
IFRS Foundation Trustees meeting – Due Process Oversight Committee

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Topic **Educational material — review of due process**
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This document is prepared for discussion at a public meeting of the IFRS Foundation Trustees' Due Process Oversight Committee (DPOC). The Trustees are responsible for governance of the IFRS Foundation, oversight of the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and the International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB), and for delivery of the IFRS Foundation's objectives as set out in the IFRS Foundation *Constitution*.

Purpose

1. The purpose of this paper is to report to the DPOC, in accordance with paragraph 8.11 of the Due Process Handbook (*Handbook*), on the educational material published by the Foundation on its website to support the consistent application of IFRS Accounting Standards. The report covers the year to 30 September 2024.
2. The staff confirms that all educational material published in the year to 30 September 2024 has received the level of review required by the *Handbook*.

Question for the DPOC

3. On the basis of the descriptions set out in the [Appendix](#), does the DPOC agree that educational material published in the year to 30 September 2024 has been appropriately reviewed as specified by paragraph 8.10 of the *Handbook*?

Background

4. Educational material refers to material published on the IFRS Foundation website related to *issued* IFRS Accounting Standards, including webcasts, articles, presentations for conferences and *IFRS for SMEs* training material (ie it does not include any materials relating to ongoing projects). For these purposes it does not include:
 - (a) Illustrative Examples accompanying an IFRS Accounting Standard and that are published with that Accounting Standard—these form part of the package that is balloted by the IASB;
 - (b) Agenda Decisions published by the Interpretations Committee—the Committee follows the due process requirements in paragraphs 8.2–8.7 of the *Handbook*.
5. Paragraphs 8.8 and 8.9 of the *Handbook* explain that:

...Educational material is not part of the [Accounting] Standards and cannot add or change requirements in the [Accounting] Standards.

The development of educational material does not take place in public meetings and is not subjected to the public scrutiny that is given to the development of IFRS [Accounting] Standards. Nonetheless, educational material is subject to quality assurance processes reflecting the nature and complexity of the material, and to ensure that the material does not add or change requirements in the [Accounting] Standards and is clearly distinguished from the [Accounting] Standards.

6. Paragraph 8.10 of the *Handbook* specifies the review required for educational material as follows:
- In order to meet the assurances in paragraph 8.9, educational material is subjected to at least the following level of review:
- a. high-level summaries of the requirements in an IFRS [Accounting] Standard, such as introductory webcasts on a new [Accounting] Standard, are reviewed by an [IASB] member;
 - b. more detailed materials explaining the requirements in an [Accounting] Standard, such as a webcast on specific aspects of an [Accounting] Standard, are reviewed by two IASB members; and
 - c. material explaining or illustrating how the requirements in an [Accounting] Standard might be applied to particular transactions or other circumstances, such as a new example demonstrating how the requirements might be applied to a particular fact pattern, are reviewed by three [IASB] members.
7. In recent years, educational material has typically been developed when the IFRS Foundation can provide a particular value add to what is already produced in the market, such as to:
- (a) support the implementation of new IFRS Accounting Standards.
 - (b) support understanding and application of existing IFRS Accounting Standards that have become more relevant due to global developments, such as the reporting of climate-related risks in the financial statements.
 - (c) communicate the work of the IASB to investors.
8. The increase in educational materials compared to the prior year is due to the issuance of two new Standards (IFRS 18 and IFRS 19) during the period. The objective of these materials is to raise awareness of the new Standards and support stakeholders in the implementation of the Standards.

Educational material published and level of review

9. Educational material published since the last review at 30 September 2023 is set out in the [Appendix](#) to this paper, categorised by the levels of review required by paragraph 8.10 of the *Handbook* (as described above). The staff confirms that the contents of the materials are accurately described in the Appendix and that the level of review meets the requirements of the *Handbook*.
10. The reviews consider both the technical accuracy of the material as well as ensuring the material is educational, explanatory information about IFRS Accounting Standards, and does not add or change requirements in the Accounting Standards. In practice, the level of review for the material set out below has often exceeded the minimum specified.

Appendix

Educational materials published in the year to 30 September 2024

<i>Level of review specified in paragraph 8.10(a)—1 IASB member</i>
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Subscriber Newsletter—January 2024:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Required Standards○ Pillar Two tax reform• Webcast: Overview of the forthcoming IFRS Accounting Standard—IFRS 18• IFRS 18—Four articles available in Japanese only for Keieizaimu (a Japanese weekly accounting magazine)• IFRS 18—Introduction video (available in English, Chinese, French, Spanish, Portuguese and Spanish)• IFRS 18—On one page• World Standard-setters Conference 2024 slides—IFRS 18 Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements• IFRS 19—Introducing IFRS 19• Webcast: IFRS 19—Overview of the Standard• Webcast: IFRS 19—Effects of the Standard – from preparer’s perspective• Webcast: IFRS 19—Effects of the Standard – from regulator’s perspective• Webcast: Implementing IFRS 19—Insights from Global Preparers and IASB members |
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<i>Level of review specified in paragraph 8.10(b)—2 IASB members</i>

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Webinar series: New requirements in IFRS 18 explained |
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<i>Level of review specified in paragraph 8.10(c)—3 IASB members</i>

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Investor Perspectives article—Providing insights into cash flow economics• World Standard-setters Conference 2024 slides— Connectivity between the financial statements and sustainability-related financial disclosures¹ |
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¹ In addition to review by three members of the IASB, these slides were reviewed by three members of the ISSB.