

Meeting note—IFRS® Taxonomy Consultative Group

The IFRS Taxonomy Consultative Group (ITCG) held a meeting by video conference call on 7 October 2020. This note, prepared by the staff of the IFRS Foundation, summarises the discussions. Related papers and recordings of the meeting are [available on the meeting page](#).

The ITCG members discussed:

- IFRS Taxonomy content—disclosure of fact of early application of new or amended IFRS Standards.

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- 1 Most ITCG members agreed with the staff proposal to:
 - a. add a line item and members to the existing ‘Disclosure of initial application of standards or interpretations’ table in presentation group [811000] Notes – Accounting policies, changes in accounting estimates and errors; and
 - b. add new member elements under ‘Initially applied IFRSs’ axis for every new IFRS Standard and amendment which permits early application and requires the disclosure of the fact of early application.
- 2 Three ITCG members said that the staff proposal is useful for the users of tagged financial statements because it would allow them to identify the fact of early application of new or amended IFRS Standards easily and quickly. Additionally, one of these members commented that the staff proposal, if adopted, would also be useful for preparers because they can easily identify elements required to tag the fact of early application of new or amended IFRS Standards.
- 3 Although the staff rejected an option to create a Boolean element for the disclosure of the fact of early application because Boolean elements are not currently used in the IFRS Taxonomy, one ITCG member recommended the staff to consider this approach in future.
- 4 One ITCG member said the use of axis and members will be useful for disclosure of the fact of early application of new or amended IFRS Standards because these elements can be used for qualitative and quantitative disclosures to show the effect of early application by an entity.
- 5 One ITCG member asked whether the staff had explored the option to create individual text items for disclosing the fact of early application of each new or amended IFRS Standard. The staff replied that this option would create the same number of elements as the suggested staff proposal. However, the suggested staff proposal fits in and uses the current taxonomy architecture.
- 6 One ITCG member asked why the staff proposed to expire members for early application of new or amended IFRS Standards after two years of being effective. The staff replied that retaining members for two years would support tagging in situations when companies have extended reporting periods.
- 7 One ITCG member asked why the staff proposed to retain members related to transition in the presentation group [610000]. The staff replied that transition elements would be retained because IFRS 1 *First-time Adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards* can require

an entity to disclose information on transition for the first-time adopters of the IFRS Standards in future periods.

- 8 No ITCG members expressed disagreement with the staff proposal.

Other comments

- 9 The staff encouraged ITCG members to provide their comments on the Proposed IFRS Taxonomy Update *General Improvements and Common Practice—Presentation of information in primary financial statements*, which will be published shortly, and on the draft Proposed IFRS Taxonomy Update *General Improvements and Common Practice—IAS 19 Employee Benefits* that has been circulated for ITCG review.

Next steps

- 10 The staff plan to:
- a. include members for new or amended IFRS Standards that permit early application, require the disclosure of the fact of early application and have an effective date of 1 January 2021 or later in the 2021 Annual IFRS Taxonomy;
 - b. include member elements in the annual IFRS Taxonomy as a maintenance type change, without any separate consultation for all future new or amended IFRS Standards that permit early application and require an entity to disclose the fact of early application; and
 - c. discuss with the IFRS Taxonomy Review Panel before adding these member elements for new or amended IFRS Standards in the annual IFRS Taxonomy.