts that an entity issues.</p> <p>b) Further, requires a test for the adequacy of recognised insurance liabilities and an impairment test for reinsurance assets.</p>                                                                                                         |
| 5    | IFRS 5 Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations       | It sets out the accounting for non-current assets held for sale and the presentation and disclosure of discontinued operations.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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| S.No | Particulars                                                | Overview                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| 6    | IFRS 6 Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources | Prescribes the financial reporting for the exploration for and evaluation of mineral resources until the IASB completes a comprehensive project in this area.                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 7    | IFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures                  | Prescribes disclosures that enable financial statement users to evaluate the significance of financial instruments to an entity, the nature and extent of their risks, and how the entity manages those risks.                                                                                                                         |
| 8    | IFRS 8 Operating Segments                                  | Requires entities to disclose segmental information that is consistent with how it is reported internally to the chief operating decision maker.                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 9    | IFRS 9 Financial Instruments                               | Sets out requirements for recognition and measurement of financial instruments, including impairment, derecognition and general hedge accounting.                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 10   | IFRS 10 Consolidated Financial Statements                  | This one sets out a single model for determining whether an entity controls one or more other entities.<br>Control can be through voting rights of investors or through other contractual arrangements as is common in special purpose entities.                                                                                       |
| 11   | IFRS 11 Joint Arrangements                                 | Prescribes out the principles for identifying whether an entity has a joint arrangement, and if it does whether it is a joint venture or joint operation                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 12   | IFRS 12 Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities          | Requires information to be disclosed in an entity's financial statements that will enable users of those statements to evaluate the nature of, and risks associated with, the entity's interests in other entities as well as the effects of those interests on the entity's financial position, financial performance and cash flows. |

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| 13   | IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement                | <p>a) Defines fair value and provides guidance on how to estimate it. IFRS 13 also prescribes the required disclosures about fair value measurements. However, IFRS 13 does not stipulate which items should be measured or disclosed at fair value.</p> <p>b) Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 14   | IFRS 14 Regulatory Deferral Accounts          | <p>The standard permits an entity that is a first-time adopter of IFRSs to continue to account, with some limited changes, for 'regulatory deferral account balances' in accordance with its previous GAAP, both on initial adoption of IFRSs and in subsequent financial statements. IFRS 14 was issued as a temporary solution pending a more comprehensive review of rate regulation by the IASB (see the IASB project summary).</p> <p>Further, Regulatory deferral account balances are presented separately in the statement of financial position and movements in these account balances must also be presented separately in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income. Specific disclosures are also required.</p> |
| 15   | IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers | <p>Prescribes the accounting for revenue from sales of goods and rendering of services to a customer.</p> <p>The Standard applies only to revenue that arises from a contract with a customer. Other revenue such as from dividends received would be recognised in accordance with other standards.</p> <p>Annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018 with earlier application permitted.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

# SNAPSHOT OF IAS

| S.No | Overview                                                                        |
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| 1    | IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements                                      |
| 2    | IAS 2 Inventories                                                               |
| 3    | IAS 7 Statement of Cash Flows                                                   |
| 4    | IAS 8 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors           |
| 5    | IAS 10 Events after the Reporting Period                                        |
| 6    | IAS 11 Construction Contracts                                                   |
| 7    | IAS 12 Income Taxes                                                             |
| 8    | IAS 16 Property, Plant and Equipment                                            |
| 9    | IAS 17 Leases                                                                   |
| 10   | IAS 18 Revenue                                                                  |
| 11   | IAS 19 Employee Benefits                                                        |
| 12   | IAS 20 Accounting for Government Grants and Disclosure of Government Assistance |
| 13   | IAS 21 The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates                         |

| S.No | Overview                                                        |
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| 14   | IAS 23 Borrowing Costs                                          |
| 15   | IAS 24 Related Party Disclosures                                |
| 16   | IAS 26 Accounting and Reporting by Retirement Benefit Plans     |
| 17   | IAS 27 Separate Financial Statements                            |
| 18   | IAS 28 Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures             |
| 19   | IAS 29 Financial Reporting in Hyperinflationary Economies       |
| 20   | IAS 32 Financial Instruments: Presentation                      |
| 21   | IAS 33 Earnings per Share                                       |
| 22   | IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting                              |
| 23   | IAS 36 Impairment of Assets                                     |
| 24   | IAS 37 Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets |
| 25   | IAS 38 Intangible Assets                                        |
| 26   | IAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement       |
| 27   | IAS 40 Investment Property                                      |
| 28   | IAS 41 Agriculture                                              |

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