



International accounting standards

For all students of the F pillar and all Case Studies
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The CIMA syllabus for the F pillar (and BA3) makes numerous references to the International Accounting Standards. Although students are not expected to learn the title of each one, the content and application of a number of them are an essential part of the learning outcomes and examinable in both objective tests and case study exams.

This table describes the content, briefly, of the standards that are currently in publication and the relevance to each CIMA subject. At the end of this article, we provide a summary of how the examinable date for IFRS is determined for the OT exams and offer illustrative examples.

International financial reporting standards (IFRS)

| Number | Name | Application/relevant articles | Useful to be studied in conjunction with: | Examinable papers |
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| IFRS 1 | First-time adoption of international financial standards | Not examinable | | |
| IFRS 2 | Share- based payment | Not examinable | | |
| IFRS 3 | Business combinations | <p>For the acquirer of a target entity, it explains how to recognise and measure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • assets and liabilities of the acquiree; • any non-controlling interest in the acquiree; and • goodwill or a gain on a bargain purchase. <p>Also explains the disclosure requirements to enable users to determine the nature and financial impact of the business combination.</p> | IAS 27, IAS 28, IFRS 10, IFRS 11 | From F2 |
| IFRS 5 | Non-current assets held for sale and discontinued operations | <p>Defines a non-current asset held for sale and explains how such an asset is measured and presented in the financial statements. The standards also defines what is meant by a discontinued activity and explains the presentation and disclosure of such activities in the financial statements. However, this element of the standard is not examinable.</p> | IAS 16, IAS 36 | From F1 |
| IFRS 6 | Exploration for and Evaluation of mineral assets | Not examinable | | |
| IFRS 7 | Financial instruments: disclosures | Not examinable | | |

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| IFRS 8 | Operating segments | Not examinable | | |
| IFRS 9 | Financial instruments | Provides the recognition and measurement rules for financial instruments. | | From F2 |
| IFRS 10 | Consolidated financial statements | For an entity that controls one or more other entities, sets out the principles for the presentation and preparation of the consolidated financial statements. | IAS 27, IAS 28, IFRS 3, IFRS 11 | From F2 |
| IFRS 11 | Joint arrangements | Sets out the financial reporting principles for entities that have an interest in jointly controlled arrangements. | IAS 27, IAS 28, IFRS 3, IFRS 10 | From F2 |
| IFRS 12 | Disclosure of interests in other entities | Describes the disclosure requirements for an entity that has interests in other entities to enable the users to evaluate the nature and risks of the relationships, in addition to the effects on the group financial statements. | | From F2 |
| IFRS 13 | Fair value measurement | Defines fair value and describes how it is measured as well as the disclosure requirements about such measurements. | | From F2 |
| IFRS 14 | Regulatory deferral accounts | Not examinable | | |
| IFRS 15 | Revenue from contracts with customers | Prescribes the accounting treatment for revenue. | | From F2 |
| IFRS 16 | Leases | Describes the accounting treatment of leases in both the lessee's financial statements (F1) and the lessor's financial statements (F2). Note: accounting for sale and leaseback transactions is not examinable. | | From F1 |
| IFRS 17 | Insurance contracts | Not examinable | | |

International accounting standards (IAS)

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| IAS 1 | Presentation of financial statements | Provides guidance on the presentation of statement of financial position (SoFP), statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income and statement of changes in equity (SOCIE). | | From BA3 |
| IAS 2 | Inventories | Provides guidance on the determination of cost of inventory (raw materials, work in progress and finished goods), its valuation and any subsequent write-offs as an expense. | | From BA3 |
| IAS 7 | Statement of cash flows | Provides guidance on definitions of cash and cash equivalents and how to present cash flows in a statement of cash flows. | | From BA3 |
| IAS 8 | Accounting policies, changes in accounting estimates and errors | Not examinable | | |
| IAS 10 | Events after the reporting date | Describes the definition of events after the reporting period and explains how they are accounted for and any disclosures required. | | From F1 |
| IAS 12 | Income taxes | Prescribes the accounting treatment of income taxes and deferred tax. | | From F2 |
| IAS 16 | Property, plant and equipment | Explains the recognition and measurement of property, plant and equipment. This includes initial cost, subsequent expenditure, depreciation and revaluation of such assets. | IAS 36, IAS 38, IFRS 5 | From BA3 |
| IAS 19 | Employee benefits | Not examinable | | |
| IAS 20 | Accounting for government grants and the disclosure of government assistance | Not examinable. | | |

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| IAS 21 | The effects of changes in foreign exchange rates | Considers the accounting treatment of transactions in a currency other than the entity's home currency. This includes transactions for an individual entity and how to translate a subsidiary entity in preparation for consolidation. | | F2 |
| IAS 23 | Borrowing costs | Not examinable | | |
| IAS 24 | Related party disclosures | Explains the disclosure requirements that draw attention to the possibility that the statements of financial position and profit or loss may be affected by transactions and outstanding balances with parties related to the entity. | | From F2 |
| IAS 26 | Accounting and reporting by Retirement Benefit Plans | Not examinable | | |
| IAS 27 | Separate financial statements | Outlines the accounting and disclosure requirements for investments in subsidiaries, joint ventures and associates when an entity prepares separate financial statements. | IFRS 3, IFRS 10, IFRS 11, IAS 28 | From F2 |
| IAS 28 | Investments in associates and joint ventures | Explains how to account for investments in associates. This includes the application of the equity method used when accounting for associates and joint ventures. | IAS 27, IFRS 3, IFRS 10, IFRS 11 | From F2 |
| IAS 29 | Financial reporting in hyperinflationary economies | Not examinable | | |
| IAS 32 | Financial instruments: presentation | Prescribes the presentation of financial instruments. | IFRS 7, IFRS 9 | From F2 |
| IAS 33 | Earnings per share | Prescribes the principles for the calculation and presentation of basic and diluted earnings per share. | | From F2 |

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| IAS 34 | Interim financial reporting | Not examinable | | |
| IAS 36 | Impairment of assets | Explains that an asset or cash generating unit cannot be reported at a value higher than its recoverable amount and how to account for any resulting impairment. | IAS 16, IAS 38 | From F1 |
| IAS 37 | Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent | Prescribes the accounting and disclosure requirements for provisions, contingent liabilities and contingent assets. | IAS 10 | From F2 |
| IAS 38 | Intangible assets | Prescribes the recognition and measurement of intangible assets. | IAS 36 | From BA3 |
| IAS 40 | Investment property | Not examinable | | |
| IAS 41 | Agriculture | Not examinable | | |

Policy regarding examinable dates for IAS/IFRS for CIMA 2019 professional qualification

The assessments will be set in accordance with relevant International Accounting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards. This also applies to the material relating to Financial Reporting Exposure Drafts.

As a general rule, CIMA will examine such standards from the effective date (or as close as is practical). This will normally be the date that a new examination blueprint becomes effective. Details of specific standards that are examinable for the period covered by the examination blueprint will be stated in the objective test section of the blueprint.

For Case Study Examinations, where individual standards will not normally be directly assessed and where marking can accommodate a variety of approaches, candidates may refer to new standards before the effective date where early adoption is permitted.