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Presentation Overview

-  Guidance and resources related to coronavirus diseases
-  Proposals for public comment
-  Pronouncements being implemented
-  Projects currently being deliberated by the Board
-  Pre-agenda research activities
-  Post-implementation review



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GASB Project Manager Position Open

Minimum 10 years of experience, including at least 5 in government finance or auditing, public accounting, finance or accounting academia, or standards setting

Interested?



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Guidance and Resources Related to the Coronavirus Diseases

- Postponement of certain effective dates
- Guidance on CARES Act
- Emergency toolbox



Postponement of the Effective Dates of Certain Authoritative Guidance

Statement No. 95



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Effective Date Postponement

What?	Why?	When?
The Board has postponed the effective dates of certain Statement & Implementation Guide provisions	The Board acted in response to numerous stakeholder requests prompted by the COVID-19 pandemic	Effective immediately
		Provisions can be implemented early to the extent allowed by each pronouncement



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Effective dates are postponed one year for these pronouncements in their entirety

- Statement No. 83, *Certain Asset Retirement Obligations*
- Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*
- Statement No. 88, *Certain Disclosures Related to Debt, including Direct Borrowings and Direct Placements*
- Statement No. 89, *Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred before the End of a Construction Period*
- Statement No. 90, *Majority Equity Interests—an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 61*
- Statement No. 91, *Conduit Debt Obligations*
- Implementation Guide No. 2018-1, *Implementation Guidance Update—2018*
- Implementation Guide No. 2019-1, *Implementation Guidance Update—2019*
- Implementation Guide No. 2019-2, *Fiduciary Activities*



Effective dates are postponed one year for certain provisions of these pronouncements

- Statement No. 92, *Omnibus 2020*, paragraphs 6–10 and 12
- Statement No. 93, *Replacement of Interbank Offered Rates*, pars. 13 and 14
- Implementation Guide No. 2017-3, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (and Certain Issues Related to OPEB Plan Reporting)*, Questions 4.85, 4.103, 4.108, 4.109, 4.225, 4.239, 4.244, 4.245, 4.484, 4.491 and 5.1–5.4

Effective dates are postponed 18 months for these pronouncements

- Statement No. 87, *Leases*
- Implementation Guide No. 2019-3, *Leases*



Effective Dates after Statement 95

December 31: Fiscal Year 2021

- Statement 89 – construction-period interest
- Statement 93 – interbank offered rates (except LIBOR removal and lease modifications)
- Statement 98 – the annual comprehensive financial report
- IG 2019-1 – update

December 31: Fiscal Year 2022

- Statement 87 – leases
- Statement 91 – conduit debt
- Statement 92 – omnibus 2020 (multiple effective dates)
- Statement 93 – LIBOR removal and lease modifications
- Statement 97 – certain component unit criteria and Section 457 plans
- Statement 99 – omnibus 2022 (extension of LIBOR, SNAP distributions, nonmonetary transaction disclosures, pledges of future revenues, clarification of provisions in Statement 34, and terminology updates)
- IG 2019-3 – leases
- IG 2020-1 – update
- IG 2021-1 – update (4.22)

December 31: Fiscal Year 2023

- Statement 94 – public-private partnerships
- Statement 96 – SBITAs
- Statement 99 – omnibus 2022 (leases, PPPs, and SBITAs)
- IG 2021-1 – update (4.1–4.21, 4.23, 5.2, and 5.4)

December 31: Fiscal Year 2024

- Statement 99 – omnibus 2022 (financial guarantees and classification of derivatives)
- Statement 100 – accounting changes and error corrections
- Statement 101 – compensated absences
- IG 2021-1 – update (5.1)



Topics Addressed

- Whether resources received from the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) are subject to eligibility requirements or to purpose restrictions and how they should be accounted for
- Whether CARES Act provisions that address a government's loss of revenue should be considered an eligibility requirement, for purposes of revenue recognition
- Whether amendments to the CARES Act after the statement of net position date but prior to the issuance of financial statements are the basis for recognition in financial statements for the period reported

Topics Addressed (continued)

- How to account for forgivable loans under the Paycheck Protection Program
- Whether resources provided through certain programs to a business-type activity or enterprise fund are nonoperating revenues
- Whether outflows incurred in response to the coronavirus are extraordinary items or special items for financial reporting purposes

COVID-19 Page & Emergency Toolbox

- Guidance and resources available at <https://gasb.org/emergency-toolbox.html>
- Emergency toolbox
 - Intended to help stakeholders quickly identify the GASB's authoritative guidance that could be relevant to the current circumstances, including topics such as contingencies, going concern, prior-period adjustments, revenue and receivable recognition, and subsequent events
 - Provides links to COVID-19 resources and nonauthoritative guidance of professional organizations

Proposals for Public Comment



Risks and Uncertainties Disclosures



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Risks and Uncertainties Disclosures

What?	Why?	When?
The Board has proposed standards to identify and disclose risks faced by governments	Stakeholders asked the GASB to address this issue	Comment deadline is September 30, 2022



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Exposure Draft: Scope and Purpose

Current vulnerabilities due to certain concentrations

- For example, (1) principal employers, (2) principal industries, (3) principal resource providers, (4) composition of principal inflows of resources, (5) workforce covered by collective bargaining agreements, and (6) suppliers of material, labor, or services

Current vulnerabilities due to certain constraints common in the government environment

- For example, (1) limitations on raising revenue, (2) limitations on spending, (3) limitations on the incurrence of debt, and (4) mandated spending

Objective: To provide users essential information about risks faced by governments that may impact their ability to continue to provide services and meet their obligations as they come due



Exposure Draft: Disclosure Criteria

Disclosures should be required when the government determines that:

- An event associated with a concentration or constraint either has occurred or is more likely than not to begin to occur within 12 months of the financial statement date or shortly thereafter (3 months)
- It is at least reasonably possible that the event will cause there to be a substantial effect within 3 years of the date of the financial statement

Substantial effect is one that affects the government's ability (1) to continue to provide services at the level provided in the current reporting period or (2) to meet its obligations as they come due



Exposure Draft: Disclosure Requirements

Disclose sufficient detail to enable users to understand the general nature of the risks and their potential effect on the government's ability to provide services or meet its obligation.

- Description of concentration or constraint
- Description of each event associated with the concentration or constraint, including the criteria that were met
- Description of actions taken to mitigate the substantial effect.

Disclosure not required if mitigating actions cause any of the disclosure criteria to no longer be met.

Disclosures should be made at the primary government level unless a risk is specific to a reporting unit relative to other reporting units and has a substantial effect on that reporting unit but not on the primary government. In that case the disclosure should be made for the reporting unit.



Leases

What?
The Board issued Statement 87 to improve lease accounting and financial reporting

Why?
Prior standards were decades old without review in light of GASB's conceptual framework; opportunity to increase comparability and usefulness of information and reduce complexity for preparers

When?
Effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2021, and all periods thereafter
Earlier application is encouraged

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Statement 87 Scope and Approach

- Statement 87 applies to any contract that meets the definition of a lease: "A lease is a contract that conveys control of the right to use another entity's nonfinancial asset (the underlying asset) for a period of time in an exchange or exchange-like transaction."
- Leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset
 - Single approach applied to accounting for leases with some exceptions, such as short-term leases
- Capital/operating distinction is eliminated

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Lease Term

- For financial reporting purposes, when does the lease start and end?
 - Start with the **noncancelable period**

2021.....2027.....2031

- Plus periods covered by options to:
 - Extend lease, if reasonably certain of being exercised
 - Terminate lease, if reasonably certain of *not* being exercised
- Excludes cancelable periods
 - Periods for which lessee and lessor both have option to extend or terminate (such as rolling month-to-month leases)
- Fiscal funding and cancellation clauses are ignored unless reasonably certain of being exercised

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Initial Reporting

	Assets	Liability	Deferred Inflow
Lessee	Intangible lease asset (right to use underlying asset)—value of lease liability plus prepayments and initial direct costs that are ancillary to place asset in use	Present value of future lease payments (incl. fixed payments, variable payments based on index or rate, reasonably certain residual guarantees, etc.)	NA
Lessor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lease receivable (generally includes same items as lessee's liability) Continue to report the underlying asset 	NA	Equal to lease receivable plus any payments received up front that relates to a future period

Subsequent Reporting

	Assets	Liability	Deferred Inflow
Lessee	Amortize the intangible lease asset over shorter of useful life or lease term	Reduce by lease payments (less amount for interest expense)	NA
Lessor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Depreciate leased asset (unless indefinite life or required to be returned in its original or enhanced condition) Reduce receivable by lease payments (less amount needed to cover accrued interest) 	NA	Recognize revenue over the lease term in a systematic and rational manner

Short-Term Leases

Definition	At beginning of lease, <i>maximum possible term</i> under the contract is 12 months or less
Lessee accounting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognize expenses/expenditures based on the terms of the contract Do not recognize assets or liabilities associated with the right to use the underlying asset
Lessor accounting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognize lease payments as revenue based on the payment provisions of the contract Do not recognize receivables or deferred inflows

Contracts with Multiple Components

Statement 87

- Generally, account for lease and non-lease components as separate contracts and multiple underlying assets as separate lease components in certain circumstances (paragraphs 64 and 65)
- Allocate contract price to different components (paragraph 66)

Implementation Guide 2019-3

- One component meets scope exclusions and one does not?
 - Separate and account for them individually (Q4.59)
- Separate utilities and janitorial costs of building lease?
 - Yes, if practicable to do so (Q4.60)



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Other Topics Covered by Statement 87

Disclosures

Contract combinations

Lease modifications & terminations

Lease incentives

Subleases

Sale-leasebacks

Lease-leasebacks



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Statement 87 Implementation Guide

Implementation Guide 2019-3: 77 questions and answers, including:

Scope and applicability issues

Determining the term of the lease

Eligibility for exception for short-term leases

Recognition, measurement, and disclosure for lessees and lessors

Lease incentives

Contracts with multiple components and contract combinations

Terminations and modifications

Sale-leasebacks, lease-leasebacks, and intra-entity leases

Additional questions and answers included in the 2020 and 2021 Implementation Guide Updates



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Key Implementation Issues

Much of GASB 87 is driven by the legal form of the contract

- If contract gives both parties the option to cancel, even if it is highly unlikely that they won't, it is a cancellable period (Q4.15 in IG 2019-3)
- If renewal is an option within the contract versus there being a new contract:
 - Could change the short-term lease evaluation (Q4.10 in IG 2020-1)
 - It determines whether renewal history matters—it matters if there is a renewal option and it does not matter if it is a new contract (Q4.11 in IG 2020-1)

Need to exercise professional judgment

- Is it an exchange or an exchange-like transaction—definition of a lease
- Estimating the incremental borrowing rate (discount rate) if no similar debt has been issued
- Whether payments are fixed in substance

Key Implementation Issues (continued)

Transition provisions

- Statement 87 requires that leases be recognized and measured using the facts and circumstances as of the beginning of the period of implementation
- For example:
 - As of January 1, 2022 for FYE December 31, 2022
 - As of July 1, 2021 for FYE June 30, 2022
- Not allowed to go back to the actual beginning of the lease

Materiality

- Materiality is always a consideration

Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred before the End of a Construction Period

Statement No. 89



Interest Cost

What?

The Board issued Statement 89 to enhance the relevance of capital asset information and simplify financial reporting

Why?

Accounting guidance was based on FASB Statements 34 and 62, which were incorporated into the GASB literature by GASB Statement 62 but were not reconsidered in light of GASB's Concepts Statements

When?

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Earlier application is encouraged

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Recognizing Interest Cost

Financial statements prepared using the economic resources measurement focus:

- Interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period should be recognized as an expense in the period incurred.

Financial statements prepared using the current financial resources measurement focus:

- Interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period should be recognized as an expenditure consistent with governmental fund accounting principles.

Prospective application at transition

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Conduit Debt Obligations

Statement No. 91



Conduit Debt

What?
The Board improved the standards related to conduit debt obligations by providing a single reporting method for government issuers

Why?
Interpretation 2 had been in effect for 20 years before its effectiveness was evaluated; based on GASB research, improvements were needed to eliminate diversity in practice

When?
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Earlier application is encouraged

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Definition of Conduit Debt

1. There are at least three parties involved: the government-issuer, the third-party obligor (borrower), and the debt holder or trustee.
 2. The issuer and the third-party obligor are *not* within the same financial reporting entity.
 3. The debt obligation is not a parity bond of the issuer, nor is it cross-collateralized with other debt of the issuer.
 4. The third-party obligor or its agent, not the issuer, ultimately receives the proceeds from the debt issuance.
 5. The third-party obligor, not the issuer, is primarily obligated for the payment of all amounts associated with the debt obligation.
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Limited, Additional & Voluntary Commitments Extended by Issuers

Generally, issuers' commitments are **limited** to the resources provided by the third-party obligor.

Occasionally, an issuer may extend an **additional commitment** to support debt service in the event of the third-party obligor's default.

- For example:
 - Extending a moral obligation pledge
 - Extending an appropriation pledge
 - Extending a financial guarantee
 - Pledging its own property, revenue, or other assets as security

Under a **voluntary commitment**, issuer voluntarily decides to make a debt service payment or request an appropriation for a payment in the event that the third-party is, or will be, unable to pay.

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Recognition by the Issuer

Do *not* recognize a conduit debt obligation as a liability

May have a related liability arising out of an additional or voluntary commitment

Additional commitment: report a liability when qualitative factors indicate it is *more likely than not* that the issuer will support debt service payments for a conduit debt obligation

Voluntary commitment: if a certain event or circumstance has occurred, evaluate likelihood, then report a liability if it is *more likely than not* that the issuer will support debt service payments

Voluntary commitments for which a liability is recognized and all additional commitments: At least annually reevaluate whether recognition criteria are met while conduit debt is outstanding



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Arrangements and Capital Assets

Some conduit debt obligations include arrangements that involve capital assets to be used by the third-party obligor but owned by the issuer.

- Capital asset is built or acquired with proceeds of the conduit debt obligation.
- Issuer retains title to the capital asset from the beginning of the arrangement.
- Payments from the third-party obligor are to cover debt service payments.
- Payment schedule of the arrangement coincides with the debt service repayment schedule.

*Often characterized as "leases"



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Arrangements and Capital Assets (continued)

Accounting by the issuer:

Do *not* report those arrangements as leases

Do *not* recognize a liability for the related conduit debt obligations

Do *not* recognize a receivable for the payments related to those arrangements

If the arrangement meets the definition of a service concession arrangement, follow Statement 60



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Omnibus 2020

What?

The Board has amended existing standards covering multiple topics

Why?

Omnibus projects are used to address issues in multiple pronouncements that, individually, would not justify a separate project

When?

Effective dates vary by topic

Earlier application is encouraged and permitted by topic

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Provisions of Statement 92

Leases

- Effective date of Statement 87 and Implementation Guide 2019-3 is changed from "reporting periods" to "fiscal years...and all reporting periods thereafter"

Government combinations and disposals of operations

- Provides an exception to the use of acquisition value in the measurement of an acquired asset retirement obligation

Derivative instruments

- Amends NCGA and GASB pronouncements to standardize the terminology used to refer to derivative instruments

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Provisions of Statement 92 (continued)

Application of Statement 84 to Postemployment Benefit Arrangements

- Limit the requirements of paragraphs 22 and 25 to defined benefit pension and OPEB plans
- Supersedes guidance in Statements 73 and 74 regarding recognition of a liability to employers and NECEs for the excess of assets over liabilities for benefits payments and administrative expenses in custodial funds in circumstances in which assets are accumulated for the pensions and OPEB of other employers and NECEs

Applicability of Statements 73 and 74

- Amend Statements 73 and 74 to replace references to control of assets in those same circumstances, to avoid limiting the application of the associated requirements of those Statements

Fair value measurements

- Amends paragraph 81 of Statement 72 to adjust the example of nonrecurring fair value measurements

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Provisions of Statement 92 (continued)

• Intra-entity transfers of assets

- Amends paragraph 15 of Statement 48 to clarify that amounts associated with the transfer of capital or financial assets from an employer or NECE to a defined benefit pension or OPEB plan within the same financial reporting entity should be reported as contributions to the plan, in accordance with Statements 68 and 75
- Clarifies that the provisions of paragraph 15 apply to all transfers of assets within a financial reporting entity

• Reinsurance recoveries

- Amends paragraph 37 of Statement 10 to clarify that amounts that are recoverable from reinsurers or excess insurers and that relate to paid claims and claim adjustment expenses may be reported as reductions of expenses but are not required to be.



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Effective Dates for Statement 92

Requirements related to:	Effective Date
1. Leases 2. Reinsurance recoveries 3. Derivative instruments	Upon issuance
4. Intra-entity transfers of assets 5. Applicability of Statements 73 and 74	Fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2021
6. Application of Statement 84 to postemployment benefit arrangements 7. Fair value measurements	Reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2021
8. Government combinations and disposals of operations	For government acquisitions occurring in reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2021



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Replacement of Interbank Offered Rates

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Replacement of Interbank Offered Rates

What?
The Board has issued guidance to facilitate the transition from using IBORs in hedging derivative instruments and leases

Why?
LIBOR in its current form is expected to effectively sunset

When?
LIBOR: periods ending after December 31, 2021
Leases: periods beginning after June 15, 2021
All other: periods beginning after June 15, 2020

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Exception to Termination of Hedge Accounting

•Continue to apply hedge accounting to an effective hedging derivative instrument with a variable payment based on an IBOR, if all criteria are met:

- Hedging derivative instrument is amended or replaced to change the reference rate of its variable payment or add/change reference rate-related fallback provisions
- The new reference rate essentially equates the old rate by :
 - Adjusting the new rate by a coefficient or constant, limited to what is necessary to essentially equate the rates, and/or
 - An up-front payment, limited to what is necessary to essentially equate the rates
- The original hedging derivative instrument is ended and the replacement hedging derivative instrument is entered into on the same date
- Critical terms are identical, except for term changes that are necessary for reference rate replacement (see next slide)

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Two-Step Transition to a SOFR

A hedging derivative instrument may be amended or replaced in two steps: a transition from an IBOR to another rate (such as the effective federal funds rate) prior to transitioning to a secured overnight financing rate (SOFR)

Hedge accounting continues when all of the following criteria are met:

- The first step replaces an IBOR with another rate
- That interim rate is replaced by a SOFR in the second step
- All four of the criteria for a one-step transition are met

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Other Provisions

Effective Federal Funds Rate and SOFR are appropriate benchmark interest rates for taxable debt when applying the consistent critical terms method

LIBOR is no longer an appropriate benchmark interest rate for taxable debt when applying the consistent critical terms method

Replacing an IBOR as the reference rate of a hedged item does not terminate hedge accounting

Uncertainty related to the continued availability of IBORs does not, by itself, affect the assessment of whether the occurrence of a hedged expected transaction is probable

The lease modifications guidance in Statement 87 should not be applied to when a lease contract is amended solely to replace an IBOR



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Effective Dates and Transition

The provision removing LIBOR as an appropriate benchmark rate is effective for reporting periods *ending* after December 31, 2021

All other provisions are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2020

Earlier application is encouraged

Should be applied retroactively, if practicable (hedge accounting should be reestablished for terminations prior to the effective date of this Statement)



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Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements

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P3s, APAs, and SCAs

What?

The Board issued guidance for public-private and public-public partnerships (P3s) that are not subject to Statements 60 or 87, and improvements to Statement 60

Why?

GASB research found that some P3 transactions are outside the scope of Statement 60 and identified opportunities to improve Statement 60's guidance for service concession arrangements (SCAs)

When?

Effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2022

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Definitions: PPPs and APAs

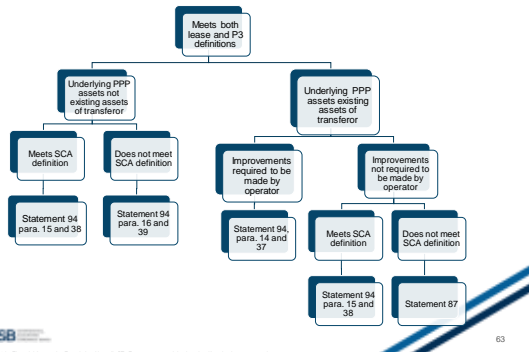
Public-private partnerships and public-public partnerships (P3s) are arrangements "in which a government (the transferor) contracts with an operator [governmental or nongovernmental] to provide public services by conveying control of the right to operate a nonfinancial assets, such as infrastructure or other capital asset (the underlying PPP asset), for a period of time in an exchange or exchange-like transaction."

Availability payment arrangements (APA):

- Government contracts with another entity to operate or maintain the government's nonfinancial asset
- Entity receives payments from the government based on the asset's availability for use
- Asset's availability may be based on the physical condition of the asset or the achievement of certain performance measures
- May include design, finance, construction, or service components

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Other Provisions: Recognition and Measurement Guidance



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Other Provisions

An APA that is related to the design, finance, or construction of an infrastructure or other nonfinancial asset in which ownership of the asset transfers by the end of the contract would be reported as a financed purchase of the asset.

An APA that is related to operations would be accounted for as flows of resources (for example, expense) in the period to which the payments relate.



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Transferor Reporting

For all P3s, recognize:

- Receivable for installment payments to be received, if any
- Deferred inflow of resources for the assets recognized, including payments received from the operator at or before start of the P3 term

If underlying P3 asset is a new asset or an existing asset that has been improved...

- ...and the P3 is an SCA: also recognize the capital asset at acquisition value when placed into operation
- ...and the P3 is not an SCA: also recognize a receivable for the capital asset, measured at operator's estimated carrying value as of the future date of the transfer in ownership



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Operator Reporting

For all P3s, recognize:

- Liability for installment payments to be made, if any

If underlying P3 asset is (a) existing asset or improvement or (b) new asset and the P3 is an SCA...

- ...also recognize an intangible right-to-use asset

If underlying P3 asset is a new asset and the P3 is not an SCA...

- Also recognize the underlying P3 asset until ownership is transferred
- And a liability for the underlying P3 asset, measured at the estimated carrying value as of the future date of the transfer



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Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements

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Statement 96 on SBITAs

What?	Why?	When?
The Board issued standards related to reporting subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs), such as cloud computing contracts	Stakeholders were concerned that those transactions were not covered by the guidance in Statements 51 or 87; diversity existed in practice	Effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2022, and all reporting periods thereafter Earlier application is encouraged



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Scope and Applicability

A subscription-based information technology arrangement (SBITA) “is a contract that conveys control of the right to use another party’s (a SBITA vendor’s) IT software, alone or in combination with tangible capital assets (the underlying IT assets) as specified in the contract for a period of time in an exchange or exchange-like transaction.”

To determine whether a contract conveys control of the right to use the underlying IT assets, a government should assess whether it has both:

- The right to obtain the present service capacity from use of the underlying IT assets as specified in the contract
- The right to determine the nature and manner of use of the underlying IT assets as specified in the contract.



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Scope and Applicability (continued)

- Statement 96 does not apply to:
 - Contracts that convey control of the right to use another party's combination of IT software and tangible capital assets that meets the definition of a lease in Statement 87, in which the software component is insignificant compared to the cost of the underlying tangible capital asset
 - Governments that provide the right to use their IT software and associated tangible capital assets to other entities through SBITAs
 - Contracts that meet the definition of a P3 in Statement 94
 - Licensing arrangements that provide a perpetual license to governments to use a vendor's computer software, which are subject to Statement 51

Relationship between Leases and SBITAs

- All SBITAs meet definition of lease
- Depends on what the underlying asset is:
 - Tangible capital assets alone – Statement 87
 - IT software alone – Statement 96
 - IT software in combination with tangible capital assets:
 - Software component is insignificant compared to cost of underlying tangible capital asset – Statement 87
 - Otherwise – Statement 96

Recognition and Measurement

An SBITA should be reported under provisions effectively the same as those for a lessee under Statement 87—recognize a subscription asset and a subscription liability (except for short-term SBITAs)

Measurement of the subscription asset should include certain capitalizable implementation costs based on stages similar to those for internally developed software in Statement 51:

- Preliminary project stage
- Initial implementation stage
- Operation and additional implementation stage

Accounting for Activities Associated with a SBITA

Preliminary project stage	Initial implementation stage	Operation & additional implementation stage
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outlays should be expensed as incurred 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In general, outlays should be capitalized However, if no subscription asset is recognized (such as for a short-term SBITA), outlays should be expensed as incurred 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outlays in this stage should be expensed as incurred unless they meet specific capitalization criteria



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Certain Component Unit Criteria, and Accounting and Financial Reporting for Internal Revenue Code Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plans

Statement No. 97



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Fiduciary Component Units and Deferred Compensation Plans

What?	Why?	When?
The GASB has changed the criteria for including certain employee benefit plans as component units and improvements to Statement 32 on IRC Section 457 plans	Some 457 plan characteristics have changed due, in part, to changes in the IRC; questions have been raised about whether certain employee benefit plans should be included as component units	<p>Effective dates vary by topic</p> <p>Earlier application is encouraged and permitted for certain topics</p>



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Relevant Guidance on Fiduciary Component Units

Paragraph 7 of Statement 84 amended Statement 14 to indicate that a primary government is considered to have a financial burden if it is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the obligation to make contributions to a pension plan or OPEB plan

Implementation Guide 2019-2 provided guidance that in the absence of a governing board, a government performing the duties of a governing board for a defined contribution (DC) plan that is administered through a trust that meets the criteria in Statement 67 is effectively the same as appointment of a voting majority



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Relevant Guidance on Fiduciary Component Units (continued)

The implication of that existing and considered guidance is that many governments would be required to report DC plans and other employee benefit plans as component units in their fiduciary fund financial statements

The Board directed the staff to conduct additional outreach on the structure of those types of arrangements and user needs for information about them

Based on the outreach, the Board decided to expand the project and issue guidance on component units



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Component Unit Criteria

For purposes of determining whether a primary government is financially accountable, the absence of a governing board (when the government is perform the duties a governing board normally would perform) should be treated the same as the appointment of a voting majority of a governing board, *except for DC pension plans, DC OPEB plans, or other employee benefit plans*

The criterion that a legal obligation to contribute (or otherwise assuming the obligation) is considered to be a financial burden applies only to defined benefit plans



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457 Plans

All requirements relevant to pension plan reporting should be applied to Section 457 plans that meet the definition of a pension plan

All requirements relevant to pensions should be applied by employers to benefits provided through Section 457 plans that meet the definition of a pension plan

Investments should be valued as of the end of the reporting period (allowance to use the most recent report of the plan administrator is eliminated)



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The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

Statement No. 98



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Renaming the Financial Report

What?

The Board has renamed the financial report in response to stakeholders who pointed out that its acronym, as it commonly was pronounced, sounded like a highly offensive racial slur

Why?

The GASB's commitment to diversity and inclusion dictate that its standards should be free of potentially offensive terminology

When?

Effective for fiscal years ending after December 15, 2021. Earlier application is encouraged.



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The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

The new name of the broader report is *annual comprehensive financial report (ACFR)*



Omnibus 2022

Statement No. 99





Omnibus 2022

What?	Why?	When?
Practice issues identified during implementation and application of certain GASB Statements and accounting and financial reporting for financial guarantees	Omnibus Statements are issued to address issues in multiple pronouncements that, individually, would not justify a separate pronouncement	Various effective dates: 1) Upon issuance 2) Fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2022 3) Fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2023



General Omnibus Topics

Financial Guarantees

Other Derivative Instruments

Leases, PPPs, and SBITAs

Extended Use of LIBOR

Technical Updates/Corrections

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Financial Guarantees

Statement 99 DOES

- Apply the liability recognition, liability measurement, and disclosure requirements in Statement 70 to governments that extend exchange or exchange-like financial guarantees.

Statement 99 DOES NOT

- Prescribe expense classification.
- Prescribe recognition guidance for the consideration received in an exchange or exchange-like financial guarantee transaction.

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Other Derivative Instruments

Other Derivative Instruments

- Change in fair value would be reported on flow statement separately from investment revenues
- Disclosures would be distinguished from hedging derivative instruments and investment derivative instruments
- Disclose fair value of derivative instruments that were reclassified from hedging derivative instruments

Termination of hedge accounting

- If hedging derivative instruments cease to be effective, the balance of the deferrals would be reported on the flows statement separately from investment revenues.

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Leases, PPPs, and SBITAs

Remeasurement of certain assets and liabilities

- Would not be remeasured solely for a change in an index or rate used to determine variable payments

Option to Terminate

- Unconditional right that exists within the contract - the right to terminate due to the action or inaction of the other party is not an option to terminate
- For leases only - the option to purchase the underlying asset would be considered an option to terminate for purposes of measuring the lease term

Short-term Leases and SBITAs

- Modified short-term leases or SBITAs would be remeasured from the inception of the lease or SBITA

Leases, PPPs, and SBITAs (cont.)

Variable Lease Payments

- Variable lease payments, other than those that depend on an index or rate or those that are fixed in substance, would not be included in the measurement of the lease liability.

Lease Incentives

- Includes the assumption of or an agreement to pay a lessee's preexisting lease obligation to a third party

PPP Remeasurement

- The receivable for the underlying PPP asset would be remeasured if there is a change in the PPP term
- Deferred outflow of resources would be adjusted by the same amount as any remeasurement change to the liability for the underlying PPP asset

Replacement of Interbank Offered Rates

London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR)

- Date at which it is not an appropriate benchmark interest rate would change to when it is no longer determined by the ICE Benchmark Administration using the methodology in place as of December 31, 2021.

Technical Updates/Corrections

SNAP/ Food Stamps

- States no longer use paper food stamp coupons. Specialized guidance in Statement 24 is no longer relevant. Should apply Statement 33 instead.

Nonmonetary Transactions

- Should disclose measurement attribute(s), rather than basis of accounting for assets transferred.

Pledges of Future Revenue

- Blending guidance provided

Technical Updates/Corrections (cont.)

Government-Wide Statements

- Clarifies that no total column is required for the financial reporting entity as a whole.

Terminology Updates

- Balance sheet – Statement of net position
- Balance sheet date – Date of financial statements or Statement of net position date
- Equity Funds – Other assets used
- Fund Equity – Equity interest
- Flow of resources statement – Resource flows statement

Accounting Changes and Error Corrections

Statement No. 100



Accounting Changes and Error Corrections

What?
The Board has amended existing standards for accounting changes and error corrections

Why?
The relevant guidance is based on several sources of accounting standards, some of which have been superseded, and much of which has been in effect without review by the GASB for decades

When?
Effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2023.
Earlier application is encouraged.

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Classification

Accounting changes

- Change in accounting principle
- Change in accounting estimate
- Change to or within the financial reporting entity

Correction of an error in previously issued financial statements

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Change in Accounting Principle

A change in accounting principle results from either:

- A **change** from one generally accepted accounting principle to another that is justified on the basis that *the newly adopted accounting principle is preferable*, based on the qualitative characteristics of financial reporting
- Implementation of new pronouncements

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Accounting Estimates

Accounting estimates are:

Amounts subject to measurement uncertainty that are recognized or disclosed in basic financial statements

Outputs determined based on inputs such as data, assumptions, and measurement methodologies

Change in Accounting Estimate

•A change in accounting estimate occurs when inputs change

•Changes to inputs result from a change in circumstance, new information, or more experience

A change in measurement methodology should be justified on the basis that the new methodology is preferable, based on the qualitative characteristics of financial reporting.

Change to or within the Financial Reporting Entity

A change to or within the financial reporting entity results from:

Addition/removal of a fund that results from movement of continuing operations within the primary government, including its blended component units

A change in the fund presentation as major or nonmajor

Addition/removal of a component unit (except for acquisitions, mergers, and transfers of operations, and Statement 90 component units)

Change in presentation (blended or discrete) of a component unit

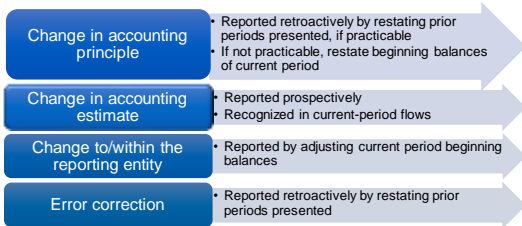
Correction of an Error

An error results from mathematical mistakes, mistakes in the application of accounting principles, or oversight or misuse of facts that existed at the time the financial statements were issued about conditions that existed as of the financial statement date

Facts that existed at the time the financial statements were issued are those that could reasonably be expected to have been obtained and taken into account at that time about conditions that existed as of the financial statement date

A change from (a) applying an accounting principle that is not generally accepted to transactions or other events to (b) applying a generally accepted accounting principle is an error correction

Accounting for Accounting Changes and Error Corrections



Display

Shown separately

- Aggregate amount of adjustments to and restatements of beginning balances should be displayed for each reporting unit

Note Disclosures

Disclosures vary depending on the type of item, but common disclosures include:

The nature of the change or error and its correction

Reason for the change

The effects on beginning net position, fund balance, or fund net position, as applicable, presented in a tabular format

RSI and SI

The Statement addresses how to present in RSI and SI information that is affected by an accounting change or error correction

Periods earlier than those presented in basic financial statements should **not** be restated for changes in accounting principles

Periods earlier than those presented in basic financial statements should be restated for error corrections, if practicable

Compensated Absences

Statement No. 101



Compensated Absences

What?

The Board has amended existing guidance for compensated absences

Why?

A review of Statement 16 indicated opportunities for improvement and additional guidance for certain types of leave

When?

Effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023.

Earlier application is encouraged

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Scope and Applicability

A compensated absence is

- Leave for which employees may receive one or more:
 - Cash payments when the leave is used for time off
 - Other cash payments, such as payment for unused leave upon termination of employment
 - Noncash settlement, such as conversion to postemployment benefits

Examples:

- Vacation and sick leave
- Paid time off (PTO)
- Holidays
- Parental leave
- Certain types of sabbatical leave

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Recognition Criteria – Leave that has not been used

Leave is attributable to services already rendered

- Employee has performed the services required to earn the leave

Leave accumulates

- Can be carried forward from reporting period when earned to a future reporting period when it will be used or otherwise paid or settled

Leave is *more likely than not* to be used for time off or otherwise paid or settled

- Likelihood of more than 50 percent

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Exceptions to the General Recognition Approach

Leave more likely than not to be settled through conversion to defined benefit postemployment benefits

- Excluded from liability

Leave that is dependent upon the occurrence of a sporadic event that affects a relatively small proportion of employees in any particular reporting period

- Recognize liability when leave commences
- Parental leave, military leave, jury duty recognized when commences
- Not sick leave or sabbatical leave

Unlimited leave and holiday leave taken on specific date

- Recognize liability when used



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Measurement

Pay rate

Generally the employee's pay rate at financial reporting date

Exception: more likely than not to be paid at a different rate

Salary-related payments

Directly and incrementally related

DC pension or OPEB recognized as related leave is earned – not pension or OPEB liability

DB pension or OPEB excluded



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Leave Used But Not Paid



Liability for amount of cash payment or noncash settlement

Include applicable salary-related payments



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Implementation Guide 2019-1

Adds new questions on standards regarding

- Cash flows reporting
- Derivative instruments
- Fund balance
- Insurance recoveries
- Irrevocable split-interest agreements
- Intra-entity transfers of assets
- Nonexchange transactions
- Pensions and OPEB
- Tax abatement disclosures

Updates existing Q&A guidance related to

- Derivative instruments
- Financial reporting entity
- Pension and OPEB plan reporting

Implementation Guide 2020-1

Adds new questions on standards regarding

- Certain asset retirement obligations
- Conduit debt obligations
- External investment pools
- Fiduciary activities
- Financial reporting entity
- Leases

Updates existing Q&A guidance related to

- External investment pools
- OPEB
- Pensions
- Deferral of certain Implementation Guide questions and answers

Implementation Guide 2021-1

Adds new questions on standards regarding

- Derivative instruments
- Fiduciary activities
- Leases, including
 - Definition of a lease
 - Lease term: options to extend or terminate; reassessment
 - Short-term leases
- Lessee recognition and measurement
- Lessor recognition and measurement
- Lease incentives
- Modifications and terminations
- Nonexchange transactions

Updates existing Q&A guidance related to

- Financial reporting model
- Sales and pledges and intra-entity transfers (Statement 48)

Current Technical Agenda Projects



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Classification of Nonfinancial Assets



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Classification of Nonfinancial Assets

What?	Why?	When?
The Board will review the existing classification of nonfinancial assets and other related sub-classifications (for example, capital assets or intangible assets)	A review of existing standards found that they generally were effective, but that there were aspects that could be significantly improved	Deliberations scheduled to begin July 2022



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Topics to Be Considered

How should the existing definitions of nonfinancial assets and capital assets be modified, if at all? Should new classifications be added?

•Should right-to-use intangible assets resulting from Statements 87, 94, and 96, continue to be classified as capital assets?

•Should other intangible assets addressed in Statement 51 continue to be classified as capital assets?

•Should other types of assets, such as capital assets held for resale, continue to be classified as capital assets?

•If classifications are added, how should those classifications be defined?

If classifications are added and defined or existing definitions or classifications are modified, what should be the effect, if any, on presentation within the statement of net position or disclosure in notes to financial statements?



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Project Timeline

Pre-Agenda Research Started	August 2020
Added to Current Technical Agenda	December 2021
Deliberations Begin	July 2022
Exposure Draft Scheduled to Be Considered for Issuance	May 2023



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Conceptual Framework: Recognition



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Exposure Draft: Recognition of Elements of Financial Statements

<p>What?</p> <p>The Board issued an Exposure Draft of a Concepts Statement on recognition of financial statement elements</p>	<p>Why?</p> <p>Recognition concepts are one of the components needed to complete the conceptual framework</p>	<p>When?</p> <p>A final Concepts Statement is scheduled to be considered for issuance in Q4 2023</p>
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Recognition Concepts

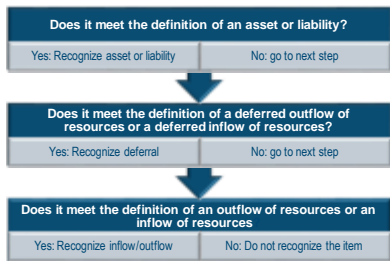
The **measurement focus** of a specific financial statement determines *what* items should be reported as elements of that financial statement.

The related **basis of accounting** determines *when* those items should be reported.

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Tentative Decisions: Recognition Hierarchy

Follow a specific order when evaluating an item for recognition:



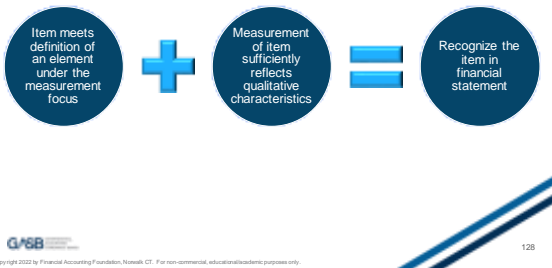
Tentative Decision: Recognition Framework

Two Measurement Focuses

<p>Economic Resources (applied in government-wide, proprietary fund, and fiduciary fund financial statements)</p>	<p>Short-Term Financial Resources (would replace current financial resources in the governmental funds)</p>
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Tentative Decisions: Recognition Framework (continued)



Project Timeline

Preliminary Views Issued	September 2018
Redeliberations Began	June 2019
Exposure Draft Approved	June 2020
Redeliberations Began	May 2021
Final Concepts Statement Scheduled to Be Considered for Issuance	December 2023

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Financial Reporting Model Reexamination



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Financial Reporting Model Improvements

What?	Why?	When?
The Board proposed improvements to the financial reporting model— Statements 34, 35, 37, 41, and 46, and Interpretation 6	A review of those standards found that they generally were effective, but that there were aspects that could be significantly improved	A final Statement is scheduled to be considered for issuance in Q4 2023



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Overview of the Proposals

- Measurement focus and basis of accounting for the governmental funds
- Format of governmental funds financial statements
- Clarification of operating and nonoperating in proprietary funds
- Presentation of proprietary funds statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position
- Management's discussion and analysis
- Budgetary comparisons
- Major component unit presentations
- Unusual or infrequent items



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Tentative Decisions: Recognition in Governmental Funds

Short-term financial resources measurement focus and modified accrual basis of accounting

Elements from *short-term* transactions or other events recognized as the *underlying transaction or other event occurs*

Elements from *long-term* transactions and other events recognized *when payments are due*

Financial assets: cash, assets that are available to be converted to cash, and assets that are consumable in lieu of cash



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Recognition in Governmental Funds (cont.)

Short-Term Transactions

- Period from inception to conclusion is one year or less

Long-Term Transactions

- Period from inception to conclusion is more than one year

Inception generally is when a party to the transaction takes an action that results in the initial recognition of an asset or liability

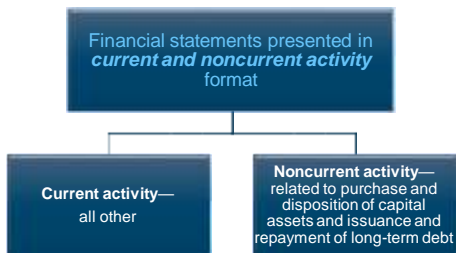
Conclusion generally is when the final payment of cash or other financial assets is due according to the terms of the binding arrangement (or estimated payments)



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Tentative Decisions: Presentation of Governmental Funds



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	2020	2019
Operating revenues:		
Tuition and fees (net of discounts)	\$ 579,188	\$ 535,101
Grants and contracts	265,881	279,491
State aid and services	877,000	876,284
Other operating revenues	7,288	14,021
Total operating revenues	1,729,357	1,704,907
Operating expenses:		
Salaries or functional equivalents	1,481,044	1,508,000
Income taxes generated by operations	(54,215)	(54,082)
Noncapital outlays:		
Depreciation	167,753	164,917
Taxes	8,639	9,800
Grants	(2,478)	27,897
Gifts	(8,288)	(8,000)
Total noncapital outlays	165,626	194,614
Operating income (loss) or net position	\$ 82,090	\$ 48,218
Financing of operating activities:		
Investment income	228,828	138,649
Interest income	(72,412)	113,963
Loss from the disposition of capital assets	(2,890)	700
From financing and investing activities	253,526	253,312
Investment (other items)	(143,824)	(81,000)
Other items:		
Capital contributions	29,291	74,890
Income statement or net position	\$ 267,091	\$ 208,319
Net position—beginning	\$ 2,261,111	\$ 2,052,892
Net position—ending	\$ 2,534,202	\$ 2,261,211

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Proposals: Management’s discussion and analysis

Users of MD&A “have different levels of knowledge and sophistication about governmental accounting and finance,” “may not have a detailed knowledge of accounting principles” (as in Concepts Statement 1, paragraph 63)

Add clarification and structure to the requirement for brief discussion of the basic financial statements, including their relationships and significant differences

Emphasize the level of thoroughness required for the analysis of year-to-year changes and the need to avoid unnecessary duplication

Amend the requirements for currently known facts, decisions, or conditions with examples, such as economic trends; subsequent year’s budget; actions government has taken on postemployment benefits, capital improvement plans, and long-term debt; actions other parties have taken that affect the government

Move budgetary analysis and discussion of infrastructure assets (if applicable) to the relevant parts of RSI

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Other Proposals

Budgetary comparisons

- Would be presented as required supplementary information (no option for basic statements)
- Required variances would be final-budget-to-actual and original-budget-to-final-budget

Major component unit presentations

- If it is not feasible to present major component unit financial statements in separate columns in the reporting entity’s financial statements, the financial statements of the major component units would be presented in the reporting entity’s basic financial statements as combining financial statements

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Other Proposals (continued)

Unusual or Infrequent Items

- Separately present inflows and outflows of resources that are unusual in nature and/or infrequent in occurrence (replacing extraordinary and special items)
- Disclose additional information about those inflows and outflows, including the programs, functions, or identifiable activities to which they are related and whether they are within the control of management

Proposed Effective Dates

Based on total annual revenues in fiscal year beginning after June 15, 2022

\$75 million or more

- Apply in fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2024

Less than \$75 million

- Apply in fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2025

Project Timeline

Pre-Agenda Research Started	April 2013
Added to Current Technical Agenda	September 2015
Invitation to Comment Issued	December 2016
Preliminary Views Issued	September 2018
Exposure Draft Approved	June 2020
Redeliberations Began	May 2021
Final Statement Scheduled to Be Considered for Issuance	December 2023

Going Concern and Severe Financial Stress: Reexamination of Statement 56



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Going Concern and Severe Financial Stress

What?	Why?	When?
The Board will review existing standards related to going concern and address issues related to disclosures regarding going concern uncertainties and severe financial stress	As it is currently defined, going concern may not be meaningful for governments, which hardly ever go out of business; users need information about governments' severe financial stress, but that information is not readily available	The Board added the project to its current technical agenda in December 2021



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Topics to Be Considered

How should the existing guidance on going concern uncertainties (including the definition of a going concern) be clarified or improved to reduce diversity in practice in applying the guidance?

How should severe financial stress be defined? How should that definition differ from going concern uncertainties?

If a government is determined to be exposed to severe financial stress, what relevant information should a government disclose in notes to financial statements?



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Revenue and Expense Recognition



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Revenue and Expense Recognition

What?	Why?	When?
The Board proposed a comprehensive model for recognition of revenues and expenses	Guidance for exchange transactions is limited; guidance for nonexchange transactions could be improved and clarified	The Board is scheduled to consider the issuance of an Exposure Draft in Q1 2025



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Broad Project Objective

Develop a comprehensive, principles-based model that establishes guidance applicable to a wide range of revenue and expense transactions to:

- Expand on areas where there is no guidance—expenses
- Expand on areas where there is limited guidance—certain revenues
- Consider practice issues and challenges identified in current guidance—Statement 33
- Consider the conceptual framework—issued after Statement 33
- Consider performance obligation recognition

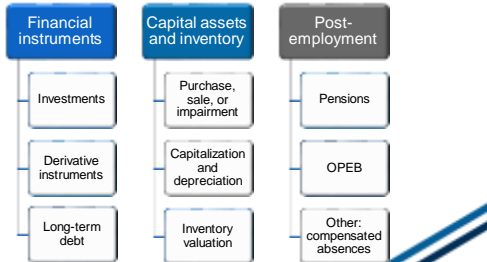


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Scope of the Project

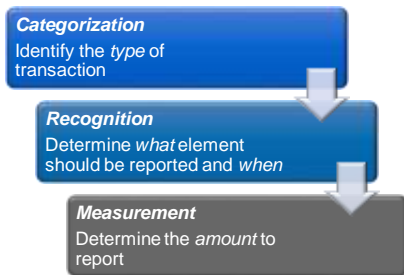
- The scope is defined broadly to include revenues and expenses except for those **explicitly excluded**:



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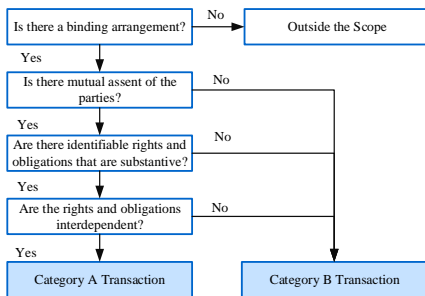
Proposed Recognition Model Components



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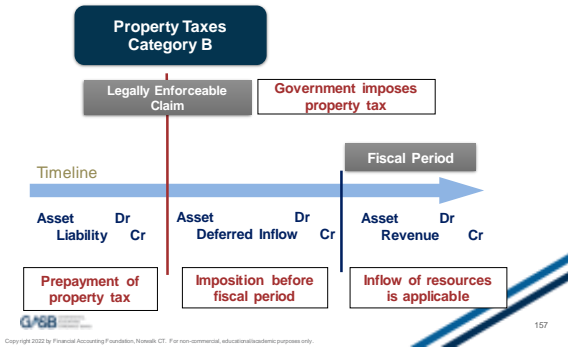
Proposed Categorization Methodology



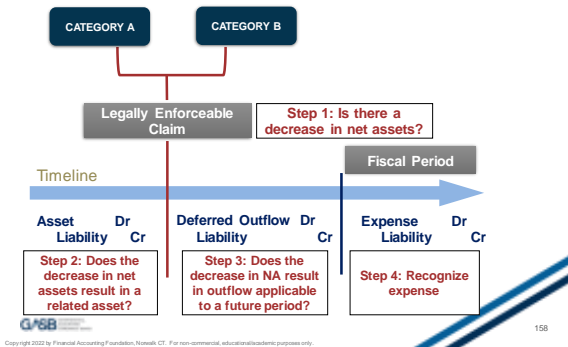
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Category B Revenue Recognition Example

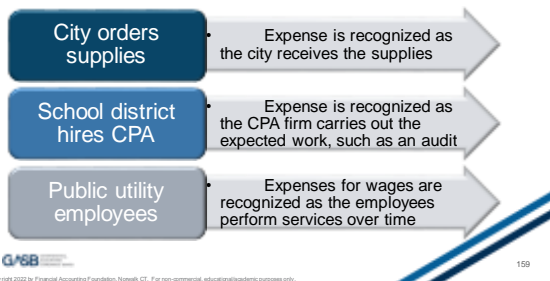


Proposed Expense Recognition Principles



Category A Expense Recognition Examples

A performance obligation is satisfied when there is a transfer of control of resources

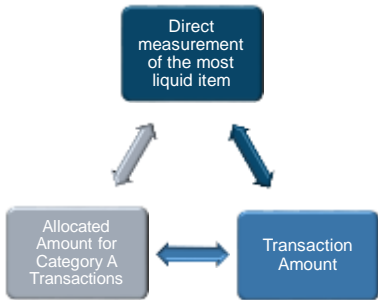


Category B Expense Recognition Examples

Expense is recognized at the same time as the *payable*, unless there are time requirements

- Contractual arrangements
- Shared revenue (outflows)
- General aid (outflows)

Proposed Measurement Principles



Project Timeline

Pre-Agenda Research Started	September 2015
Added to Current Technical Agenda	April 2016
Invitation to Comment Cleared	January 23, 2018
Preliminary Views Approved	June 2020
Redeliberations Began	May 2021
Exposure Draft Scheduled to Be Considered for Issuance	March 2025

Pre-Agenda Research Activities



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What?	Why?	When?
The GASB is evaluating existing guidance related to capital assets and the usefulness of information reported by governments	Stakeholders have asked the GASB to review various aspects of capital asset reporting; the most relevant standards have been in effect 15-20 years	The Board added the pre-agenda research in August 2019



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Why does the GASB conduct PIRs?

To provide general support to stakeholders when implementing significant new pronouncements

To identify and address practice issues that arise

To answer technical inquiries from stakeholders and develop and publish Q&A implementation guidance

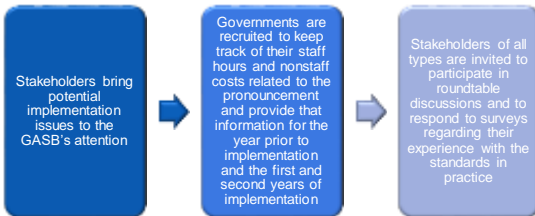
To collect timely information that the Board can use to evaluate cost-benefit considerations as it develops other pronouncements and when it reexamines the standards in the future



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How does the GASB involve stakeholders in PIR?



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Which Statements are under review?

Statement 67—Pension plan reporting

Statement 68—Employer reporting for pensions

Statement 72—Fair Value measurement & reporting

Statement 75—Employer reporting for other postemployment benefits (OPEB)

Statement 84—Fiduciary activities

Statement 87—Leases



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Website Resources



- 1 Free download of Statements, Implementation Guides, Concepts Statements and other pronouncements
- 2 Free access to the basic view of Governmental Accounting Research System (GARS)
- 3 Free copies of proposals
- 4 Up-to-date information on current projects
- 5 Form for submitting technical questions
- 6 Educational materials, including podcasts

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