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Quarterly update – For-profit entities

Connect to what's new in financial reporting for March 2025

This quarterly update includes a high-level overview of new and revised financial reporting requirements that need to be considered by for-profit entities for annual and interim financial reporting periods ending on 31 March 2025. Information is also included for December 2024 year-ends for entities who are still finalising their financial statement. 🔊



Financial Reporting Standards Update

Key changes for 31 March 2025

Five new financial reporting pronouncements plus related reduced disclosure concessions became effective for periods ending 31 December 2024 and are mandatory for 31 March 2025 balance dates. These include:

- Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current and Non-current Liabilities with Covenants (Amendments to NZ IAS 1);
- Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback (Amendments to NZ IFRS 16);
- Supplier Finance Arrangements (Amendments to NZ IAS 7 and NZ IFRS 7) as well as RDR amendments; and
- Disclosure of Fees for Audit Firms' Services (Amendments to FRS-44).

Entities should also pay close attention to NZ IFRS 18 *Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements* which is the new standard on presentation and disclosure as well as the amendments to the measurement and classification of financial instruments that amend a number of requirements in NZ IFRS 7 *Financial Instruments: Disclosures* and NZ IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments*.

Entities will need to assess the impact of the new standards and amendments and ensure that relevant policies and processes are in place to implement the changes.

Tier 1 entities (applying full NZ IFRS) who are yet to adopt standards and amendments that are approved but not yet effective, also need to consider appropriate disclosure in their annual financial statements.

Importance of disclosures

Judgement will be required to determine the extent of additional disclosure, which appropriately explains the impact of the new standards and amendments on the financial statements.

Current economic environment

Entities should consider the current economic environment and its impact on accounting and financial reports. Deloitte's <u>iGAAP in Focus</u> publication outlines areas of focus for reporting including uncertainty and financial reporting, climate-related risks in financial statements, currency and hyperinflation, and other accounting and reporting considerations. The guidance on uncertainty and financial reporting covers:

- General inflation and interest rates
- Volatility in energy prices
- Uncertainty and financial risks disclosure
- Uncertainty and fair value measurement and disclosures
- Uncertainty and IFRS 9 (NZ IFRS 9)

Climate change

Financial statement preparers must consider the accounting implications of climate change as well as the appropriate disclosures to include in the entity's financial statements. See <u>Appendix A</u> for information about reflecting climate risk in financial statements.

It is important to consider consistency and coherence between financial statements and other documents the entity may have issued including climate information such as the annual report and the climate related disclosures for those entities required to present these under Part 7A of the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013.

XRB A1 Application of the Accounting Standards Framework

(XRB A1) sets out the tiers for reporting, the standards that apply to each tier and the requirements for transitioning between tiers. Each reporting period, entities should consider whether there have been any changes to the business that would result in a change in reporting or audit requirements under XRB A1 or other legislative requirements. These could include:

- Changes in ownership (such as an increase in the number of shareholders or proportion of overseas ownership).
- Increases in revenue or assets through growth, business combinations or capital raises.

You may find our framework publication, '<u>The New Zealand financial</u> <u>reporting Landscape</u>' useful. This publication provides a summary of the legislative and accounting standards requirements for New Zealand entities.

IFRIC Agenda Decisions

We have included in <u>Appendix C</u> a list of the IFRS Interpretations Committee Agenda Decisions during the last year. Entities should consider whether any of these agenda decisions are applicable to the preparation of their financial statements.

For-profit entities: New and revised accounting pronouncements for March 2025

Changes in accounting standards can have a significant impact on an entity's financial statements. New pronouncements should be carefully reviewed for any potential impacts or opportunities.

The tables below and overleaf outline the new and revised pronouncements that are either required to be applied for the first time for a 31 March 2025 annual or interim reporting period or may be early adopted¹. The footnotes distinguish between mandatory initial application, and pronouncements that were also mandatory in a previous period, as well as provide guidance on early adoption. We have also included links to relevant Deloitte publications which provide further detail, where appropriate. In the majority of cases, the disclosure requirements of the individual pronouncements listed in the tables below would not be applicable to half-year financial reports; however, the recognition and measurement requirements would be applied where those pronouncements have been adopted by the entity.

In addition, disclosure of the application of new and revised accounting pronouncements needs to be carefully considered, along with the impact of those that are approved but not yet effective. We have outlined a few considerations in respect of these in <u>Appendix B</u>.

The information below was updated on 28 February 2025 for developments to that date. Further information on each pronouncement can be found in the next section.

New pronouncements	Effective date*	Year e	ending	Interim ending
		Dec 2024	Mar 2025	Mar 2025
Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current (Amendments to NZ IAS 1)	1 Jan 2024	М	М	М
Non-current Liabilities with Covenants (Amendments to NZ IAS 1)	1 Jan 2024	М	М	М
Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback (Amendments to NZ IFRS 16)	1 Jan 2024	м	м	М
Disclosure of Fees for Audit Firms' Services (Amendments to FRS-44)	1 Jan 2024	М	М	М
Supplier Finance Arrangements (Amendments to NZ IAS 7 and NZ IFRS 7)	1 Jan 2024	М	М	М
Supplier Finance Arrangement RDR (Amendments to NZ IAS 7)	1 Jan 2024	м	М	М
Lack of Exchangeability (Amendments to NZ IAS 21 and NZ IFRS 1)	1 Jan 2025	0	0	0
Lack of Exchangeability RDR (Amendments to NZ IAS 21)	1 Jan 2025	0	0	0
Amendments to the Classification and Measurement of Financial Instruments (Amendments to NZ IFRS 9 and NZ IFRS 7)	1 Jan 2026	0	0	0
Annual Improvements to NZ IFRS Accounting Standards 2024	1 Jan 2026	0	0	0
NZ IFRS 18 Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements	1 Jan 2027	0	0	0
Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture and Mandatory Date of Amendments (Amendments to NZ IFRS 10 and NZ IAS 28)	1 Jan 2028	0	0	0



O Optional

M Mandatory for the first time

Annual reporting periods beginning on or after this date.
 <u>Note regarding early adoption</u>: Standards and amendments issued by the XRB take legal effect 28 days after they are published under the Legislation Act 2019. Early adoption of certain standards and amendments is permitted but not for accounting periods ending before the date those standards and amendments take legal effect.
 For recent amendments not yet effective, the table below includes early adoption information.

¹Amendments to NZ IFRS 1 *First-time Adoption of New Zealand Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards* have not been considered in this publication. First time adopters should consult the latest version of NZ IFRS 1 when preparing their first set of financial statements in compliance with NZ IFRS. Entities will also need to monitor approvals between the date of this publication and the date when the financial statements are approved.

Impact of each new and revised pronouncement

The following tables set out information on the impact of the recent new pronouncements (see key on page 2)

New pronouncements Ef	Effective date	Year ending		Interim ending
		Dec 2024	Mar 2025	Mar 2025
Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current and Non-current Liabilities with Covenants (Amendments to NZ IAS 1)	1 Jan 2024	М	м	М
n 2020, NZ IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements was amended to:			in Focus nev 9 in Focus ne	
 clarify that the classification of liabilities as current or non-current is based on rights that are in existence at the end of the reporting period; specify that classification is unaffected by expectations about whether an entity will exercise its right to defer settlement of a liability; explain that rights are in existence if covenants are complied with at the end of the reporting period; and introduce a definition of 'settlement' to make clear that settlement refers to the transfer to the counterparty of cash, equity instruments, other assets or services. 				
Nay 2023) clarify that only covenants that an entity is required to comply with on or efore the end of the reporting period affect the entity's right to defer settlement of a ability for at least twelve months after the reporting date (and therefore must be onsidered in assessing the classification of the liability as current or non-current).				
additional disclosures are also required that enable users to understand the risk that the abilities could become repayable within twelve months after the reporting period, including information about the nature of the covenants, when they are to be tested and ny facts and circumstances that indicate the entity might have difficulty complying with hem.				
he amendments issued affect only the presentation of liabilities as current or non- urrent in the statement of financial position. These are to be applied retrospectively.				
oth amendments are mandatory for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 anuary 2024.				
ease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback (Amendments to NZ IFRS 16)	1 Jan 2024	М	М	М
The amendments add subsequent measurement requirements for sale and leaseback ransactions that satisfy the requirements in NZ IFRS 15 <i>Revenue from Contracts with Customers</i> to be accounted for as a sale.		igaap	<u>e in Focus ne</u>	wsletter
The amendments require the seller-lessee to determine 'lease payments' or 'revised lease hayments' such that the seller-lessee does not recognise a gain or loss that relates to the ight-of-use retained by the seller-lessee, after the commencement date. The mendments do not affect the gain or loss recognised by the seller-lessee relating to the partial or full termination of a lease. The amendment is fully retrospective to sale and easeback transactions entered into after the date of initial application of NZ IFRS 16 <i>eases</i> .				
isclosure of Fees for Audit Firms' Services (Amendments to FRS-44)	1 Jan 2024	М	М	М
he amendments update the required disclosures for fees relating to services provided by	,			

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New pronouncements	Effective date	Year e	ending	Interim ending
		Dec 2024	Mar 2025	Mar 2025
ne entity's audit or review firm. The fees must be disaggregated into specified categories, acluding audit and review services, other assurance services and agreed-upon procedure ngagements, taxation services, and other services. The amendments include guidance to ssist entities in determining the types of services to include in each category. here are reduced disclosure concessions for Tier 2 entities.				
upplier Finance Arrangements and RDR (Amendments to NZ IAS 7 and NZ IFRS 7)	1 Jan 2024	М	М	M
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a July 2023, the NZASB issued amendments to NZ IAS 7 <i>Statement of Cash Flows</i> and NZ RS 7 <i>Financial Instruments: Disclosures</i> relating to supplier finance arrangements.			<u>' in Focus ne</u>	<u>wsietter</u>
he amendments require an entity to disclose information about its supplier finance rrangements that enable users of financial statements to assess the effects of those rrangements on the entity's liabilities and cash flows and the entity's exposure to quidity risk.				
 isclosures include: The terms and conditions of the arrangements (for example, extended payment terms and security or guarantees provided). As at the beginning and end of the reporting period: the carrying amounts of the financial liabilities that are part of a supplier finance arrangement and associated line items in the entity's statement of financial position; the amounts included above for which suppliers have already received payment from the finance providers; and the range of payment due dates for both the financial liabilities included in a supplier finance arrangement and comparable trade payables that are not part of a supplier finance arrangement. If ranges of payment due dates are wide, an entity is required to disclose explanatory information about those ranges or disclose additional ranges (for example, stratified ranges). The type and effect of non-cash changes in the carrying amounts of the financial liabilities that are part of a supplier finance arrangement. Examples of non-cash changes include the effect of business combinations, exchange differences or other transactions that do not require the use of cash or cash equivalents. 				
ack of Exchangeability and RDR (Amendments to NZ IAS 21 and NZ IFRS 1)	1 Jan 2025*	0	0	0
he NZASB has published amendments to NZ IAS 21 <i>The Effects of Changes in Foreign</i> <i>acchange Rates</i> that specify how to assess whether a currency is exchangeable and how be determine the exchange rate when it is not. The NZASB subsequently also issued reduced disclosure concessions to these amendments.		igaap	9 in Focus ne	wsletter
pplying the amendments, a currency is exchangeable when an entity is able to exchange				

New pronouncements	Effective date	Year ending		Interim ending
		Dec 2024	Mar 2025	Mar 2025
that currency for the other currency through market or exchange mechanisms that create enforceable rights and obligations without undue delay at the measurement date and for a specified purpose. However, a currency is not exchangeable into the other currency if an entity can only obtain no more than an insignificant amount of the other currency at the measurement date for the specified purpose.				
When a currency is not exchangeable at the measurement date, an entity is required to estimate the spot exchange rate as the rate that would have applied to an orderly exchange transaction at the measurement date between market participants under prevailing economic conditions. In that case, an entity is required to disclose information that enables users of its financial statements to evaluate how the currency's lack of exchangeability affects, or is expected to affect, the entity's financial performance, financial position and cash flows.				
* The amendments are effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2025. The amendments are available for early adoption for accounting periods ended on or after 30 November 2023. An entity will not be permitted to apply the amendments retrospectively. Instead, an entity will be required to apply the specific transition provisions included in the amendments. <i>Lack of Exchangeability RDR</i> is available for early adoption for periods ended on or after 15 February 2024.				
Amendments to the Classification and Measurement of Financial Instruments (Amendments to NZ IFRS 9 and NZ IFRS 7)	1 Jan 2026*	0	0	0
 The amendments introduce an alternative to the derecognition of financial liability requirements where the financial liability will be settled via an electronic payment system. An entity may deem a financial liability (or part of it) to be discharged before settlement date if and only if the entity has initiated payment instructions that result in the following: the entity having no practical ability to withdraw, stop or cancel the payment instruction; the entity having no practical ability to access the cash to be used for settlement as a result of the payment instruction; and the settlement risk associated with the electronic payment system being insignificant. 		IGAAF	<u>in Focus ne</u>	<u>wsletter</u>
The amendments clarify that settlement risk associated with an electronic payment system is considered insignificant if the completion of payment instruction follows a standard administrative process and the time between meeting the first two criteria above and the counterparty receiving the cash is short. If an entity elects to apply this alternative to the derecognition of a financial liability, the entity must apply this consistently to all settlements made through the same electronic payment system. No alternative treatment is allowed for the counterparty who holds the financial asset.				
The amendments also provide clarification around <i>contractual terms that are consistent</i> with a basic lending arrangement which will help entities to assess contractual cash flow characteristics of financial assets with ESG features. The amendments add two illustrative examples to the application guidance in NZ IFRS 9 <i>Financial Instruments</i> to demonstrate when financial assets do or do not have contractual cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest when ESG features are involved.				
 The amendments also clarify classification of: Financial assets with non-recourse features and Contractually linked instruments 				

New pronouncements	Effective date	Year	Year ending	
		Dec 2024	Mar 2025	Mar 2025
NZ IFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures is also amended in respect of investments in equity instruments designated at FVTOCI. The amendments add that an entity is required to disclose for each class of investments the fair value gain or loss presented in other comprehensive income during the period, showing separately the fair value gain or loss related to investments derecognised in the reporting period and the fair value gain or loss related to investments held at the end of the reporting period. If an investment in an equity instrument designated at FVTOCI is derecognised during the reporting period, an entity will need to disclose any transfers of the cumulative gain or loss within equity during the reporting period related to the investments derecognised during that reporting period. An entity is also no longer required to disclose the reporting date fair value of each equity instrument designated at FVTOCI and can instead present this information by class of instruments.				
Disclosures have also been introduced where financial instruments include contractual terms that could vary the timing or amount of contractual cash flows depending on the occurrence (or non-occurrence) of contingent events unrelated to changes in basic lending risks and costs (such as the time value of money or credit risk). The amendments prescribe qualitative and quantitative information to be made by class of financial assets measured at amortised cost or FVTOCI and financial liabilities measured at amortised cost.				
Unless specified otherwise, the amendments will need to be applied retrospectively in accordance with NZ IAS 8 <i>Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors</i> . Prior period restatement is not required.				
* Early application is permitted for periods ended on or after 25 July 2024.				
Annual Improvements to NZ IFRS Accounting Standards 2024	1 Jan 2026*	0	0	0
The amendments were issued by the NZASB to address minor inconsistencies, lack of clarity and errors across a number of standards. One of the key changes is around the derecognition of lease liabilities under NZ IFRS 9 <i>Financial Instruments</i> which clarifies that when a lessee has determined that a lease liability has been extinguished in accordance with NZ IFRS 9, the lessee is required to apply NZ IFRS 9:3.3.3 and therefore recognise any resulting gain or loss in profit or loss. * Early application is permitted for periods ended on or after 19 September 2024.		igaaf	<u>' in Focus ne</u>	<u>wsletter</u>
NZ IFRS 18 Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements	1 Jan 2027*	0	0	0
NZ IFRS 18 Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements will supersede NZ IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements and is intended to improve comparability and transparency in the presentation of financial statements. NZ IFRS 18 introduces three key new requirements (among others):		igaaf	<u>' in Focus ne</u>	<u>wsletter</u>
 a change in the structure of the statement of profit or loss – requires the presentation of profit and loss items by operating, investing and financing activities and specified subtotals including operating profit or loss; management defined performance measures (MPMs) to be included in a note in the financial statements; and enhanced aggregation/ disaggregation clarification. 				
The new standard also amends the classification in the statement of cash flows.				

New pronouncements	Effective date	Year	ending	Interim ending
		Dec 2024	Mar 2025	Mar 2025
* Early application is permitted for periods ended after 20 June 2024.				
Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture and Mandatory Date of Amendments (Amendments to NZ IFRS 10 and NZ IAS 28)	1 Jan 2028*	0	0	0
The amendments clarify that in a transaction involving an associate or joint venture, the extent of the gain or loss recognised is dependent upon whether the assets sold or contributed constitute a business, as defined in NZ IFRS 3 <i>Business Combinations</i> . A gain or loss is recognised in full where an entity:		·	in Focus new cus - deferra <u>date</u>	
 sells or contributes assets constituting a business to a joint venture or associate; or loses control of a subsidiary that contains a business but retains joint control or significant influence. 				
Where the sold or contributed assets do not constitute a business, or where the subsidiary over which control was lost does not contain a business then the gain or loss is recognised only to the extent of the unrelated investors' interests in the joint venture or associate, i.e., the entity's share of the gain or loss is eliminated.				
* The IASB postponed the effective date indefinitely to complete its research project on equity accounting (which may include further clarifications to these amendments). Since the Financial Reporting Act 2013 requires all accounting standards issued in New Zealand to have an effective date, there have been a number of effective dates since 2016, with the most recent being 1 January 2025 (which was to be reassessed in accordance with the ASB's decision on the matter). <i>Mandatory Date of Amendments to NZ IFRS 10 and NZ IAS 28 (2024)</i> has further deferred the effective date of <i>Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture</i> (Amendments to NZ IFRS 10 and NZ AS 28) from 1 January 2025 to 1 January 2028.				
* Early application of <i>Mandatory Date of Amendments to NZ IFRS 10 and NZ IAS 28 (2024)</i> s permitted for periods ended on or after 20 June 2024 and is mandatory for periods beginning on or after 1 January 2025. Early application of <i>Sale or Contribution of Assets</i> between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture has been available for early adoption since the standard took effect in 2014.				



Appendix A – Reflecting climate risk in financial statements

Preparers of financial statements must consider the **accounting implications of climate change** as well as the appropriate **disclosures** to include in the entity's financial statements, including the **consistency of that disclosure** with other information in the annual report, for example, the management commentary and information on the organisation's website as well as in the climate-related disclosures.

Impact on recognition and measurement

The risks and uncertainties arising from climate change are likely to have an impact on the financial statements of all entities, whether directly, or indirectly (through the supply / value chain). For example, climate change could result in:

- changes to assumptions in forecasts when considering asset impairment, including goodwill;
- effects on impairment calculations because of increased costs or reduced demand;
- changes in the useful life of assets;
- changes in the fair values of assets;
- changing availability of future tax profits when assessing recoverability of deferred tax assets;
- changes in provisions for onerous contracts because of increased costs or reduced demand;
- changes in provisions and contingent liabilities arising from fines and penalties;
- changes in expected credit losses for loans and other financial assets; and
- new financing arrangements and terms to be considered.

Forecasts used to assess going concern over a period of at least 12 months from the date of signing the financial statements may also be significantly affected in certain cases. The likelihood and extent of impact will require judgement because there is significant uncertainty as to the extent by which the global temperature will increase, what the impact of different climate change scenarios on an entity's business might be, and how these factors may result in changes to cash flow projections or to the level of risk associated with achieving those cash flows.

Assumptions made will need to be consistent with:

- risk management, strategy, and business model disclosure;
- commitments made by the company to investors and other stakeholders (including climate transition plans);
- commitments made by governments of jurisdictions in which the company operates, e.g., the NZ Government's commitment to 'net zero by 2050' and a carbon neutral public sector by 2025; and
- other disclosures made by the entity (such as the new climaterelated disclosures issued by the XRB or other ESG reporting).

If your organisation has made climate commitments, the financial impact of these commitments should be reflected in the related accounting estimates and disclosures.

Increased Disclosure

Investors, regulators, and other stakeholders are also increasingly demanding better disclosures on climate change matters and challenging entities who are not factoring the effects of climate change into their critical accounting judgements.

Accounting standards note that "information is material if omitting, misstating or obscuring it could reasonably be expected to influence decisions that primary users of general purpose financial statements make on the basis of those financial statements" (NZ IAS 1 *Presentation of Financial Statements /*NZ IFRS 18 *Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements*).

If investors could reasonably expect that climate-related risks (or other emerging risks) will have a significant impact on the entity and this would qualitatively influence investors' decisions, then information on the climate or other assumptions made should be disclosed, including information about the sensitivity of those assumptions. Such disclosure may be necessary, even if the effects of climate change on the entity are not expected in the short term.

Other resources

IFRS Practice Statement 2: Making Materiality Judgements

<u>Climate-related and Other Uncertainties in the Financial Statements</u> exposure draft issued by the IASB and iGAAP in Focus publication

Climate matters in the Financial Statements issued by the XRB



Appendix B – Shedding light on the new disclosures required

NZ IFRS requires disclosures in relation to all the new or revised Standards and Interpretations that have had or may have a material impact on the annual financial report of the entity, whether they have been adopted or not. The requirements for interim financial reports are less onerous but must still be considered.

Entities reporting under NZ IFRS RDR (Tier 2 entities) are permitted exemptions from certain disclosures as noted below.

Disclosures Required

Applicability of new or revised	Summary of disclosure required	
pronouncements	Annual financial statements	Interim financial statements
Initial mandatory or voluntary application of a new or revised pronouncements	The relevant pronouncement, the nature of the change in accounting policy, details of any transitional provisions, line-by-line analysis of the effect of the change in policy on the financial statements and the impacts on earnings per share.	The nature and effect of any change in accounting policy compared with the most recent annual financial report (NZ IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting paragraph 16A(a)).
	which the entity needs to comply (NZ IAS 8 <i>Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors</i> paragraph 28).	NZ IAS 34 does not specify the level of detail of the disclosures required, and accordingly the level of detail may be less
	Tier 2 entities would not need to disclose details of transitional provisions. When initial application has not had a material impact on the financial statements (and is also not expected to have a material impact in future periods), an entity may wish to include generic disclosure such as:	than is presented in an annual financial report in accordance with NZ IAS 8. However, best practice might suggest that the requirements of NZ IAS 8 be used as a guide.
	"All mandatory Standards, Amendments and Interpretations have been adopted in the current year. None had a material impact on these financial statements."	An IFRS in Focus Newsletter with more details can be found <u>here</u> .
Pronouncements on issue but not adopted	The financial report must disclose which pronouncements have been issued but not adopted in the financial report, when the pronouncements have mandatory application, when those pronouncements are going to be applied by the entity and the possible impact on the entity's financial report (where known or reasonably estimable).	The impacts of new or revised accounting pronouncements that have not been early adopted are not explicitly required to be disclosed in interim financial reports. Entities should consider making additiona disclosures where the effects of these
	The tables within the body of this update could be reviewed to identify such pronouncements for periods ending 31 December 2024 or 31 March 2025 (updated to 28 February 2025).	pronouncements are expected to be material and those effects have not been previously disclosed in the prior annual financial report.
	When initial application is genuinely not expected to have a material impact on the financial statements, an entity may wish to include a generic disclosure such as:	Tier 2 entities are exempt from these disclosures in an annual financial report, and accordingly would also be exempt at
	"There are a number of Standards, Amendments and Interpretations which have been approved but are not yet effective. The Company expects to adopt these when they become mandatory. None are expected to result in a material impact on the Company's financial statements."	the interim period.
	Tier 2 entities are exempt from these disclosures. (NZ IAS 8.30-31)	

Deciding on the early adoption of Interpretations

Interpretations that merely interpret the requirements of existing Standards are often considered best practice and so would ordinarily be adopted at an entity's next reporting date or at the mandatory adoption date.

Other interpretations that effectively introduce new recognition and measurement requirements not explicitly covered under existing Standards might not ordinarily be early adopted, particularly where they change established industry practice and/or require substantial effort to implement.

Accordingly, where an Interpretation is on issue but is not yet mandatory, entities should carefully consider the requirements of each Interpretation and its potential impacts when deciding whether early adoption is appropriate.

Do the annual disclosures extend to pronouncements issued by the IASB/IFRIC where an equivalent New Zealand pronouncement has not been approved at the date of signing the financial report?

Yes. FRS-44 *New Zealand Additional Disclosures* requires for-profit entities to disclose the information required by paragraphs 30 and 31 of NZ IAS 8 in relation to a Standard or Interpretation issued by the IASB/IFRIC where an equivalent New Zealand Standard or Interpretation has not been approved at the date of signing the financial report. This approach ensures that the entity can make an unreserved statement of compliance with IFRS as required by paragraph 16 of NZ IAS 1 *Presentation of Financial Statements* and paragraph 19 of NZ IAS 34 *Interim Financial Reporting*.

Appendix C – IFRS Interpretations Committee Agenda Decisions

The IFRS Interpretations Committee responds to questions about the application of accounting standards. Below is a list of the published agenda decisions from the last 12 months.

Agenda Decisions

Applicability of new or revised pronouncements

Merger between a Parent and Its Subsidiary in Separate Financial Statements (IAS 27 Separate Financial Statements) (January 2024)

Climate-related Commitments (IAS 37 *Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets*) (April 2024)

Payments Contingent on Continued Employment during Handover Periods (IFRS 3 *Business Combinations*) (April 2024)

Disclosure of Revenues and Expenses for Reportable Segments (IFRS 8 *Operating Segments*) (July 2024)

Refer to the <u>IFRS Interpretations Committee updates page</u> for further information about the fact patterns and the decisions that were reached by the Committee.

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