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**AASB 1054**

# **Australian Additional Disclosures**

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This compiled Standard applies to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 July 2011 with early application of the Reduced Disclosure Requirements (RDR). It incorporates relevant amendments made up to and including 11 May 2011. RDR amendments cannot be applied to periods beginning before 1 July 2009.

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Australian Accounting Standard AASB 1054 *Australian Additional Disclosures* (as amended) is set out in paragraphs 1 – 16. All the paragraphs have equal authority. Paragraphs in **bold type** state the main principles. AASB 1054 is to be read in the context of other Australian Accounting Standards, including AASB 1048 *Interpretation of Standards*, which identifies the Australian Accounting Interpretations. In the absence of explicit guidance, AASB 108 *Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors* provides a basis for selecting and applying accounting policies.

## COMPILATION DETAILS

### **Accounting Standard AASB 1054 *Australian Additional Disclosures* as amended – RDR Early Application Only**

This compiled Standard applies to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 July 2011 with early application of the Reduced Disclosure Requirements. It takes into account amendments up to and including 11 May 2011 and was prepared on 20 June 2012 by the staff of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB).

This compilation is not a separate Accounting Standard made by the AASB. Instead, it is a representation of AASB 1054 (May 2011) as amended by other Accounting Standards, which are listed in the Table below.

#### **Table of Standards**

<b>Standard</b>	<b>Date made</b>	<b>Application date (<i>annual reporting periods ... on or after ...</i>)</b>	<b>Application, saving or transitional provisions</b>
AASB 1054	11 May 2011	( <i>beginning</i> ) 1 Jul 2011	
AASB 2011-2	11 May 2011	( <i>beginning</i> ) 1 Jul 2013	see (a) below

- (a) Entities may elect to apply this Standard (the RDR amendments) to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 July 2009 but before 1 July 2013, provided that the Standards listed in paragraph 4 of AASB 2011-2 are also applied to such periods.

#### **Table of Amendments**

<b>Paragraph affected</b>	<b>How affected</b>	<b>By ... [paragraph]</b>
5A-5C (and preceding heading)	added	AASB 2011-2 [8]
RDR7.1	added	AASB 2011-2 [8]

## **COMPARISON WITH IFRSs**

AASB 1054 *Australian Additional Disclosures* includes disclosure requirements and definitions which are additional to International Financial Reporting Standards issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB).

Compliance with AASB 1054 is not needed for IFRS compliance.

## **ACCOUNTING STANDARD AASB 1054**

The Australian Accounting Standards Board made Accounting Standard AASB 1054 *Australian Additional Disclosures* under section 334 of the *Corporations Act 2001* on 11 May 2011.

This compiled version of AASB 1054 applies to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 July 2011 with early application of the Reduced Disclosure Requirements. It incorporates relevant amendments contained in other AASB Standards made by the AASB up to and including 11 May 2011 (see Compilation Details).

## **ACCOUNTING STANDARD AASB 1054**

### ***AUSTRALIAN ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURES***

#### **Objective**

- 1 The objective of this Standard is to set out Australian-specific disclosure requirements that are in addition to disclosure requirements in International Financial Reporting Standards.

#### **Application**

- 2 **This Standard applies to:**
  - (a) **each entity that is required to prepare financial reports in accordance with Part 2M.3 of the Corporations Act;**
  - (b) **general purpose financial statements of each reporting entity; and**
  - (c) **financial statements that are, or are held out to be, general purpose financial statements.**
- 3 **This Standard applies to *annual reporting periods* beginning on or after 1 July 2011.**

[Note: For application dates of paragraphs changed or added by an amending Standard, see Compilation Details.]
- 4 **This Standard, or individual disclosure requirements, may be applied to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2005 but before 1 July 2011, provided that AASB 2011-1**

*Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from the Trans-Tasman Convergence Project, or its relevant individual amendments, is also adopted early for the same period. When an entity applies this Standard, or individual disclosure requirements, to such an annual reporting period, it shall disclose that fact.*

- 5 The requirements specified in this Standard apply to the financial statements where information resulting from their application is material in accordance with AASB 1031 *Materiality*.

### **Reduced Disclosure Requirements**

- 5A Paragraphs 10-16 of this Standard do not apply to entities preparing general purpose financial statements under Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements. Entities applying Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements may elect to comply with some or all of these excluded requirements.
- 5B The requirements that do not apply to entities preparing general purpose financial statements under Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements are identified in this Standard by shading of the relevant text.
- 5C RDR paragraphs in this Standard apply only to entities preparing general purpose financial statements under Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements.

### **Definitions**

- 6 The following terms are used in this Standard with the meanings specified.

*Annual reporting period* means the financial year or similar period to which annual financial statements relate.

*Special purpose financial statements* are financial statements other than general purpose financial statements.

### **Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards**

- 7 An entity whose financial statements comply with Australian Accounting Standards shall make an explicit and unreserved statement of such compliance in the notes. An entity shall not describe financial statements as complying with Australian Accounting Standards unless

they comply with all the requirements of Australian Accounting Standards.

**RDR7.1** An entity whose financial statements comply with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements shall make an explicit and unreserved statement of such compliance in the notes. An entity shall not describe financial statements as complying with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements unless they comply with all the requirements of Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements.

## Reporting Framework

- 8 An entity shall disclose in the notes:
- (a) the statutory basis or other reporting framework, if any, under which the financial statements are prepared; and
  - (b) whether, for the purposes of preparing the financial statements, it is a for-profit or not-for-profit entity.

## General Purpose or Special Purpose Financial Statements

- 9 An entity shall disclose in the notes whether the financial statements are general purpose financial statements or *special purpose financial statements*.

## Audit Fees

- 10 An entity shall disclose fees to each auditor or reviewer, including any network firm, separately for:
- (a) the audit or review of the financial statements; and
  - (b) all other services performed during the reporting period.
- 11 For paragraph 10(b) above, an entity shall describe the nature of other services.

## Imputation Credits

- 12 The term ‘imputation credits’ is used in paragraphs 13-15 to also mean ‘franking credits’. The disclosures required by paragraphs 13 and 15



shall be made separately in respect of any New Zealand imputation credits and any Australian imputation credits.

- 13 An entity shall disclose the amount of imputation credits available for use in subsequent reporting periods.
- 14 For the purposes of determining the amount required to be disclosed in accordance with paragraph 13, entities may have:
- (a) imputation credits that will arise from the payment of the amount of the provision for income tax;
  - (b) imputation debits that will arise from the payment of dividends recognised as a liability at the reporting date; and
  - (c) imputation credits that will arise from the receipt of dividends recognised as receivables at the reporting date.
- 15 Where there are different classes of investors with different entitlements to imputation credits, disclosures shall be made about the nature of those entitlements for each class where this is relevant to an understanding of them.

### **Reconciliation of Net Operating Cash Flow to Profit (Loss)**

- 16 When an entity uses the direct method to present its statement of cash flows, the financial statements shall provide a reconciliation of the net cash flow from operating activities to profit (loss).

## **BASIS FOR CONCLUSIONS**

*This Basis for Conclusions accompanies, but is not part of, AASB 1054.*

### **Background**

BC1 This Basis for Conclusions summarises the considerations of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the Financial Reporting Standards Board (FRSB) of the New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants (NZICA) in reaching the conclusions in AASB 1054. It also provides a context for the Boards' decisions about harmonising the disclosure requirements. It focuses on the issues that the Boards consider to be of greatest significance. Individual Board members gave greater weight to some factors than to others.

### **Location of Additional Disclosures**

BC2 The Boards discussed the merits of locating the additional domestic disclosure requirements in a separate disclosure standard compared with locating them within topic-based standards, which is the current practice. Some members supported a separate disclosure standard largely on the basis that it would facilitate the topic-based standards being identical to International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs). Other members expressed a preference for locating additional disclosures within topic-based standards for ease of use. On balance, with the benefit of constituent responses to AASB ED 200B / FRSB ED 122 *Proposed Separate Disclosure Standards*, the Boards decided to locate the additional disclosures in separate disclosure standards on the basis that they view bringing the wording of Australian and New Zealand Standards closer to IFRSs as one of the greatest benefits of the Trans-Tasman Convergence project.

### **Definitions**

BC3 The definition of 'annual reporting period' has been retained on the basis that it is used in application paragraphs of AASB Standards, consistent with terminology in the Australian *Corporations Act 2001*.

BC4 The definition of 'special purpose financial statements' has been retained on the basis that it is used in a disclosure requirement related to the AASB's differential reporting framework.

## Audit Fees

- BC5 The AASB and the FRSB have relocated and amended the audit fee disclosure requirements contained in AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements* and NZ IAS 1 *Presentation of Financial Statements* to their respective separate disclosure Standards and harmonised the disclosure requirements across both jurisdictions.
- BC6 The AASB and the FRSB consider that the disclosure of audit fees is a matter of accountability and, given that the accountability environment is similar in both jurisdictions, they should have the same audit fee disclosure requirements. The Boards also took the opportunity to simplify the disclosure requirements on the basis that in recent times both preparers and users have indicated that disclosures in financial statements have become overly complex.
- BC7 The AASB and FRSB noted the usefulness of the notion of ‘related practice’ in audit fee disclosures in AASB 101 and decided to incorporate a similar notion that is common to both jurisdictions in the harmonised disclosures. Accordingly, the Boards decided to include the notion of ‘network firm’ from APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* issued by Accounting and Professional Ethical Standards Board (APESB) (February 2008) and *Code of Ethics: Independence in Assurance Engagements* issued by the NZICA (September 2008). The Boards also decided not to define or provide explanatory material for ‘network firm’ on the basis that the notion is generally understood and preparers and auditors could refer to the relevant APESB and NZICA pronouncements.
- BC8 The AASB and FRSB note that disclosures are made in the context of the scope of the entity reporting. Accordingly, in the case of a group, disclosures made in accordance with paragraph 10 would include fees paid by the parent and its subsidiaries for each of the parent and its subsidiaries.

## Imputation Credits

- BC9 The AASB and the FRSB have relocated the imputation credit disclosure requirements contained in AASB 101 and NZ IAS 12 *Income Taxes* to their respective separate disclosure Standards and to harmonise the disclosure requirements across both jurisdictions.
- BC10 The AASB and the FRSB noted that Australia and New Zealand are among a limited number of jurisdictions that have an imputation tax regime and acknowledge the decision usefulness of information about imputation credits to users of financial information. Accordingly, the

AASB and the FRSB decided that these disclosure requirements should be retained.

- BC11 Given that both jurisdictions have disclosure requirements about imputation credits, and that the imputation regimes in each jurisdiction are highly similar, the Boards have harmonised the wording across both jurisdictions. The Boards also took the opportunity to simplify the disclosure requirements on the basis that in recent times both preparers and users have indicated that disclosures in financial statements have become overly complex.

### **Reconciliation of Net Operating Cash Flow to Profit (Loss)**

- BC12 The AASB and the FRSB have relocated the requirement to disclose a reconciliation of net operating cash flow to profit or loss when an entity uses the direct method to present its statement of cash flows [that were contained in AASB 107 *Statement of Cash Flows* and NZ IAS 7 *Statement of Cash Flows*] to their respective separate disclosure standards and to harmonise the disclosure requirements across both jurisdictions.
- BC13 The Boards, in forming the view to retain the requirement for a reconciliation of net operating cash flow to profit or loss, acknowledged the weight of comments received on AASB ED 200B / FRSB ED 122 from constituents who opposed the proposal to remove this requirement.
- BC14 The Boards noted that the IASB has recently considered requiring a reconciliation of net operating cash flow to profit or loss in the context of its Financial Statement Presentation project.