

PROJECT HISTORY

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Staff presented issues papers and the draft IPSAS 40, Public Sector Combinations.

Classification approach

Staff presented the revised wording of the classification approach, following the instruction from the IPSASB at its September 2016 to clarify the approach by removing references to a “rebuttable presumption.”

The IPSASB made some changes to the proposed drafting and agreed the revised wording.

Joint ventures and joint arrangements

The IPSASB agreed to modify the effective date of some amendments to other IPSASs relating to joint ventures and joint arrangements to a date to be determined by the IPSASB, where the IASB had deferred the implementation of the equivalent paragraphs in IFRS.

The IPSASB also agreed to include an additional paragraph in the Basis for Conclusions discussing the combination of two joint arrangements.

Information regarding planned combinations

The IPSASB considered whether to include an additional disclosure regarding planned combinations. The IPSASB agreed, in line with the advice from the CAG, not to include such a disclosure.

Due Process: Approval of IPSAS 40, Public Sector Combinations, Effective Date and Publication

The IPSASB completed a page-by-page review of the draft final pronouncement and identified minor editorials, which it instructed staff to action. The IPSASB approved the final pronouncement, IPSAS 40, *Public Sector Combinations*, and agreed the Basis for Conclusions, on December 6, 2016. Sixteen members voted in favor. No members voted against or abstained. One member was absent.

The IPSASB agreed an effective date of January 1, 2019. Early application will be encouraged.

Subject to the confirmation of the Public Interest Committee that the IPSASB has adhered to due process, the final pronouncement is expected to be published in late January or February 2017.