

Monthly roundup - March 2014

Staying on top of financial reporting developments

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Monthly highlights

IASB defers the finalisation of the new 'Revenue Recognition Standard'.

Following its recent meeting in February 2014, the IASB has once again deferred the finalisation of revenue recognition standard and the project is still in redeliberation phase. The new revenue recognition standard is now expected to be finalised in the second quarter of 2014. The highly anticipated new revenue recognition standard was previously expected to be finalised in quarter one of 2014 after the IASB confirmed in November 2013 that the Board were satisfied with the efforts to date and the balloting process would commence.

The tentatively agreed effective date for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2017, with early application not permitted remains unchanged. For Australian entities with a June year-end, this means the first time application of the new revenue recognition standard is expected to be the year ended 30 June 2018. In light of the announcement, entities should remain alert for the changes to the new revenue recognition standard and consider the impacts of the standard in the industry once the standard is finalised.

Please click for:

- [IASB Work Plan](#)
- [IAS Plus Revenue recognition project insights](#)

New pronouncements

(A listing of new accounting standards, interpretations, exposure drafts, discussion papers and similar documents issued during the month by the AASB and IASB/IFRIC, along with other IFRS-related documents by other bodies that may be of interest and related links to Deloitte publications and alerts. **See also our What's new in the December 2013 financial reporting cycle summary.**)

Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB)

Pronouncement	Key dates	More information
No new significant pronouncements were issued by the AASB in February 2014		

International Accounting Standards Board (IASB)

Pronouncement	Key dates	More information
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Standard setter meetings

(A listing of meetings of various standard setters during the month or where documents were issued during the month in respect of the previous month's meetings, with links to our analysis, agenda papers and so on.)

Meeting	Highlights	More information
IASB regular meeting 19-20 February 2014	Topics discussed were as follows (click on the links for direct access to the Deloitte observer notes for that topic) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rate-regulated activities • IFRS Interpretations Committee issues • Agriculture: Bearer plants • Fair value measurement: unit of account • Financial instruments - Impairment (including effective date of IFRS 9) • Financial instruments - Limited amendments to IFRS 9 (classification and measurement) 	Deloitte observer notes IASB update (PDF)
AASB regular meeting 13 February 2014	Key issues discussed include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IFRS Interpretations Committee – decided to write to the IFRS Interpretations Committee on a number of matters • Annual Improvements – discussed key issues to raise in its submission to the IASB • IPSASB – finalised key issues on 'Interest in other entities' and the 'Future governance of IPSASB' to raise in its submission to the IPSASB • IFRS for SMEs – finalised key issues to raise in its submission to the IASB. 	AASB action alert (PDF)

New Deloitte publications

(Key IFRS-related and other publications issued by Deloitte during the month, not covered elsewhere. You can find full details and back issues of our various publications by following these links:

Accounting alerts, [IAS Plus publications](#), [IFRS in Focus Newsletters](#), [Webcasts](#) and [Podcasts](#).)

IFRS publications

- [IFRS on Point — January 2014](#) (PDF) highlights critical IFRS-related financial reporting developments for the month.

Deloitte Webcasts and podcasts

- [Deloitte IFRS podcast – IASB's and FASB's proposed reforms to classification and measurement of financial instruments](#) discusses the approach to classification and measurement of financial instruments taken by both Boards, considering the similarities as well as the differences between their proposals.

Deloitte Comment letter

- Deloitte [comment letter](#) on ED/2013/9 'Proposed amendments to International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities'
- Deloitte [comment letter](#) on ED/2013/10 'Equity Method in Separate Financial Statements.'

Other developments

(A brief listing of other financial reporting developments during the month. A full summary of all IFRS-related developments can be found in our [February historical summary on IAS Plus](#). You can also subscribe to our [Deloitte IAS Plus RSS feed](#) to be kept informed of developments as they happen).

Australian-specific topics

- The Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) has updated its [work programme](#) as at 18 February 2014
- The AASB has submitted a [comment letter](#) to the IASB on ED/2013/10 'Equity Method in Separate Financial Statements' (Proposed amendments to IAS 27)
- The AASB has issued [ITC 30](#) "Request for Comment on IASB Request for Information on Post-implementation Review: IFRS 3 Business Combinations"
- The AASB has submitted a [comment letter](#) to the IASB on DP/2013/1 A Review of the Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting
- The AASB has submitted a [comment letter](#) to the IFRS Interpretation Committee's tentative agenda decision in relation to stapling arrangements
- The AASB has submitted a [comment letter](#) to the IASB on ED/2013/9 'Proposed amendments to the International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities'
- The AASB has published a [staff paper](#) on disclosures and materiality.

International Accounting Standards Board

- IASB decides on final effective date of IFRS 9 ([IAS Plus Article](#))
- The IASB has published a new series of investor-focused education webcasts to keep the investor community informed on recent accounting matters. The webcasts are done in collaboration with the CFA Institute ([IAS Plus article](#))
- The IASB has updated its [work programme](#) as at 25 February 2014.

Other global news

- The Professional Accountants in Business Committee (PAIB) of the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) has released a draft guide on the use of supplementary financial measures, such as earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA), underlying profit and free cash flow. The guide provides principles regarding the qualities a measure should have and disclosures that should accompany externally reported measures ([IAS Plus article](#))
- The European Financial Reporting Advisory Group (EFRAG) and the standard-setters of France, Germany, Italy and the UK invite European companies to share their practical experiences with IFRS 3 'Business Combinations' (and any consequential amendments to other Standards) in order to learn whether IFRS 3 is working as intended for European companies applying IFRS ([IAS Plus article](#))
- The European Financial Reporting Advisory Group (EFRAG) has announced the composition of the EFRAG Technical Expert Group (TEG) to take effect as of 1 April 2014 ([IAS Plus article](#))
- The Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) tentatively decided to abandon its convergence efforts with the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) on insurance contracts ([IAS Plus article](#))
- The European Financial Reporting Advisory Group (EFRAG) has updated its Endorsement Status Report to reflect the Accounting Regulatory Committee (ARC) voting in favour of IFRIC 21 'Levies' ([IAS Plus article](#)).