

IFRS Coverage in Financial & Managerial Accounting for MBAs 2e by Easton/Halsey/McAnally/Hartgraves/Morse

Author note: The convergence of U.S. GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) is an important aspect of contemporary financial accounting. We believe that introductory MBA students need exposure to, and knowledge of, the basics of this convergence process and information on where differences currently exist. We have an introduction to the convergence process and IFRS in Module 1 of our book. Subsequent to this introduction, we identify reporting requirements where U.S. GAAP and IFRS differ in the context of the topic being presented. Importantly, we refrain from lengthy references to SFASs; instead, we refer to fundamental principles that underlie *both* U.S. GAAP and IFRS. We believe that reference to principles-based learning is the preferred foundation for MBA students in the introductory financial accounting course (versus SFAS-rules-based learning for MBA students).

Throughout the financial accounting modules in the book, we introduce “IFRS Alert” marginal annotations and “IFRS Insight” boxes—the purpose of both is to inform students about IFRS and identify where key agreements and differences rest. We also prepared Appendix D to highlight in greater detail those areas of agreement and disagreement between U.S. GAAP and IFRS.

We recognize that the convergence of U.S. GAAP and IFRS is uncertain—both in timing and in content. Thus, we take care not to exclaim to the reader that this is the absolute final outcome of the convergence process. For example, no one knows the ultimate fate of LIFO nor the ultimate fate of our financial statement presentation? These and other topics are presented as part of a still fluid process that will work itself out over the next 5 years or so. We take pains to avoid burdening the MBA student with technical content that is only relevant to our accounting majors. We do not, for example, burden them with SFAS references, codification details, and accounting minutia. Below is an overview of the IFRS coverage in our book.

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