



Reporting cash flows from operating activities

Cash flows from Operating Activities can be reported using the direct or indirect method.

Direct method

- ▶ Cash received from customers.
- ▶ Cash paid to suppliers.
- ▶ Cash paid to employees.
- ▶ Cash paid for operating expenses.
- ▶ Interest paid.
- ▶ Taxes paid.
- ▶ Dividends paid.
- ▶ Net cash from operating activities.

Indirect method

The net cash flow from operating activities is determined by adjusting profit or loss for the effects of:

- ▶ Changes during the period in inventories and operating receivables and payables;
- ▶ Non-cash items such as depreciation, provisions, deferred taxes, unrealised foreign currency gains and losses, and undistributed profits of associates; and
- ▶ Income or expenses classified in the operating category in the statement of profit or loss for which the cash effects are investing or financing cash flows.
- ▶ Operating cash flows, such as income tax, for which the corresponding income or expenses are not classified in the operating category in the statement of profit or loss.

FRS 44 - *New Zealand Additional Disclosures* requires a reconciliation of cash flows from operating activities to Net Profit after Tax (NZ IFRS RDR Reporters are exempt from this disclosure requirement).

Items may be grouped.

- ▶ Non cash items (i.e. Depreciation).
- ▶ Deferrals or Accruals (i.e. change in Accounts Receivable).
- ▶ Investing and Financing line items.

Considerations to note

- ▶ Non cash investing and financing activities must be disclosed separately.
- ▶ Cash flows must be reported gross. Set-off is only permitted in very limited cases, and additional disclosures are required. (Refer to NZ IAS 7.24 for examples relating to term deposits and loans.)
- ▶ Foreign exchange transactions should be recorded at the rate at the date of the cash flow.
- ▶ Acquisition and disposal of subsidiaries are investment activities and specific additional disclosures are required.
- ▶ Where the equity method is used for joint ventures and associates, the cash flow statement should only show cash flows between the investor and investee.
- ▶ Disclose cash not available for use by the group.
- ▶ Assets and liabilities denominated in a foreign currency generally include an element of unrealised exchange difference at the reporting date.
- ▶ Disclose the components of cash and cash equivalents and provide a reconciliation back to the Statement of Financial Position amount if required.
- ▶ Disclose information about supplier finance arrangements for users to assess its effects on the entity's liabilities, cash flows and on entity's exposure to liquidity risk.
- ▶ Non-cash Investing and Financing transactions are not included in the Statement of Cash Flows and should be disclosed elsewhere in the financial statements.
- ▶ Disclose changes in liabilities arising from financing activities, distinguishing between changes from:
 - financing cash flows;
 - obtaining or losing control of subsidiaries and other businesses;
 - the effect of changes in foreign exchange;
 - fair value movements; and
 - other changes.
- ▶ Cash payments made by lessees for the reduction of lease liability are financial activity.

Definition: Cash and cash equivalents

- ▶ Short term (where the original maturity is 3 months or less, irrespective of maturity timing post balance date).
- ▶ Highly liquid investments.
- ▶ Readily convertible to known amounts of cash; and
- ▶ Subject to insignificant risk of changes in value.

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