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COVID-19: Deferral of Effective Dates
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REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

This Exposure Draft, COVID-19: Deferral of Effective Dates, was developed and approved by the International Public Sector Accounting Standards Board® (IPSASB®).

The proposals in this Exposure Draft may be modified in light of comments received before being issued in final form. Comments are requested by August 15, 2020.

Respondents are asked to submit their comments electronically through the IPSASB website, using the “Submit a Comment” link. Please submit comments in both a PDF and Word file. Also, please note that first-time users must register to use this feature. All comments will be considered a matter of public record and will ultimately be posted on the website. This publication may be downloaded from the IPSASB website: www.ipsasb.org. The approved text is published in the English language.
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INTRODUCTION

1. The IPSASB has recently published the following pronouncements which have effective dates of January 1, 2022:
   
   (a) IPSAS 41, Financial Instruments;
   
   (b) IPSAS 42, Social Benefits;
   
   (c) Long-term Interests in Associates and Joint Ventures (Amendments to IPSAS 36) and Prepayment Features with Negative Compensation (Amendments to IPSAS 41);
   
   (d) Collective and Individual Services (Amendments to IPSAS 19); and
   
   (e) Improvements to IPSAS, 2019.

2. The COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on constituents, therefore the IPSASB is proposing to defer the effective dates of those pronouncements by one year, to January 1, 2023.

3. The IPSASB is of the view that some constituents will require more time to prepare for the implementation of these new pronouncements in order to deal with the impact of the ongoing pandemic.

4. Early application is permitted to the extent specified in each pronouncement as originally issued.

OBJECTIVE

5. The objective of Exposure Draft (ED 73), COVID-19: Deferral of Effective Dates is to propose the deferral of the effective dates of IPSAS 41, Financial Instruments, IPSAS 42, Social Benefits, Long-term Interests in Associates and Joint Ventures (Amendments to IPSAS 36) and Prepayment Features with Negative Compensation (Amendments to IPSAS 41), Collective and Individual Services (Amendments to IPSAS 19), and Improvements to IPSAS, 2019 by one year, to January 1, 2023.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

6. The IPSASB welcomes comments on the deferral of the effective dates proposed in ED 73, COVID-19: Deferral of Effective Dates. Comments are most helpful if they indicate the specific paragraph or group of paragraphs to which they relate, contain a clear rationale and, where applicable, provide a suggestion for alternative wording.
1 – AMENDMENTS TO IPSAS 41, *FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS*

Amendments to IPSAS 41, *Financial Instruments*

Paragraph 156 is amended. New text is underlined and deleted text is struck through.

**Effective date**

156. An entity shall apply this Standard for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022. Earlier application is permitted. If an entity elects to apply this Standard early, it must disclose that fact and apply all of the requirements in this Standard at the same time (but see also paragraph 179). It shall also, at the same time, apply the amendments in Appendix D.

**Appendix D**

**Amendments to Other IPSAS**

**Amendments to IPSAS 1, *Presentation of Financial Statements***

Paragraph 153L is amended. New text is underlined and deleted text is struck through.

**Effective Date**

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153L. Paragraphs 7, 79, 82, 101, 102 and 138 were amended and paragraphs 125A, 125B and 125C were added by IPSAS 41, issued in August 2018. An entity shall apply these amendments for annual financial statements covering periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022. Earlier application is encouraged. If an entity applies the amendments for a period beginning before January 1, 2022 it shall disclose that fact and apply IPSAS 41 at the same time.

**Amendments to IPSAS 4, *The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates***

Paragraph 71D is amended. New text is underlined and deleted text is struck through.

**Effective Date**

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71D. Paragraphs 3, 4, 5, 31 and 61 were amended by IPSAS 41, issued in August 2018. An entity shall apply these amendments for annual financial statements covering periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022. Earlier application is encouraged. If an entity applies the amendments for a period beginning before January 1, 2022 it shall disclose that fact and apply IPSAS 41 at the same time.
Amendments to IPSAS 9, *Revenue from Exchange Transactions*

Paragraph 41D is amended. New text is underlined and deleted text is struck through.

**Effective Date**

... 41D. Paragraph 10 was amended by IPSAS 41, issued in August 2018. An entity shall apply this amendment for annual financial statements covering periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022. Earlier application is encouraged. If an entity applies the amendment for a period beginning before January 1, 2022 it shall disclose that fact and apply IPSAS 41 at the same time.

Amendments to IPSAS 12, *Inventories*

Paragraph 51E is amended. New text is underlined and deleted text is struck through.

**Effective Date**

... 51E. Paragraph 2 was amended by IPSAS 41, issued in August 2018. An entity shall apply this amendment for annual financial statements covering periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022. Earlier application is encouraged. If an entity applies the amendment for a period beginning before January 1, 2022 it shall disclose that fact and apply IPSAS 41 at the same time.

Amendments to IPSAS 14, *Events After the Reporting Date*

Paragraph 32F is amended. New text is underlined and deleted text is struck through.

**Effective Date**

... 32F. Paragraph 11 was amended by IPSAS 41, *Financial Instruments* issued in August 2018. An entity shall apply this amendment for annual financial statements covering periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022. Earlier application is encouraged. If an entity applies the amendment for a period beginning before January 1, 2022 it shall disclose that fact and apply IPSAS 41 at the same time.

Amendments to IPSAS 19, *Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets*

Paragraph 111H is amended. New text is underlined and deleted text is struck through.

**Effective Date**

... 111H. Paragraph 4 was amended by IPSAS 41, issued in August 2018. An entity shall apply this amendment for annual financial statements covering periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022. Earlier application is encouraged. If an entity applies the amendment
for a period beginning before January 1, 2023 it shall disclose that fact and apply IPSAS 41 at the same time.

Amendments to IPSAS 21, Impairment of Non-Cash-Generating Assets

Paragraph 82I is amended. New text is underlined and deleted text is struck through.

Effective Date

... 82I. Paragraphs 2, 9 and 13 were amended by IPSAS 41, issued in August 2018. An entity shall apply these amendments for annual financial statements covering periods beginning on or after January 1, 2023. Earlier application is encouraged. If an entity applies the amendments for a period beginning before January 1, 2023 it shall disclose that fact and apply IPSAS 41 at the same time.

Amendments to IPSAS 23, Revenue from Non-Exchange Transactions (Taxes and Transfers)

Paragraph 124F is amended. New text is underlined and deleted text is struck through.

Effective Date

... 124F. Paragraphs 43, 105A was amended by IPSAS 41, issued in August 2018. An entity shall apply this amendment for annual financial statements covering periods beginning on or after January 1, 2023. Earlier application is encouraged. If an entity applies the amendment for a period beginning before January 1, 2023 it shall disclose that fact and apply IPSAS 41 at the same time.

Amendments to IPSAS 26, Impairment of Cash Generating Assets

Paragraph 126K is amended. New text is underlined and deleted text is struck through.

Effective Date

... 126K. Paragraphs 2, 9 and 12 were amended by IPSAS 41, issued in August 2018. An entity shall apply these amendments for annual financial statements covering periods beginning on or after January 1, 2023. Earlier application is encouraged. If an entity applies the amendments for a period beginning before January 1, 2023 it shall disclose that fact and apply IPSAS 41 at the same time.

Amendments to IPSAS 28, Financial Instruments: Presentation

Paragraph 60F is amended. New text is underlined and deleted text is struck through.
Effective Date

... 60F. Paragraphs 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 14, 28, 36, 47, 48, AG2 and AG55 were amended, paragraph AG63 was deleted and paragraphs AG63A, AG63B, AG63C, AG63D, AG63E and AG63F were added by IPSAS 41, issued in August 2018. An entity shall apply these amendments for annual financial statements covering periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022. Earlier application is encouraged. If an entity applies the amendments for a period beginning before January 1, 2022 it shall disclose that fact and apply IPSAS 41 at the same time.

Amendments to IPSAS 29, Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement

Paragraph 125H is amended. New text is underlined and deleted text is struck through.

Effective Date

... 125H. Paragraphs 2, 9, 10, 80, 98, 99, 101, 102, 107, 108, 109, 111, 112, 113, AG128, AG157 and AG161 were amended, paragraph AG156A was added and paragraphs 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 11–79, 88, AG1–AG126 and AG129 were deleted by IPSAS 41, issued in August 2018. An entity shall apply these amendments for annual financial statements covering periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022. Earlier application is encouraged. If an entity applies the amendments for a period beginning before January 1, 2022 it shall disclose that fact and apply IPSAS 41 at the same time.

Amendments to IPSAS 30, Financial Instruments: Disclosures

Paragraph 52F is amended. New text is underlined and deleted text is struck through.

Effective Date and Transition

Amendments to IPSAS 32, Service Concession Arrangements: Grantor
Paragraph 36D is amended. New text is underlined and deleted text is struck through.

Effective Date

36D. Paragraphs 20, 29, AG37, AG45, AG52 and AG53 were amended by IPSAS 41, issued in August 2018. An entity shall apply these amendments for annual financial statements covering periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022. Earlier application is encouraged. If an entity applies the amendments for a period beginning before January 1, 2022, it shall disclose that fact and apply IPSAS 41 at the same time.

Amendments to IPSAS 33, First-Time Adoption of Accrual Basis International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSASs)
Paragraph 154D is amended. New text is underlined and deleted text is struck through.

Effective Date

154D. Paragraphs 36, 64, 72, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122 and 124 were amended and paragraphs 114A, 119A, 119B, 119C, 119D, 122A, 122B, 122C, and 122D were added by IPSAS 41, issued in August 2018. An entity shall apply these amendments for annual financial statements covering periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022. Earlier application is encouraged. If an entity applies the amendments for a period beginning before January 1, 2022, it shall disclose that fact and apply IPSAS 41 at the same time.

IPSAS 34, Separate Financial Statements
Paragraph 32B is amended. New text is underlined and deleted text is struck through.

Effective Date

32B. Paragraphs 6, 12, 13, 14, 15, 22, 26 and 30 were amended by IPSAS 41, issued in August 2018. An entity shall apply these amendments for annual financial statements covering periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022. Earlier application is encouraged. If an entity applies the amendments for a period beginning before January 1, 2022, it shall disclose that fact and apply IPSAS 41 at the same time.

IPSAS 35, Consolidated Financial Statements
Paragraph 79E is amended. New text is underlined and deleted text is struck through.
Effective Date

79E. Paragraphs 22, 45, 52, 55A, 56, 58 and AG105 were amended by IPSAS 41, issued in August 2018. An entity shall apply these amendments for annual financial statements covering periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022. Earlier application is encouraged. If an entity applies the amendments for a period beginning before January 1, 2022, it shall disclose that fact and apply IPSAS 41 at the same time.

Amendments to IPSAS 36, Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures

Paragraph 51D is amended. New text is underlined and deleted text is struck through.

Effective Date

51D. Paragraphs 20, 24, 25, 26, 43, 44 and 45 were amended and paragraphs 44A, 44B and 44C were added by IPSAS 41, issued in August 2018. An entity shall apply these amendments for annual financial statements covering periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022. Earlier application is encouraged. If an entity applies the amendments for a period beginning before January 1, 2022, it shall disclose that fact and apply IPSAS 41 at the same time.

Amendments to IPSAS 37, Joint Arrangements

Paragraph 42D is amended. New text is underlined and deleted text is struck through.

Effective Date

42D. Paragraphs 28, 30, 41, AG11 and AG33A were amended by IPSAS 41, issued in August 2018. An entity shall apply these amendments for annual financial statements covering periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022. Earlier application is encouraged. If an entity applies the amendments for a period beginning before January 1, 2022, it shall disclose that fact and apply IPSAS 41 at the same time.

Amendments to IPSAS 38, Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities

Paragraph 61C is amended. New text is underlined and deleted text is struck through.

Effective Date

61C. Paragraph 4 was amended by IPSAS 41, in August 2018. An entity shall apply this amendment for annual financial statements covering periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022. Earlier application is encouraged. If an entity applies the amendment for a period beginning before January 1, 2022, it shall disclose that fact and apply IPSAS 41 at the same time.
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Amendments to IPSAS 40, Public Sector Combinations

Paragraph 126A is amended. New text is underlined and deleted text is struck through.

Effective Date

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126A. Paragraphs 25, 45, 70, 111, 115, 117 and AG88 were amended by IPSAS 41, issued in August 2018. An entity shall apply these amendments for annual financial statements covering periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022. Earlier application is encouraged. If an entity applies the amendments for a period beginning before January 1, 2022, it shall disclose that fact and apply IPSAS 41 at the same time.

Basis for Conclusions

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Revision of IPSAS 41 as a result of [draft] IPSAS [X] (ED 73), COVID-19: Deferral of Effective Dates

BC46. The IPSASB published IPSAS 41, Financial Instruments in August 2018. At the time this Standard was finalized, the Board decided that an entity shall apply it for annual financial statements covering periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022.

BC47. In June 2020, the IPSASB discussed the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on financial reporting. The Board noted that the pandemic has created significant pressures on the resources public sector entities might otherwise allocate to the implementation of IPSAS 41.

BC48. The Board concluded that deferral during a time of significant disruption would provide much-needed operational relief to public sector entities. Therefore, the Board decided to propose a one-year deferral of the effective date of IPSAS 41.

BC49. The Board is not proposing any changes to the Standard other than the deferral of the effective date. Earlier application of the amendments will continue to be permitted.
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2 – AMENDMENTS TO IPSAS 42, SOCIAL BENEFITS

Amendments to IPSAS 42, Social Benefits
Paragraph 35 is amended. New text is underlined and deleted text is struck through.

Effective Date
35. An entity shall apply this Standard for annual financial statements covering periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022. Earlier adoption is encouraged. If an entity applies this Standard for a period beginning before January 1, 2022, it shall disclose that fact.

Appendix B

Amendments to Other IPSAS

Amendments to IPSAS 33, First-time Adoption of Accrual Basis International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSASs)
Paragraph 154G is amended. New text is underlined and deleted text is struck through.

Effective Date
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154G. Paragraph 36 was amended and paragraphs 134A and 134B were added by IPSAS 42, Social Benefits, issued in January 2019. An entity shall apply this amendment for annual financial statements covering periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019. Earlier application is encouraged. If an entity applies the amendment for a period beginning before January 1, 2019, it shall disclose that fact and apply IPSAS 42 at the same time.

Basis for Conclusions
...
Revision of IPSAS 42 as a result of [draft] IPSAS [X] (ED 73), COVID-19: Deferral of Effective Dates
BC164. The IPSASB published IPSAS 42, Social Benefits in January 2019. At the time this Standard was finalized, the Board decided that an entity shall apply it for annual financial statements covering periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022.

BC165. In June 2020, the IPSASB discussed the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on financial reporting. The Board noted that the pandemic has created significant pressures on the resources public sector entities might otherwise allocate to the implementation of IPSAS 42.

BC166. The Board concluded that deferral during a time of significant disruption would provide much-needed operational relief to public sector entities. Therefore, the Board decided to propose a one-year deferral of the effective date of IPSAS 42.

BC167. The Board is not proposing any changes to the Standard other than the deferral of the effective date. Earlier application of the amendments will continue to be permitted.
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3 – AMENDMENTS TO LONG-TERM INTERESTS IN ASSOCIATES AND JOINT VENTURES (AMENDMENTS TO IPSAS 36) AND PREPAYMENT FEATURES WITH NEGATIVE COMPENSATION (AMENDMENTS TO IPSAS 41)

Amendments to IPSAS 36, Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures

Paragraph 51F is amended. New text is underlined and deleted text is struck through.

Effective Date and Transition

... 51F. Paragraph 20A was added and paragraph 44 deleted by Long-term Interests in Associates and Joint Ventures (Amendments to IPSAS 36) and Prepayment Features with Negative Compensation (Amendments to IPSAS 41), issued in January 2019. An entity shall apply these amendments retrospectively in accordance with IPSAS 3, Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors, for annual financial statements covering periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022, except as specified in paragraphs 51G–51I. Earlier application is permitted. If an entity applies these amendments for a period beginning before January 1, 2022, it shall disclose that fact and apply IPSAS 41 at the same time.

Basis for Conclusions

...  
Revision of IPSAS 36 as a result of [draft] IPSAS [X] (ED 73), COVID-19: Deferral of Effective Dates

BC21. The IPSASB published Long-term Interests in Associates and Joint Ventures (Amendments to IPSAS 36) and Prepayment Features with Negative Compensation (Amendments to IPSAS 41) in January 2019. At the time these amendments were finalized, the Board decided that an entity shall apply them for annual financial statements covering periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022.

BC22. In June 2020, the IPSASB discussed the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on financial reporting. The Board noted that the pandemic has created significant pressures on the resources public sector entities might otherwise allocate to the implementation of these amendments.

BC23. The Board concluded that deferral during a time of significant disruption would provide much-needed operational relief to public sector entities. Therefore, the Board decided to propose a one-year deferral of the effective date of these amendments.

BC24. The Board is not proposing any changes to the amendments other than the deferral of the effective date. Earlier application of the amendments will continue to be permitted.
Amendments to IPSAS 41, *Financial Instruments*

Paragraph 156A is amended. New text is underlined and deleted text is struck through.

**Effective Date and Transition**

**Effective Date**

... 156A. *Long-term Interests in Associates and Joint Ventures (Amendments to IPSAS 36)* and *Prepayment Features with Negative Compensation (Amendments to IPSAS 41)*, issued in January 2019, added paragraphs 184–189 and AG74A and amended paragraphs AG73(b) and AG74(b). An entity shall apply these amendments for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022. Earlier application is permitted. If an entity applies these amendments for an earlier period, it shall disclose that fact.
4 – AMENDMENTS TO COLLECTIVE AND INDIVIDUAL SERVICES (AMENDMENTS TO IPSAS 19)

Amendments to IPSAS 19, Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets

Paragraph 111J is amended. New text is underlined and deleted text is struck through.

Effective Date

... 111J. Paragraphs 6A and AG1–AG20 were added and paragraph 18 was amended by Collective and Individual Services (Amendments to IPSAS 19), issued in January 2020. An entity shall apply these amendments for annual financial statements covering periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022. Earlier application is encouraged. If an entity applies the amendments for a period beginning before January 1, 2022 it shall disclose that fact and apply IPSAS 42, Social Benefits, at the same time.

Basis for Conclusions

...  Revision of IPSAS 19 as a result of [draft] IPSAS [X] (ED 73), COVID-19: Deferral of Effective Dates

BC22. The IPSASB published Collective and Individual Services (Amendments to IPSAS 19) in January 2020. At the time these amendments were finalized, the Board decided that an entity shall apply them for annual financial statements covering periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022.

BC23. In June 2020, the IPSASB discussed the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on financial reporting. The Board noted that the pandemic has created significant pressures on the resources public sector entities might otherwise allocate to the implementation of these amendments.

BC24. The Board concluded that deferral during a time of significant disruption would provide much-needed operational relief to public sector entities. Therefore, the Board decided to propose a one-year deferral of the effective date of these amendments.

BC25. The Board is not proposing any changes to the amendments other than the deferral of the effective date. Earlier application of the amendments will continue to be permitted.
Amendments to IPSAS 42, Social Benefits

Paragraph 35A is amended. New text is underlined and deleted text is struck through.

Effective Date

... 35A. Paragraph 4A was added by Collective and Individual Services (Amendments to IPSAS 19). An entity shall apply this amendment for annual financial statements covering periods beginning on or after January 1, 2023. Earlier application is encouraged.
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5 – AMENDMENTS TO **IMPROVEMENTS TO IPSAS, 2019**

**Amendment: Part 1a**

**Amendments to IPSAS 5, Borrowing Costs**

Paragraph 42E is amended. New text is underlined and deleted text is struck through.

**Effective Date**

... 42E. Paragraph 6 was amended by **Improvements to IPSAS, 2019**, issued in January 2020. An entity shall apply this amendment for annual financial statements covering periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022. Earlier application is permitted. If an entity applies this amendment for a period beginning before January 1, 2022, it shall disclose that fact and apply IPSAS 41 at the same time.

**Basis for Conclusions**

...  

Revision of IPSAS 5 as a result of [draft] IPSAS [X] (ED 73), **COVID-19: Deferral of Effective Dates**

BC4. The IPSASB published **Improvements to IPSAS, 2019** in January 2020. At the time these amendments were finalized, the Board decided that an entity shall apply them for annual financial statements covering periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022.

BC5. In June 2020, the IPSASB discussed the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on financial reporting. The Board noted that the pandemic has created significant pressures on the resources public sector entities might otherwise allocate to the implementation of these amendments.

BC6. The Board concluded that deferral during a time of significant disruption would provide much-needed operational relief to public sector entities. Therefore, the Board decided to propose a one-year deferral of the effective date of these amendments.

BC7. The Board is not proposing any changes to the amendments other than the deferral of the effective date. Earlier application of the amendments will continue to be permitted.

**Amendment: Part 1c**

**Amendments to IPSAS 30, Financial Instruments: Disclosures**

Paragraph 52G is amended. New text is underlined and deleted text is struck through.
Effective Date

...  
52G. Paragraph AG5 was amended by *Improvements to IPSAS, 2019*, issued in January 2020. An entity shall apply this amendment for annual financial statements covering periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022. Earlier application is permitted. If an entity applies this amendment for a period beginning before January 1, 2022, it shall disclose that fact and apply IPSAS 41 at the same time.

Basis for Conclusions

...  
Revision of IPSAS 30 as a result of [draft] IPSAS [X] (ED 73), *COVID-19: Deferral of Effective Dates*

BC8. The IPSASB published *Improvements to IPSAS, 2019* in January 2020. At the time these amendments were finalized, the Board decided that an entity shall apply them for annual financial statements covering periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022.

BC9. In June 2020, the IPSASB discussed the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on financial reporting. The Board noted that the pandemic has created significant pressures on the resources public sector entities might otherwise allocate to the implementation of these amendments.

BC10. The Board concluded that deferral during a time of significant disruption would provide much-needed operational relief to public sector entities. Therefore, the Board decided to propose a one-year deferral of the effective date of these amendments.

BC11. The Board is not proposing any changes to the amendments other than the deferral of the effective date. Earlier application of the amendments will continue to be permitted.

Amendment: Part 1d

*Amendments to IPSAS 33, First Time Adoption of Accrual Basis International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSASs)*

Paragraph 154H is amended. New text is underlined and deleted text is struck through.

Effective Date

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154H. Paragraph 113 was amended, paragraph 113A was added and paragraph 114 was deleted by *Improvements to IPSAS, 2019*, issued in January 2020. An entity shall apply these amendments for annual financial statements covering periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022. Earlier application is permitted. If an entity applies these amendments for a period beginning before January 1, 2022, it shall disclose that fact and apply IPSAS 41 at the same time.
Basis for Conclusions

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Revision of IPSAS 33 as a result of [draft] IPSAS [X] (ED 73), COVID-19: Deferral of Effective Dates

BC122. The IPSASB published Improvements to IPSAS, 2019 in January 2020. At the time these amendments were finalized, the Board decided that an entity shall apply them for annual financial statements covering periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022.

BC123. In June 2020, the IPSASB discussed the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on financial reporting. The Board noted that the pandemic has created significant pressures on the resources public sector entities might otherwise allocate to the implementation of these amendments.

BC124. The Board concluded that deferral during a time of significant disruption would provide much-needed operational relief to public sector entities. Therefore, the Board decided to propose a one-year deferral of the effective date of these amendments.

BC125. The Board is not proposing any changes to the amendments other than the deferral of the effective date. Earlier application of the amendments will continue to be permitted.