

PROJECT HISTORY

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Staff presented a draft of Exposure Draft (ED) 67, *Collective and Individual Services and Emergency Relief*, along with Issues Papers summarizing the decisions the IPSASB needed to take in finalizing the ED.

Outstanding Issues with draft Exposure Draft 67, Collective and Individual Services and Emergency Relief

The IPSASB reviewed the text of the draft ED 67. The IPSASB agreed substantial changes to the text of the draft ED 67, primarily to simplify the text by removing extraneous material. Significant changes were also made to the description of emergency relief that is an ongoing activity of government.

The IPSASB also agreed to create a small editorial group to review the revised wording of ED 67 for consistency. The Technical Director will review any proposed amendments to ensure they are of an editorial nature only, and do not alter the substance of the guidance.

The key features of ED 67 are as follows:

- The guidance on collective and individual services and emergency relief is provided as Application Guidance to IPSAS 19, *Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets*.
- No provision is recognized for collective services or individual services; an entity recognizes expenses as services are delivered.

And

- An entity applies the requirements of IPSAS 19 in determining whether to recognize a provision or disclose a contingent liability for emergency relief. The only exception is where emergency relief is an ongoing activity of government, for example where a government has established an agency with a remit to deliver emergency relief, and where the agency staff are engaged either in delivering the emergency relief or in undertaking planning and preparation activities.

Approval of ED 67, Collective and Individual Services and Emergency Relief

The IPSASB voted to approve ED 67, *Collective and Individual Services and Emergency Relief* (17 in favor and 1 absent), and agreed that the consultation period should run from the end of January 2019 to May 31, 2019.

ED 67 is expected to be issued at the end of January 2019, accompanied by an At-a-Glance summary and a webinar. ED 67 will be published alongside IPSAS 42, *Social Benefits*. This is intended to address the concerns of some stakeholders, who noted that the scope of IPSAS 42 is narrower than the scope of social benefits under GFS. The IPSASB was aware that stakeholders would need to understand the intended accounting requirements for all the transactions classified as social benefits under GFS.