

Closing the GAAP: New Canadian GAAP Pronouncements

(includes developments to December 31, 2011)

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The following summarizes Canadian GAAP pronouncements that must be applied, if applicable, for the first time to a calendar year-end company that is preparing financial statements in accordance with Canadian GAAP. This newsletter sets out new requirements by the calendar year in which they are first effective. Developments relate to Canadian GAAP as set out in the following parts of the CICA Handbook:

- Part II – Private Enterprises
- Part III – Not-for-profit Organizations
- Part IV – Pension Plans

This ACS Newsletter supersedes the information in previous Newsletter 2011-095 and is updated quarterly. Developments since the previous newsletters, if any, are highlighted in yellow.

While we have attempted to make this newsletter as complete as possible, it may not include all changes or modifications to existing authoritative literature that may affect a particular enterprise.



Developments related to CICA Handbook, Part II – Private Enterprises

Reference Pronouncement and Effective Date Impacting 2011 Calendar Years

CICA Handbook
Part II

Accounting standards for private enterprises

This part of the Handbook includes accounting standards for private enterprises effective for years beginning on/after January 1, 2011.

**Learning more: R&Q NL 2010-037
R&Q NL 2011-039
R&Q NL 2009-103**

CICA 1500

First-time adoption and employee future benefits

Amended to permit an entity that accounts for its defined benefit plans using the deferral and amortization approach to carry forward at the date of transition to ASPE any unrecognized actuarial gains and losses and past service costs that were determined previously in accordance with Part V, CICA 3461, Employee Future Benefits, or an equivalent basis of accounting such as Part I, IAS 19, *Employee Benefits*.

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Improves existing standards. The amendments are effective for periods beginning on/after January 1, 2011.

| Part II - ASPE | Subject of amendment |
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| CICA 1400, <i>General Standards of Financial Statement Presentation</i> | Amended to require an enterprise to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present only one set of general purpose financial statements under Part II in any particular period, and • Refer to its general purpose financial statements in any additional sets of financial statements prepared under Part II |
| CICA 1521, <i>Balance Sheet</i> | Amended to address an inconsistency with CICA 1510, <i>Current Assets and Current Liabilities</i> |
| CICA 3064, <i>Goodwill and Intangible Assets</i> | Amended to clarify that the requirement to expense expenditures on advertising and promotional activities includes expenditures on mail order catalogues and other similar documents intended to advertise goods, services or events to customers. |
| CICA 3820, <i>Subsequent Events</i> | Amended to clarify the meaning of the date of completion of financial statements. |
| CICA 3856, <i>Financial Instruments</i> | Amended to provide clarification and additional guidance on various aspects of hedge accounting. |

Developments related to CICA Handbook, Part III – Not-for-profit Organizations

Reference Pronouncement and Effective Date Impacting 2012 Calendar Years

CICA Handbook Part III Accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations
 This part of the Handbook includes accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations effective for years beginning on/after January 1, 2012.

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 Improves existing standards. The amendments are effective for periods beginning on/after January 1, 2012.

| Part III - NPOs | Subject of amendment |
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| CICA 1401, <i>General Standards of Financial Statement Presentation for Not-for-Profit Organizations</i> | Amended to require an organization to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present only one set of general purpose financial statements under Part III in any particular period, and • Refer to the general purpose financial statements in any additional sets of financial statements prepared under Part III |

Developments related to CICA Handbook, Part IV – Pension Plans

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| CICA Handbook Part IV | <u>Accounting standards for pension plans</u> This part of the Handbook includes accounting standards for pension plans effective for years beginning on/after January 1, 2011. |
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| CICA 4600 | <u>Fair value amendments</u> Amended to delete definition of fair value in paragraph 4600.05(I) and to require a pension plan to follow the fair value measurement guidance in Part I of the Handbook (i.e. IFRS) in determining fair value for its investment assets and investment liabilities. This change is a result of the issuance of IFRS 13 <i>Fair Value Measurement</i> in Part I of the Handbook in November 2011. Consistent with this change regarding measurement, the recognition requirements in paragraph 4600.18 have been amended to refer generally to either Part I or Part II of the Handbook. Paragraphs 4600.38-.39 have been amended and paragraphs 4600.40-.41 have been added to deal with a pension plan's transition to the amended requirements. Effective for years beginning on/after January 1, 2013. |
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