

## *Book Review*

### **THE WILEY 2017 INTERPRETATION AND APPLICATION OF IFRS STANDARDS**

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The book is in continuation to its earlier versions and has presented comprehensive coverage of the various aspects and dimensions of IFRS along with the latest developments which have been carefully incorporated.

The book has 36 chapters spanning over 1010 pages which include the detailed index of the key words used in the book. The first chapter focuses on the Introduction to International Financial Reporting Standards which vividly gives details about the origin and the early history of International Accounting Standards Board (IASB), latest updates about the current structure of IASB, detailed process of IFRS Standard setting. It also includes the convergence of IASB and Financial Reporting in US and Europe.

The second chapter has provided focus on the conceptual framework of IFRS propounded in 2010 along with the purpose, the accounting model, the objective of General Purpose Financial Statements. The chapter also includes the discussion paper as an outcome of the conceptual framework project done in 2013.

The third chapter cover the dimension of presentation of the financial statements. This chapter has explained the various terms and objective/purpose of the financial statements. It has also included the aspect of fair presentation and compliance with IFRS. It covers the structure and content along with the complete set of financial statements, statement of compliance with IFRS, Accounting policies, and also includes fairness exception under IAS I and other disclosures required by IAS I. The concluding part of the chapter focuses on the future developments, illustrative financial statements and US GAAP comparison.

The fourth chapter has provided focus on the Statement of Financial Position of the organization. The fourth chapter has covered the general concepts, format/structure as well as content of the financial statement on the basis of conceptual framework and IAS I and other standards. This chapter also covers the detailed definition and description of the various terms and terminologies used in the financial statement. This chapter has described the detailed classification of the various assets and liabilities including shareholders' equity.

The fifth chapter has provided focus on Statements of Profit or Loss and other comprehensive income, and changes in equity. This chapter has elaborately covered the definitions of the various terms. The chapter also has explained about income, expenses and gains and losses including statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

The sixth chapter elaborated about the various aspects of statement of cash flows. This chapter has outlined the structure and presentation aspects including classification in the statement of cash flows as well as direct and indirect methods of reporting cash flows from operating activities. This chapter has also described the disclosures along with examples including other disclosures as required or recommended by IAS 7.

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The seventh chapter has emphasized on Accounting Policies, and changes in Accounting Estimates, and Errors and includes the explanation and meaning of the various terms used, details about the accounting policy, changes in the accounting policies, changes in the accounting estimates, and correction of errors.

The eighth chapter has provided focus on Inventory and it covers the recognition and measurement aspects of inventory. This chapter has given elaborate explanation of methods of inventory costing under IAS2 along with examples of financial statement disclosures and US GAAP Comparison.

The ninth chapter has elaborately covered on Property, Plant and Equipment including aspects of measurement, recognition, depreciation, residual value, tax methods, revaluation, and methods of adjusting accumulated depreciation at the time of revaluation. This chapter also covers the aspects of disclosure with examples of financial statement disclosures including US GAAP Comparison.

The tenth chapter has provided focus on borrowing costs including determination of time period for capitalization of borrowing costs, suspension and cessation of capitalization, disclosure requirements pertaining to borrowing costs and US GAAP comparison.

The eleventh chapter has provided focused on the intangible assets and how they dealt in the financial statements. It also covers the aspects of identifiability, and control including future economic benefits of intangible assets. This chapter has also covered the dimensions of amortization period, residual value and impairment losses.

The chapters twelfth to fifteenth have covered the broad details about the investment property, impairment and non-current assets held for sale, consolidations, joint arrangements, associates and separate financial statements and business combinations.

The chapters sixteenth to twentieth have explained about shareholders' equity, share-based payment, current-liabilities, provisions, contingencies, and events after the reporting period, employee benefits, revenue recognition, including construction contracts. The aspect of revenue recognition and measurement has been detailed with various types of contracts, and also in different situation of contracts.

The chapters twenty first to twenty fifth have focused on government grants, leases, foreign currency, financial instruments, and fair value. The chapter on government grants has elaborated various aspects pertaining to recognition, presentation and disclosure, other issues and service concessions.

The chapters twenty sixth to thirtieth has made extensive coverage on income taxes, earnings per share, operating segments, related party disclosures, and accounting and reporting by retirement benefit plans.

The chapters thirty first to thirty sixth has covered aspects pertaining to agriculture, extractive industries, accounting for insurance contracts, interim financial reporting, inflation and hyperinflation and first time adoption of international financial reporting standards.

The last section of the book contains the index which helps the readers to find the presence and detailed coverage of the various terms and terminologies.

The book is one of the most recommended books for the students and faculty members in the domain of commerce, business management, accounting and finance. The book has evolved over a period of time and has been dynamically updated with the changing standards in the changing times. The collective team of illustrious authors from diverse backgrounds have made valuable contributions in the overall presentation of the book. The language of the book is lucid and self-explanatory and is easy for readers at under graduate as well as post graduate levels. The book is highly recommended for students pursuing professional programs in the domain of accounting and finance including CA, CS, ICWA, CPA, CIMA, CFA etc. The content of the book justifies the overall price of the book and is one of the most recommended books for the libraries of the various business schools as well as the departments of commerce/accounting.

I wish the readers all pleasure and enhance understanding of IFRS.

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