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IMPROVEMENTS TO IPSAS, 2021

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PART I: GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS TO IPSAS

Objective

1. The objective of Part I of *Improvements to IPSAS, 2021* is to make improvements to IPSAS to address issues raised by stakeholders.

IPSAS Addressed

2. *Improvements to IPSAS, 2021* deals with non-substantive changes to IPSAS through a collection of amendments that are unrelated. Amendments included in Part I arise from comments received from stakeholders.

General Improvements to IPSAS

IPSAS	Summary of Proposed Change in ED 80
IPSAS 22, <i>Disclosure of Financial Information About the General Government Sector</i> .	Refer to the latest edition of the <i>System of National Accounts, 2008</i> (2008 SNA) (see Part I-1).
IPSAS 39, <i>Employee Benefits</i> .	Delete the word “composite” from the term “composite social security programs” ¹ because it is no longer an IPSAS defined term (see Part I-2).
RPG 1, <i>Reporting on the Long-Term Sustainability of an Entity’s Finances</i> .	Add paragraph BC7A in the Basis for Conclusions (BCs) to indicate that the Conceptual Framework and Social Benefits projects were completed in October 2014 and January 2019, respectively, because the BCs mentioned these projects as ongoing when RPG 1 was issued in July 2013 (see Part I-3).
IPSAS 29, <i>Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement</i> (as applicable prior to the adoption of IPSAS 41, <i>Financial Instruments</i>).	Add in the current effective IPSAS 29 (as applicable prior to the adoption of IPSAS 41, see Part I-4), the hedging amendments proposed to IPSAS 29 (as amended by IPSAS 41, see Part II-1b and Part II-2b) and changes in the contractual cash flows amendments proposed to IPSAS 41 (see Part II-2a).

¹ The IPSASB defined term of “Composite Social Security Programs” and the respective requirements were deleted when finalizing IPSAS 39, *Employee Benefits*.

Amendment: Part I-1

Amendments to IPSAS 22, *Disclosure of Financial Information About the General Government Sector*

Paragraphs 5, 18, 28 and BC1 are amended and paragraph 47G is added. New text is underlined and deleted text is struck through.

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Scope

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5. In some jurisdictions, financial statements and budgets for the government, or sectors thereof, may also be issued in accordance with statistical bases of financial reporting. These bases reflect requirements consistent with, and derived from, the ~~System of National Accounts 1993 (SNA 93)~~ System of National Accounts, 2008 (2008 SNA) prepared by the United Nations and other international organizations. These statistical bases of financial reporting focus on the provision of financial information about the GGS. The GGS comprises those non-profit entities that undertake nonmarket activities and rely primarily on appropriations or allocations from the government budget to fund their service delivery activities (hereafter referred to as nonmarket entities or activities). The statistical bases of financial reporting may also provide information about (a) the corporations sector of government that primarily engages in market activities (usually characterized as the public financial corporations (PFC) sector and the public nonfinancial corporations (PNFC) sector), and (b) the public sector as a whole. The major features of the PFC and PNFC sectors are outlined at paragraphs 19 and 20 of this Standard.

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Definitions

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General Government Sector

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18. The GGS is defined in the ~~SNA 93~~ 2008 SNA (and updates) as consisting of (a) all resident central, state, and local government units, (b) social security funds at each level of government, and (c) nonmarket non-profit institutions controlled by government units. Under statistical bases of financial reporting, the GGS encompasses the central operations of government, and typically includes all those resident nonmarket non-profit entities that have their operations funded primarily by the government and government entities. As such, the financing of these entities is sourced primarily from appropriation or allocation of the government's taxes, dividends from government corporations, other revenues, and borrowings. The GGS typically includes entities such as government departments, law courts, public educational institutions, public health care units, and other government agencies. The GGS does not include PFCs or PNFCs. Disclosure of GGS information will be made in those jurisdictions where strengthening the link between IPSASs and statistical bases of financial reporting is considered useful and relevant to users of financial statements. Governments electing to make GGS disclosures will therefore need to ensure that the information about the GGS included in the financial statements is consistent with the definition of GGS, and any interpretations thereof, adopted for statistical bases of financial reporting in their jurisdiction.

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Accounting Policies

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28. Financial statements prepared consistent with statistical bases of financial reporting portray the impact of the GGS on the public sector as a whole and, in the context of the ~~SNA 93~~ 2008 SNA (and updates), on a national economy. Consistent with that focus, statistical bases of financial reporting require the GGS financial statements to present public sector entities outside that sector as investments in other sectors. In addition, under statistical bases of financial reporting, transactions of the GGS with entities in other sectors are not eliminated from the statement of government operations or a similar statement.

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Effective Date

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- 47G. Paragraphs 5, 18, and 28 were amended by *Improvements to IPSAS, 2021*, issued in January 2022. An entity shall apply these amendments for annual financial statements covering periods beginning on or after January 1, 2023. Earlier application is permitted.**

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Basis for Conclusions

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Introduction

- BC1. When this Standard was issued, it referred to ~~the System of National Accounts 1993 (SNA 1993) (and updates), Government Finance Statistics Manual 2001 (GFSM) 2001, and the European System of Accounts 1995 (ESA 1995), which all required governments to publish financial information about the GGS. For statistical purposes, the GGS comprises government-controlled entities primarily engaged in nonmarket activities. The GGS is sometimes described as comprising those entities that fulfill the core functions of government as their primary activity. The GGS does not include public corporations, even when all the equity of such corporations is owned by the government or government entities. In developing *Improvements to IPSAS, 2021*, the IPSASB noted that IPSAS 22 referred to an older edition of the System of National Accounts (SNA). Therefore, the IPSASB amended the Standard to refer to the latest edition of the SNA. Paragraph BC17 provides the rationale for including these amendments to IPSAS 22 through *Improvements to IPSAS, 2021*.~~

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Revision of IPSAS 22 as a result of *Improvements to IPSAS, 2021*

- BC17. Stakeholders noted that IPSAS 22 still referred to the 1993 edition of the SNA, instead of its most recent edition, the 2008 SNA. Therefore, the IPSASB agreed to amend paragraphs 5, 18, 28 and BC1 to refer to the latest edition of the SNA, that is, the 2008 SNA.

Amendment: Part I-2

Amendments to IPSAS 39, *Employee Benefits*

Paragraphs 3 and 4 are amended and paragraph 176C is added. Paragraphs BC5 and BC6 have been included for ease of reference but are not amended. New text is underlined and deleted text is struck through.

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3. This Standard does not deal with reporting by employee retirement benefit plans (see the relevant international or national accounting standard dealing with employee retirement benefit plans). This Standard does not deal with benefits provided by ~~composite~~-social security programs that are not consideration in exchange for service rendered by employees or past employees of public sector entities.
4. The employee benefits to which this Standard applies include those provided:
 - (a) Under formal plans or other formal agreements between an entity and individual employees, groups of employees, or their representatives;
 - (b) Under legislative requirements, or through industry arrangements, whereby entities are required to contribute to national, state, industry, or other multi-employer plans, or where entities are required to contribute to ~~the composite~~-a social security program; or
 - (c) By those informal practices that give rise to a constructive obligation. Informal practices give rise to a constructive obligation where the entity has no realistic alternative but to pay employee benefits. An example of a constructive obligation is where a change in the entity's informal practices would cause unacceptable damage to its relationship with employees.

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Effective Date

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176C. Paragraphs 3 and 4 were amended by *Improvements to IPSAS, 2021*, issued in January 2022. An entity shall apply these amendments for annual financial statements covering periods beginning on or after January 1, 2023. Earlier application is permitted.

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Basis for Conclusions

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Composite Social Security Programs

- BC5. ED 59 indicated that the IPSASB was considering the deletion of the section on Composite Social Security Programs, because the IPSASB was not aware that it had been applied in any jurisdiction. The IPSASB specifically asked for comments on this issue.

BC6. No respondent to ED 59 identified a jurisdiction where entities applied these requirements. The majority of respondents supported the deletion of the section on Composite Social Security Programs. As the IPSASB did not identify a new and compelling reason to retain the section, the IPSASB decided not to include it in IPSAS 39.

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Revision of IPSAS 39 as a result of *Improvements to IPSAS, 2021*

BC24. Stakeholders noted that the word “composite” could be deleted from the term “composite social security programs” because the IPSAS defined term “composite social security programs” and related requirements were not included in the final version of IPSAS 39 (see paragraphs BC5-BC6). The IPSASB agreed with this view and decided to amend paragraphs 3 and 4 of IPSAS 39 in *Improvements to IPSAS, 2021*.

Amendment: Part I-3

Amendments to RPG 1, *Reporting on the Long-Term Sustainability of an Entity's Finances*

Paragraphs BC7A and BC36 are added. New text is underlined and deleted text is struck through.

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Basis for Conclusions

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Background

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Completion of the Conceptual Framework and the Social Benefits projects

BC7A. The IPSASB recognized linkages between its work in developing RPG 1, the Conceptual Framework and accounting for social benefits. RPG 1 was published in 2013 when the work on the Conceptual Framework and Social Benefits projects were ongoing. In October 2014 and January 2019, the IPSASB finished these projects by publishing the Conceptual Framework and IPSAS 42, *Social Benefits*, respectively.

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Revision of RPG 1 as a result of *Improvements to IPSAS, 2021*

BC36. Stakeholders noted that the Basis for Conclusions (paragraphs BC1-BC7) in RPG 1 provided a background that highlighted the linkages between RPG 1, the Conceptual Framework and Social Benefits projects. RPG 1 indicated these projects as ongoing when RPG 1 was issued in July 2013. Since these projects have been completed, the IPSASB agreed to add paragraph BC7A in *Improvements to IPSAS, 2021* to indicate that the Conceptual Framework and Social Benefits projects were completed in October 2014 and January 2019, respectively.

Amendment: Part I-4**Amendments to IPSAS 29, *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement*****IPSAS 29 as Applicable Prior to the Adoption of IPSAS 41, *Financial Instruments***

The IPSASB Handbook includes all IPSAS that have been published by the IPSASB until January 31 of the publication year. It omits standards that are being withdrawn or are being replaced by an approved Standard and reflects amendments as a result of any approved Standard.

In December 2021, the IPSASB approved changes to guidance in IPSAS 29, *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement* that is no longer published since the 2018 IPSASB Handbook. While the recognition and measurement guidance in IPSAS 29 continues to be effective until January 1, 2023, it is excluded from the 2021 IPSASB Handbook because it is superseded by IPSAS 41, *Financial Instruments*.

To provide visibility into the impact of these changes, the amendments below reflect the revisions to IPSAS 29 for users that have yet to adopt IPSAS 41.

Paragraphs 113A–113ZC, 125I–125M, and AG20A–AG20E are added. New headings are inserted before paragraphs 113A and 113P. New subheadings are inserted before paragraphs 113D, 113F, 113H, 113J, 113V, 113W, 113Y, 113ZA and AG20A. New text is underlined and deleted text is struck through.

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Hedging

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Temporary Exceptions from Applying Specific Hedge Accounting Requirements

113A. An entity shall apply paragraphs 113D–113N and 125I to all hedging relationships directly affected by interest rate benchmark reform. These paragraphs apply only to such hedging relationships. A hedging relationship is directly affected by interest rate benchmark reform only if the reform gives rise to uncertainties about:

- (a) The interest rate benchmark (contractually or non-contractually specified) designated as a hedged risk; and/or
- (b) The timing or the amount of interest rate benchmark-based cash flows of the hedged item or of the hedging instrument.

113B. For the purpose of applying paragraphs 113D–113N, the term ‘interest rate benchmark reform’ refers to the market-wide reform of an interest rate benchmark, including the replacement of an interest rate benchmark with an alternative benchmark rate such as that resulting from the recommendations set out in the Financial Stability Board’s July 2014 report ‘Reforming Major Interest Rate Benchmarks’.²

² The report, ‘Reforming Major Interest Rate Benchmarks’, is available at http://www.fsb.org/wp-content/uploads/r_140722.pdf.

113C. Paragraphs 113D–113N provide exceptions only to the requirements specified in these paragraphs. An entity shall continue to apply all other hedge accounting requirements to hedging relationships directly affected by interest rate benchmark reform.

Highly Probable Requirement for Cash Flow Hedges

113D. For the purpose of applying the requirement in paragraph 98(c) that a forecast transaction must be highly probable, an entity shall assume that the interest rate benchmark on which the hedged cash flows (contractually or non-contractually specified) are based is not altered as a result of interest rate benchmark reform.

Reclassifying the Cumulative Gain or Loss Recognized in Net Assets/Equity

113E. For the purpose of applying the requirement in paragraph 112(c) in order to determine whether the forecast transaction is no longer expected to occur, an entity shall assume that the interest rate benchmark on which the hedged cash flows (contractually or non-contractually specified) are based is not altered as a result of interest rate benchmark reform.

Effectiveness Assessment

113F. For the purpose of applying the requirements in paragraphs 98(b) and AG145(a), an entity shall assume that the interest rate benchmark on which the hedged cash flows and/or the hedged risk (contractually or non-contractually specified) are based, or the interest rate benchmark on which the cash flows of the hedging instrument are based, is not altered as a result of interest rate benchmark reform.

113G. For the purpose of applying the requirement in paragraph 98(e), an entity is not required to discontinue a hedging relationship because the actual results of the hedge do not meet the requirements in paragraph AG145(b). For the avoidance of doubt, an entity shall apply the other conditions in paragraph 98, including the prospective assessment in paragraph 98(b), to assess whether the hedging relationship must be discontinued.

Designating Financial Items as Hedged Items

113H. Unless paragraph 113I applies, for a hedge of a non-contractually specified benchmark portion of interest rate risk, an entity shall apply the requirement in paragraphs 90 and AG139—that the designated portion shall be separately identifiable—only at the inception of the hedging relationship.

113I. When an entity, consistent with its hedge documentation, frequently resets (i.e., discontinues and restarts) a hedging relationship because both the hedging instrument and the hedged item frequently change (i.e., the entity uses a dynamic process in which both the hedged items and the hedging instruments used to manage that exposure do not remain the same for long), the entity shall apply the requirement in paragraphs 90 and AG139—that the designated portion is separately identifiable—only when it initially designates a hedged item in that hedging relationship. A hedged item that has been assessed at the time of its initial designation in the hedging relationship, whether it was at the time of the hedge inception or subsequently, is not reassessed at any subsequent redesignation in the same hedging relationship.

End of Application

- 113J. An entity shall prospectively cease applying paragraph 113D to a hedged item at the earlier of:
- (a) When the uncertainty arising from interest rate benchmark reform is no longer present with respect to the timing and the amount of the interest rate benchmark-based cash flows of the hedged item; and
 - (b) When the hedging relationship that the hedged item is part of is discontinued.
- 113K. An entity shall prospectively cease applying paragraph 113E at the earlier of:
- (a) When the uncertainty arising from interest rate benchmark reform is no longer present with respect to the timing and the amount of the interest rate benchmark-based future cash flows of the hedged item; and
 - (b) When the entire cumulative gain or loss recognized in net assets/equity with respect to that discontinued hedging relationship has been reclassified to surplus or deficit.
- 113L. An entity shall prospectively cease applying paragraph 113F:
- (a) To a hedged item, when the uncertainty arising from interest rate benchmark reform is no longer present with respect to the hedged risk or the timing and the amount of the interest rate benchmark-based cash flows of the hedged item; and
 - (b) To a hedging instrument, when the uncertainty arising from interest rate benchmark reform is no longer present with respect to the timing and the amount of the interest rate benchmark-based cash flows of the hedging instrument.
- If the hedging relationship that the hedged item and the hedging instrument are part of is discontinued earlier than the date specified in paragraph 113L(a) or the date specified in paragraph 113L(b), the entity shall prospectively cease applying paragraph 113F to that hedging relationship at the date of discontinuation.
- 113M. An entity shall prospectively cease applying paragraph 113G to a hedging relationship at the earlier of:
- (a) When the uncertainty arising from interest rate benchmark reform is no longer present with respect to the hedged risk and the timing and the amount of the interest rate benchmark-based cash flows of the hedged item and of the hedging instrument; and
 - (b) When the hedging relationship to which the exception is applied is discontinued.
- 113N. When designating a group of items as the hedged item, or a combination of financial instruments as the hedging instrument, an entity shall prospectively cease applying paragraphs 113D–113G to an individual item or financial instrument in accordance with paragraphs 113J, 113K, 113L, or 113M, as relevant, when the uncertainty arising from interest rate benchmark reform is no longer present with respect to the hedged risk and/or the timing and the amount of the interest rate benchmark-based cash flows of that item or financial instrument.
- 113O. An entity shall prospectively cease applying paragraphs 113H and 113I at the earlier of:
- (a) When changes required by interest rate benchmark reform are made to the non-contractually specified risk portion applying paragraph 113P; or
 - (b) When the hedging relationship in which the non-contractually specified risk portion is designated is discontinued.

Additional Temporary Exceptions Arising from Interest Rate Benchmark Reform*Hedge Accounting*

113P. As and when the requirements in paragraphs 113D–113I cease to apply to a hedging relationship (see paragraphs 113J–113O), an entity shall amend the formal designation of that hedging relationship as previously documented to reflect the changes required by interest rate benchmark reform, i.e., the changes are consistent with the requirements in paragraphs AG20B–AG20D. In this context, the hedge designation shall be amended only to make one or more of these changes:

- (a) Designating an alternative benchmark rate (contractually or non-contractually specified) as a hedged risk;
- (b) Amending the description of the hedged item, including the description of the designated portion of the cash flows or fair value being hedged;
- (c) Amending the description of the hedging instrument; or
- (d) Amending the description of how the entity will assess hedge effectiveness.

113Q. An entity also shall apply the requirement in paragraph 113P(c) if these three conditions are met:

- (a) The entity makes a change required by interest rate benchmark reform using an approach other than changing the basis for determining the contractual cash flows of the hedging instrument (as described in paragraph AG20B);
- (b) The original hedging instrument is not derecognized; and
- (c) The chosen approach is economically equivalent to changing the basis for determining the contractual cash flows of the original hedging instrument (as described in paragraphs AG20C and AG20D).

113R. The requirements in paragraphs 113D–113I may cease to apply at different times. Therefore, applying paragraph 113P, an entity may be required to amend the formal designation of its hedging relationships at different times, or may be required to amend the formal designation of a hedging relationship more than once. When, and only when, such a change is made to the hedge designation, an entity shall apply paragraphs 113V–113ZB as applicable. An entity also shall apply paragraph 99 (for a fair value hedge) or paragraph 107 (for a cash flow hedge) to account for any changes in the fair value of the hedged item or the hedging instrument.

113S. An entity shall amend a hedging relationship as required in paragraph 113P by the end of the reporting period during which a change required by interest rate benchmark reform is made to the hedged risk, hedged item or hedging instrument. For the avoidance of doubt, such an amendment to the formal designation of a hedging relationship constitutes neither the discontinuation of the hedging relationship nor the designation of a new hedging relationship.

113T. If changes are made in addition to those changes required by interest rate benchmark reform to the financial asset or financial liability designated in a hedging relationship (as described in paragraphs AG20B–AG20D) or to the designation of the hedging relationship (as required by paragraph 113P), an entity shall first apply the applicable requirements in this Standard to determine if those additional changes result in the discontinuation of hedge accounting. If the additional changes do not result in the discontinuation of hedge accounting, an entity shall amend the formal designation of the hedging relationship as specified in paragraph 113P.

113U. Paragraphs 113V–113ZC provide exceptions to the requirements specified in those paragraphs only. An entity shall apply all other hedge accounting requirements in this Standard, including the qualifying criteria in paragraph 98, to hedging relationships that were directly affected by interest rate benchmark reform.

Accounting for Qualifying Hedging Relationships

Retrospective Effectiveness Assessment

113V. For the purpose of assessing the retrospective effectiveness of a hedging relationship on a cumulative basis applying paragraph 98(e) and only for this purpose, an entity may elect to reset to zero the cumulative fair value changes of the hedged item and hedging instrument when ceasing to apply paragraph 113G as required by paragraph 113M. This election is made separately for each hedging relationship (i.e., on an individual hedging relationship basis).

Cash Flow Hedges

113W. For the purpose of applying paragraph 108, at the point when an entity amends the description of a hedged item as required in paragraph 113P(b), the cumulative gain or loss in net assets/equity shall be deemed to be based on the alternative benchmark rate on which the hedged future cash flows are determined.

113X. For a discontinued hedging relationship, when the interest rate benchmark on which the hedged future cash flows had been based is changed as required by interest rate benchmark reform, for the purpose of applying paragraph 112(c) in order to determine whether the hedged future cash flows are expected to occur, the amount accumulated in net assets/equity for that hedging relationship shall be deemed to be based on the alternative benchmark rate on which the hedged future cash flows will be based.

Groups of Items

113Y. When an entity applies paragraph 113P to groups of items designated as hedged items in a fair value or cash flow hedge, the entity shall allocate the hedged items to subgroups based on the benchmark rate being hedged and designate the benchmark rate as the hedged risk for each subgroup. For example, in a hedging relationship in which a group of items is hedged for changes in an interest rate benchmark subject to interest rate benchmark reform, the hedged cash flows or fair value of some items in the group could be changed to reference an alternative benchmark rate before other items in the group are changed. In this example, in applying paragraph 113P, the entity would designate the alternative benchmark rate as the hedged risk for that relevant subgroup of hedged items. The entity would continue to designate the existing interest rate benchmark as the hedged risk for the other subgroup of hedged items until the hedged cash flows or fair value of those items are changed to reference the alternative benchmark rate or the items expire and are replaced with hedged items that reference the alternative benchmark rate.

113Z. An entity shall assess separately whether each subgroup meets the requirements in paragraphs 87 and 93 to be an eligible hedged item. If any subgroup fails to meet the requirements in paragraphs 87 and 93, the entity shall discontinue hedge accounting prospectively for the hedging relationship in its entirety. An entity also shall apply the requirements in paragraphs 99 or 107 to account for ineffectiveness related to the hedging relationship in its entirety.

Designating Financial Items as Hedged Items

- 113ZA. An alternative benchmark rate designated as a non-contractually specified risk portion that is not separately identifiable (see paragraphs 90 and AG139) at the date it is designated shall be deemed to have met that requirement at that date, if, and only if, the entity reasonably expects the alternative benchmark rate will be separately identifiable within 24 months. The 24-month period applies to each alternative benchmark rate separately and starts from the date the entity designates the alternative benchmark rate as a non-contractually specified risk portion for the first time (i.e., the 24-month period applies on a rate-by-rate basis).
- 113ZB. If subsequently an entity reasonably expects that the alternative benchmark rate will not be separately identifiable within 24 months from the date the entity designated it as a non-contractually specified risk portion for the first time, the entity shall cease applying the requirement in paragraph 113ZA to that alternative benchmark rate and discontinue hedge accounting prospectively from the date of that reassessment for all hedging relationships in which the alternative benchmark rate was designated as a non-contractually specified risk portion.
- 113ZC. In addition to those hedging relationships specified in paragraph 113P, an entity shall apply the requirements in paragraphs 113ZA and 113ZB to new hedging relationships in which an alternative benchmark rate is designated as a non-contractually specified risk portion (see paragraphs 90 and AG139) when, because of interest rate benchmark reform, that risk portion is not separately identifiable at the date it is designated.

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Effective Date and Transition

- 125I. Paragraphs 113A–113N were added by *Improvements to IPSAS, 2021*, issued in January 2022. 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 an earlier period, it shall disclose that fact. An entity shall apply these amendments retrospectively to those hedging relationships that existed at the beginning of the reporting period in which an entity first applies these amendments or were designated thereafter, and to the gain or loss recognized in net assets/equity that existed at the beginning of the reporting period in which an entity first applies these amendments.
- 125J. Paragraphs 113O–113ZC, 125K–125M and AG20A–AG20E were added by *Improvements to IPSAS, 2021*, issued in January 2022. 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 an earlier period, it shall disclose that fact. An entity shall apply these amendments retrospectively in accordance with IPSAS 3, except as specified in paragraphs 125K–125M and AG20A–AG20E.
- 125K. An entity shall designate a new hedging relationship (for example, as described in paragraph 113ZC) only prospectively (i.e., an entity is prohibited from designating a new hedge accounting relationship in prior periods). However, an entity shall reinstate a discontinued hedging relationship if, and only if, these conditions are met:

(a) The entity had discontinued that hedging relationship solely due to changes required by interest rate benchmark reform and the entity would not have been required to discontinue that hedging relationship if these amendments had been applied at that time; and

(b) At the beginning of the reporting period in which an entity first applies these amendments (date of initial application of these amendments), that discontinued hedging relationship meets the qualifying criteria for hedge accounting (after taking into account these amendments).

125L. If, in applying paragraph 125K, an entity reinstates a discontinued hedging relationship, the entity shall read references in paragraphs 113ZA and 113ZB to the date the alternative benchmark rate is designated as a non-contractually specified risk portion for the first time as referring to the date of initial application of these amendments (i.e., the 24-month period for that alternative benchmark rate designated as a non-contractually specified risk portion begins from the date of initial application of these amendments).

125M. An entity is not required to restate prior periods to reflect the application of these amendments. The entity may restate prior periods if, and only if, it is possible without the use of hindsight. If an entity does not restate prior periods, the entity shall recognize any difference between the previous carrying amount and the carrying amount at the beginning of the annual reporting period that includes the date of initial application of these amendments in the opening net assets/equity (or other component of net assets/equity, as appropriate) of the annual reporting period that includes the date of initial application of these amendments.

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Application Guidance

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Effective Interest Rate

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Changes in the Basis for Determining the Contractual Cash Flows as a Result of Interest Rate Benchmark Reform

AG20A. An entity shall apply paragraphs AG20B–AG20E to a financial asset or financial liability if, and only if, the basis for determining the contractual cash flows of that financial asset or financial liability changes as a result of interest rate benchmark reform. For this purpose, the term ‘interest rate benchmark reform’ refers to the market-wide reform of an interest rate benchmark as described in paragraph 113B.

AG20B. The basis for determining the contractual cash flows of a financial asset or financial liability can change:

(a) By amending the contractual terms specified at the initial recognition of the financial instrument (for example, the contractual terms are amended to replace the referenced interest rate benchmark with an alternative benchmark rate);

(b) In a way that was not considered by—or contemplated in—the contractual terms at the initial recognition of the financial instrument, without amending the contractual terms (for

example, the method for calculating the interest rate benchmark is altered without amending the contractual terms); and/or

- (c) Because of the activation of an existing contractual term (for example, an existing fallback clause is triggered).

AG20C. As a practical expedient, an entity shall apply paragraph AG19 to account for a change in the basis for determining the contractual cash flows of a financial asset or financial liability that is required by interest rate benchmark reform. This practical expedient applies only to such changes and only to the extent the change is required by interest rate benchmark reform (see also paragraph AG20E). For this purpose, a change in the basis for determining the contractual cash flows is required by interest rate benchmark reform if, and only if, both these conditions are met:

- (a) The change is necessary as a direct consequence of interest rate benchmark reform; and
(b) The new basis for determining the contractual cash flows is economically equivalent to the previous basis (i.e., the basis immediately preceding the change).

AG20D. Examples of changes that give rise to a new basis for determining the contractual cash flows that is economically equivalent to the previous basis (i.e., the basis immediately preceding the change) are:

- (a) The replacement of an existing interest rate benchmark used to determine the contractual cash flows of a financial asset or financial liability with an alternative benchmark rate—or the implementation of such a reform of an interest rate benchmark by altering the method used to calculate the interest rate benchmark—with the addition of a fixed spread necessary to compensate for the basis difference between the existing interest rate benchmark and the alternative benchmark rate;
(b) Changes to the reset period, reset dates or the number of days between coupon payment dates in order to implement the reform of an interest rate benchmark; and
(c) The addition of a fallback provision to the contractual terms of a financial asset or financial liability to enable any change described in (a) and (b) above to be implemented.

AG20E. If changes are made to a financial asset or financial liability in addition to changes to the basis for determining the contractual cash flows required by interest rate benchmark reform, an entity shall first apply the practical expedient in paragraph AG20C to the changes required by interest rate benchmark reform. The entity shall then apply the applicable requirements in this Standard to any additional changes to which the practical expedient does not apply. If the additional change does not result in the derecognition of the financial asset or financial liability, the entity shall apply paragraph AG20, as applicable, to account for that additional change. If the additional change results in the derecognition of the financial asset or financial liability, the entity shall apply the derecognition requirements.

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Basis for Conclusions

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Revision of IPSAS 29 as a result of *Improvements to IPSAS, 2021*

- BC21. The IPSASB reviewed the revisions to IAS 39, *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement*, included in *Interest Rate Benchmark Reform* (Amendments to IFRS 9, IAS 39 and IFRS 7) issued by the IASB in September 2019, and the IASB's rationale for making these amendments as set out in its Basis for Conclusions and concurred that there was no public sector specific reason for not adopting these amendments, henceforth labeled as *Interest Rate Benchmark Reform*.
- BC22. The IPSASB reviewed the revisions to IAS 39, *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement*, included in *Interest Rate Benchmark Reform—Phase 2* (Amendments to IFRS 9, IAS 39, IFRS 7, IFRS 4 and IFRS 16) issued by the IASB in August 2020, and the IASB's rationale for making these amendments as set out in its Basis for Conclusions and concurred that there was no public sector specific reason for not adopting these amendments, henceforth labeled as *Interest Rate Benchmark Reform—Phase 2*.
- BC23. In addition to the above amendments to IPSAS 29 (as amended by IPSAS 41 when it was first published in 2018), the IPSASB considered that entities still applying IPSAS 29 (prior to the adoption of IPSAS 41) could benefit from the amendments to the hedging section included in paragraphs 113A-113ZC of IPSAS 29 (as amended by IPSAS 41 when it was first published in 2018) and the amendments on the practical expedient for changes in the contractual cash flows of financial instruments included in paragraphs AG20A-AG20E of IPSAS 29.
- BC24. While the amendments in paragraphs AG20A-AG20E of IPSAS 29 were unnecessary in the IASB's IPSAS 29 equivalent standard, IAS 39, they are necessary in IPSAS 29 (prior to the adoption of IPSAS 41) because the sections on contractual cash flows are effective until January 1, 2023.

PART II: IFRS ALIGNMENT IMPROVEMENTS TO IPSAS

Objective

1. The objective of Part II of *Improvements to IPSAS, 2021* is to make improvements to IPSAS to align with amendments to International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) based on the IASB's *Improvements to IFRSs* projects and *Narrow Scope Amendments* projects.

IPSAS Addressed

2. *Improvements to IPSAS, 2021* deals with non-substantive changes to IPSAS through a collection of unrelated amendments. Amendments included in Part II arise through consideration of the annual improvements and narrow scope amendments projects of the IASB.³

The amendments in Part II are from the following IASB amendments:

IFRS	Equivalent IPSAS	Summary of Change
<i>Interest Rate Benchmark Reform</i> (Phase One and Phase Two) ⁴		
<i>Interest Rate Benchmark Reform</i> (Amendments to IFRS 9, IAS 39 and IFRS 7). (Issued in September 2019).	IPSAS 41, <i>Financial Instruments</i> ; IPSAS 29, <i>Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement</i> (as amended by IPSAS 41 when it was first published in 2018); and IPSAS 30, <i>Financial Instruments: Disclosures</i> .	Amendments to provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temporary relief not to discontinue hedge accounting in IPSAS 41 (see Part II-1a) and IPSAS 29 (see Part II-1b); and • Additional disclosure requirements in IPSAS 30 (see Part II-1c).
<i>Interest Rate Benchmark Reform—Phase 2</i> (Amendments to IFRS 9, IAS 39, IFRS 7, IFRS 4 and IFRS 16) (Issued in August 2020).	IPSAS 41, <i>Financial Instruments</i> ; IPSAS 29, <i>Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement</i> (as amended by IPSAS 41 when it was first published in 2018); and IPSAS 30, <i>Financial Instruments: Disclosures</i> .	Amendments to provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A practical expedient not to treat changes in the contractual cash flows of a financial asset or financial liability as a modification in IPSAS 41 (see Part II-2a); • Additional relief not to discontinue hedge accounting in in IPSAS 41 (see Part II-2a) and IPSAS 29 (see Part II-2b); and • Further disclosure requirements in IPSAS 30 (see Part II-2c).
<i>Annual Improvements to IFRS Standards 2018–2020 Cycle</i>		

³ IPSAS do not duplicate the Basis for Conclusions developed by the IASB. The Basis for Conclusion included in IPSAS includes considerations taken into account and conclusions drawn by the IPSASB when developing the pronouncement.

⁴ The IASB's work in this area follows the Financial Stability Board's decision to introduce new regulatory requirements to replace interest rate benchmarks (such as LIBOR) with alternative nearly risk-free rates because the financial crisis undermined the reliability and robustness of these benchmarks. Entities have had to update loan agreements and derivative contracts that referred to these interest rate benchmarks to refer to the new alternative nearly risk-free rates.

IMPROVEMENTS TO IPSAS, 2021

IFRS	Equivalent IPSAS	Summary of Change
Amendment to IFRS 1, <i>First-time Adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards</i> (Issued in May 2020).	IPSAS 33, <i>First-time Adoption of Accrual Basis International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSASs)</i> .	Amendments to extend the exemption in IPSAS 33 to include components of net assets/equity such as cumulative translation differences (see Part II-3a).
Amendment to IFRS 9, <i>Financial Instruments</i> (Issued in May 2020).	IPSAS 41, <i>Financial Instruments</i> .	Amendments to clarify the fees that an entity includes when it applies the '10 percent' test to derecognize a financial liability in IPSAS 41 (see Part II-3b).
Other IFRS Alignment Improvements		
<i>Onerous Contracts—Cost of Fulfilling a Contract</i> (Amendments to IAS 37) (Issued in May 2020).	IPSAS 19, <i>Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets</i> .	Amendments to clarify the costs of fulfilling a contract that an entity includes when assessing whether a contract will be loss-making or onerous in IPSAS 19 (see Part II-4a).
<i>Property, Plant and Equipment—Proceeds before Intended Use</i> (Amendments to IAS 16) (Issued in May 2020).	IPSAS 17, <i>Property, Plant, and Equipment</i> .	Amendments to prohibit proceeds from selling items produced before that asset is available for use to be deducted from the cost of property, plant, and equipment (see Part II-4b).

Amendment: Part II-1a**Amendments to IPSAS 41, *Financial Instruments***

Paragraphs 155A–155L and 156E are added. Paragraph 184 is amended. A new heading is inserted before paragraph 155A, and new subheadings are inserted before paragraphs 155D, 155E, 155F, 155G, and 155I. New text is underlined.

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Hedge Accounting

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Temporary Exceptions from Applying Specific Hedge Accounting Requirements

155A. An entity shall apply paragraphs 155D–155L and paragraphs 156E and 184(d) to all hedging relationships directly affected by interest rate benchmark reform. These paragraphs apply only to such hedging relationships. A hedging relationship is directly affected by interest rate benchmark reform only if the reform gives rise to uncertainties about:

- (a) The interest rate benchmark (contractually or non-contractually specified) designated as a hedged risk; and/or
- (b) The timing or the amount of interest rate benchmark-based cash flows of the hedged item or of the hedging instrument.

155B. For the purpose of applying paragraphs 155D–155L, the term ‘interest rate benchmark reform’ refers to the market-wide reform of an interest rate benchmark, including the replacement of an interest rate benchmark with an alternative benchmark rate such as that resulting from the recommendations set out in the Financial Stability Board’s July 2014 report, ‘Reforming Major Interest Rate Benchmarks’.⁵

155C. Paragraphs 155D–155L provide exceptions only to the requirements specified in these paragraphs. An entity shall continue to apply all other hedge accounting requirements to hedging relationships directly affected by interest rate benchmark reform.

Highly Probable Requirement for Cash Flow Hedges

155D. For the purpose of determining whether a forecast transaction (or a component thereof) is highly probable as required by paragraph 124, an entity shall assume that the interest rate benchmark on which the hedged cash flows (contractually or non-contractually specified) are based is not altered as a result of interest rate benchmark reform.

Reclassifying the Amount Accumulated in the Cash Flow Hedge Reserve

155E. For the purpose of applying the requirement in paragraph 141 in order to determine whether the hedged future cash flows are expected to occur, an entity shall assume that the interest rate benchmark on which the hedged cash flows (contractually or non-contractually specified) are based is not altered as a result of interest rate benchmark reform.

⁵ The report, ‘Reforming Major Interest Rate Benchmarks’, is available at http://www.fsb.org/wp-content/uploads/r_140722.pdf.

Assessing the Economic Relationship between the Hedged Item and the Hedging Instrument

155F. For the purpose of applying the requirements in paragraphs 129(c)(i) and AG278–AG280, an entity shall assume that the interest rate benchmark on which the hedged cash flows and/or the hedged risk (contractually or non-contractually specified) are based, or the interest rate benchmark on which the cash flows of the hedging instrument are based, is not altered as a result of interest rate benchmark reform.

Designating a Component of an Item as a Hedged Item

155G. Unless paragraph 155H applies, for a hedge of a non-contractually specified benchmark component of interest rate risk, an entity shall apply the requirement in paragraphs 128(a) and AG257—that the risk component shall be separately identifiable—only at the inception of the hedging relationship.

155H. When an entity, consistent with its hedge documentation, frequently resets (i.e., discontinues and restarts) a hedging relationship because both the hedging instrument and the hedged item frequently change (i.e., the entity uses a dynamic process in which both the hedged items and the hedging instruments used to manage that exposure do not remain the same for long), the entity shall apply the requirement in paragraphs 128(a) and AG257—that the risk component is separately identifiable—only when it initially designates a hedged item in that hedging relationship. A hedged item that has been assessed at the time of its initial designation in the hedging relationship, whether it was at the time of the hedge inception or subsequently, is not reassessed at any subsequent redesignation in the same hedging relationship.

End of Application

155I. An entity shall prospectively cease applying paragraph 155D to a hedged item at the earlier of:

- (a) When the uncertainty arising from interest rate benchmark reform is no longer present with respect to the timing and the amount of the interest rate benchmark-based cash flows of the hedged item; and
- (b) When the hedging relationship that the hedged item is part of is discontinued.

155J. An entity shall prospectively cease applying paragraph 155E at the earlier of:

- (a) When the uncertainty arising from interest rate benchmark reform is no longer present with respect to the timing and the amount of the interest rate benchmark-based future cash flows of the hedged item; and
- (b) When the entire amount accumulated in the cash flow hedge reserve with respect to that discontinued hedging relationship has been reclassified to surplus or deficit.

155K. An entity shall prospectively cease applying paragraph 155F:

- (a) To a hedged item, when the uncertainty arising from interest rate benchmark reform is no longer present with respect to the hedged risk or the timing and the amount of the interest rate benchmark-based cash flows of the hedged item; and
- (b) To a hedging instrument, when the uncertainty arising from interest rate benchmark reform is no longer present with respect to the timing and the amount of the interest rate benchmark-based cash flows of the hedging instrument.

If the hedging relationship that the hedged item and the hedging instrument are part of is discontinued earlier than the date specified in paragraph 155K(a) or the date specified in paragraph 155K(b), the entity shall prospectively cease applying paragraph 155F to that hedging relationship at the date of discontinuation.

155L. When designating a group of items as the hedged item, or a combination of financial instruments as the hedging instrument, an entity shall prospectively cease applying paragraphs 155D–155F to an individual item or financial instrument in accordance with paragraphs 155I, 155J, or 155K, as relevant, when the uncertainty arising from interest rate benchmark reform is no longer present with respect to the hedged risk and/or the timing and the amount of the interest rate benchmark-based cash flows of that item or financial instrument.

Effective Date and Transition

Effective Date

156E. **Paragraphs 155A–155L were added and paragraph 184 was amended by *Improvements to IPSAS, 2021*, issued in January 2022. An entity shall apply these amendments for annual financial statements covering periods beginning on or after January 1, 2023. Earlier application is permitted. If an entity applies these amendments for an earlier period, it shall disclose that fact.**

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Transition for Hedge Accounting

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184. As an exception to prospective application of the hedge accounting requirements of this Standard, an entity:

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(d) Shall apply the requirements in paragraphs 155A–155L retrospectively. This retrospective application applies only to those hedging relationships that existed at the beginning of the reporting period in which an entity first applies those requirements or were designated thereafter, and to the amount accumulated in the cash flow hedge reserve that existed at the beginning of the reporting period in which an entity first applies those requirements.

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Basis for Conclusions

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Revision of IPSAS 41 as a result of *Improvements to IPSAS, 2021*

BC50. The IPSASB reviewed the revisions to IFRS 9, *Financial Instruments*, included in *Interest Rate Benchmark Reform* (Amendments to IFRS 9, IAS 39 and IFRS 7) issued by the IASB in September 2019, and the IASB's rationale for making these amendments as set out in its Basis for Conclusions and concurred that there was no public sector specific reason for not adopting these amendments, henceforth labeled as *Interest Rate Benchmark Reform*.

Amendment: Part II-1b**Amendments to IPSAS 29, *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement***

Paragraphs 113A–113N, and 125I are added. A new heading is inserted before paragraph 113A, and new subheadings are inserted before paragraphs 113D, 113E, 113F, 113H, and 113J. New text is underlined.

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Hedging

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Temporary Exceptions from Applying Specific Hedge Accounting Requirements

113A. An entity shall apply paragraphs 113D–113N and 125I to all hedging relationships directly affected by interest rate benchmark reform. These paragraphs apply only to such hedging relationships. A hedging relationship is directly affected by interest rate benchmark reform only if the reform gives rise to uncertainties about:

- (a) The interest rate benchmark (contractually or non-contractually specified) designated as a hedged risk; and/or
- (b) The timing or the amount of interest rate benchmark-based cash flows of the hedged item or of the hedging instrument.

113B. For the purpose of applying paragraphs 113D–113N, the term ‘interest rate benchmark reform’ refers to the market-wide reform of an interest rate benchmark, including the replacement of an interest rate benchmark with an alternative benchmark rate such as that resulting from the recommendations set out in the Financial Stability Board’s July 2014 report ‘Reforming Major Interest Rate Benchmarks’.⁶

113C. Paragraphs 113D–113N provide exceptions only to the requirements specified in these paragraphs. An entity shall continue to apply all other hedge accounting requirements to hedging relationships directly affected by interest rate benchmark reform.

Highly Probable Requirement for Cash Flow Hedges

113D. For the purpose of applying the requirement in paragraph 98(c) that a forecast transaction must be highly probable, an entity shall assume that the interest rate benchmark on which the hedged cash flows (contractually or non-contractually specified) are based is not altered as a result of interest rate benchmark reform.

Reclassifying the Cumulative Gain or Loss Recognized in Net Assets/Equity

113E. For the purpose of applying the requirement in paragraph 112(c) in order to determine whether the forecast transaction is no longer expected to occur, an entity shall assume that the interest rate benchmark on which the hedged cash flows (contractually or non-contractually specified) are based is not altered as a result of interest rate benchmark reform.

⁶ The report, ‘Reforming Major Interest Rate Benchmarks’, is available at http://www.fsb.org/wp-content/uploads/r_140722.pdf.

Effectiveness Assessment

- 113F. For the purpose of applying the requirements in paragraphs 98(b) and AG145(a), an entity shall assume that the interest rate benchmark on which the hedged cash flows and/or the hedged risk (contractually or non-contractually specified) are based, or the interest rate benchmark on which the cash flows of the hedging instrument are based, is not altered as a result of interest rate benchmark reform.
- 113G. For the purpose of applying the requirement in paragraph 98(e), an entity is not required to discontinue a hedging relationship because the actual results of the hedge do not meet the requirements in paragraph AG145(b). For the avoidance of doubt, an entity shall apply the other conditions in paragraph 98, including the prospective assessment in paragraph 98(b), to assess whether the hedging relationship must be discontinued.

Designating Financial Items as Hedged Items

- 113H. Unless paragraph 113I applies, for a hedge of a non-contractually specified benchmark portion of interest rate risk, an entity shall apply the requirement in paragraphs 90 and AG139—that the designated portion shall be separately identifiable—only at the inception of the hedging relationship.
- 113I. When an entity, consistent with its hedge documentation, frequently resets (i.e., discontinues and restarts) a hedging relationship because both the hedging instrument and the hedged item frequently change (i.e., the entity uses a dynamic process in which both the hedged items and the hedging instruments used to manage that exposure do not remain the same for long), the entity shall apply the requirement in paragraphs 90 and AG139—that the designated portion is separately identifiable—only when it initially designates a hedged item in that hedging relationship. A hedged item that has been assessed at the time of its initial designation in the hedging relationship, whether it was at the time of the hedge inception or subsequently, is not reassessed at any subsequent redesignation in the same hedging relationship.

End of Application

- 113J. An entity shall prospectively cease applying paragraph 113D to a hedged item at the earlier of:
- (a) When the uncertainty arising from interest rate benchmark reform is no longer present with respect to the timing and the amount of the interest rate benchmark-based cash flows of the hedged item; and
 - (b) When the hedging relationship that the hedged item is part of is discontinued.
- 113K. An entity shall prospectively cease applying paragraph 113E at the earlier of:
- (a) When the uncertainty arising from interest rate benchmark reform is no longer present with respect to the timing and the amount of the interest rate benchmark-based future cash flows of the hedged item; and
 - (b) When the entire cumulative gain or loss recognized in net assets/equity with respect to that discontinued hedging relationship has been reclassified to surplus or deficit.
- 113L. An entity shall prospectively cease applying paragraph 113F:

- (a) To a hedged item, when the uncertainty arising from interest rate benchmark reform is no longer present with respect to the hedged risk or the timing and the amount of the interest rate benchmark-based cash flows of the hedged item; and
- (b) To a hedging instrument, when the uncertainty arising from interest rate benchmark reform is no longer present with respect to the timing and the amount of the interest rate benchmark-based cash flows of the hedging instrument.

If the hedging relationship that the hedged item and the hedging instrument are part of is discontinued earlier than the date specified in paragraph 113L(a) or the date specified in paragraph 113L(b), the entity shall prospectively cease applying paragraph 113F to that hedging relationship at the date of discontinuation.

113M. An entity shall prospectively cease applying paragraph 113G to a hedging relationship at the earlier of:

- (a) When the uncertainty arising from interest rate benchmark reform is no longer present with respect to the hedged risk and the timing and the amount of the interest rate benchmark-based cash flows of the hedged item and of the hedging instrument; and
- (b) When the hedging relationship to which the exception is applied is discontinued.

113N. When designating a group of items as the hedged item, or a combination of financial instruments as the hedging instrument, an entity shall prospectively cease applying paragraphs 113D–113G to an individual item or financial instrument in accordance with paragraphs 113J, 113K, 113L, or 113M, as relevant, when the uncertainty arising from interest rate benchmark reform is no longer present with respect to the hedged risk and/or the timing and the amount of the interest rate benchmark-based cash flows of that item or financial instrument.

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Effective Date and Transition

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125I. Paragraphs 113A–113N were added by *Improvements to IPSAS, 2021*, issued in January 2022. 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 an earlier period, it shall disclose that fact. An entity shall apply these amendments retrospectively to those hedging relationships that existed at the beginning of the reporting period in which an entity first applies these amendments or were designated thereafter, and to the gain or loss recognized in net assets/equity that existed at the beginning of the reporting period in which an entity first applies these amendments.

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Basis for Conclusions

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Revision of IPSAS 29 as a result of *Improvements to IPSAS, 2021*

BC21. The IPSASB reviewed the revisions to IAS 39, *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement*, included in *Interest Rate Benchmark Reform* (Amendments to IFRS 9, IAS 39 and IFRS 7) issued by the IASB in September 2019, and the IASB's rationale for making these amendments as set out in its Basis for Conclusions and concurred that there was no public sector specific reason for not adopting these amendments, henceforth labeled as *Interest Rate Benchmark Reform*.

Amendment: Part II-1c

Amendments to IPSAS 30, *Financial Instruments: Disclosures*

Paragraphs 28H, 52K–52L are added. A new subheading is added before paragraph 28H. New text is underlined.

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Other Disclosures

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Hedge Accounting

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Uncertainty Arising from Interest Rate Benchmark Reform

28H. For hedging relationships to which an entity applies the exceptions set out in paragraphs 155D–155L of IPSAS 41 or paragraphs 113D–113N of IPSAS 29, *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement* an entity shall disclose:

- (a) The significant interest rate benchmarks to which the entity's hedging relationships are exposed;
- (b) The extent of the risk exposure the entity manages that is directly affected by the interest rate benchmark reform;
- (c) How the entity is managing the process to transition to alternative benchmark rates;
- (d) A description of significant assumptions or judgments the entity made in applying these paragraphs (for example, assumptions or judgments about when the uncertainty arising from interest rate benchmark reform is no longer present with respect to the timing and the amount of the interest rate benchmark-based cash flows); and
- (e) The nominal amount of the hedging instruments in those hedging relationships.

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52K. Paragraphs 28H and 52L were added by *Improvements to IPSAS, 2021*, issued in January 2022. An entity shall apply these amendments when it applies the *Interest Rate Benchmark Reform* amendments to IPSAS 29 or IPSAS 41.

52L. In the reporting period in which an entity first applies *Interest Rate Benchmark Reform* amendments, an entity is not required to present the quantitative information required by paragraph 33(f) of IPSAS 3, *Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors*.

Basis for Conclusions

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Revision of IPSAS 30 as a result of *Improvements to IPSAS, 2021*

BC12. The IPSASB reviewed the revisions to IFRS 7, *Financial Instruments: Disclosures*, included in *Interest Rate Benchmark Reform* (Amendments to IFRS 9, IAS 39 and IFRS 7) issued by the IASB in September 2019, and the IASB's rationale for making these amendments as set out in its *Basis for Conclusions* and concurred that there was no public sector specific reason for not adopting these amendments, henceforth labeled as *Interest Rate Benchmark Reform*.

Amendment: Part II-2a

Amendments to IPSAS 41, *Financial Instruments*

Paragraphs 72A–72E, 155M–155Z, 156F and 191–194 are added. A new heading is inserted before paragraph 155N and 191 and new subheadings are inserted before paragraphs 72A, 155T, 155V, and 155X. New text is underlined.

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Changes in the Basis for Determining the Contractual Cash Flows as a Result of Interest Rate Benchmark Reform

72A. An entity shall apply paragraphs 72B–72E to a financial asset or financial liability if, and only if, the basis for determining the contractual cash flows of that financial asset or financial liability changes as a result of interest rate benchmark reform. For this purpose, the term ‘interest rate benchmark reform’ refers to the market-wide reform of an interest rate benchmark as described in paragraph 155B.

72B. The basis for determining the contractual cash flows of a financial asset or financial liability can change:

- (a) By amending the contractual terms specified at the initial recognition of the financial instrument (for example, the contractual terms are amended to replace the referenced interest rate benchmark with an alternative benchmark rate);
- (b) In a way that was not considered by—or contemplated in—the contractual terms at the initial recognition of the financial instrument, without amending the contractual terms (for example, the method for calculating the interest rate benchmark is altered without amending the contractual terms); and/or
- (c) Because of the activation of an existing contractual term (for example, an existing fallback clause is triggered).

72C. As a practical expedient, an entity shall apply paragraph AG160 to account for a change in the basis for determining the contractual cash flows of a financial asset or financial liability that is required by interest rate benchmark reform. This practical expedient applies only to such changes and only to the extent the change is required by interest rate benchmark reform (see also paragraph 72E). For this purpose, a change in the basis for determining the contractual cash flows is required by interest rate benchmark reform if, and only if, both these conditions are met:

- (a) The change is necessary as a direct consequence of interest rate benchmark reform; and
- (b) The new basis for determining the contractual cash flows is economically equivalent to the previous basis (i.e., the basis immediately preceding the change).

72D. Examples of changes that give rise to a new basis for determining the contractual cash flows that is economically equivalent to the previous basis (i.e., the basis immediately preceding the change) are:

- (a) The replacement of an existing interest rate benchmark used to determine the contractual cash flows of a financial asset or financial liability with an alternative benchmark rate—or the implementation of such a reform of an interest rate benchmark by altering the method used to calculate the interest rate benchmark—with the addition of a fixed spread necessary to compensate for the basis difference between the existing interest rate benchmark and the alternative benchmark rate;
- (b) Changes to the reset period, reset dates or the number of days between coupon payment dates in order to implement the reform of an interest rate benchmark; and
- (c) The addition of a fallback provision to the contractual terms of a financial asset or financial liability to enable any change described in (a) and (b) above to be implemented.

72E. If changes are made to a financial asset or financial liability in addition to changes to the basis for determining the contractual cash flows required by interest rate benchmark reform, an entity shall first apply the practical expedient in paragraph 72C to the changes required by interest rate benchmark reform. The entity shall then apply the applicable requirements in this Standard to any additional changes to which the practical expedient does not apply. If the additional change does not result in the derecognition of the financial asset or financial liability, the entity shall apply paragraph 71 or paragraph AG161, as applicable, to account for that additional change. If the additional change results in the derecognition of the financial asset or financial liability, the entity shall apply the derecognition requirements.

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Temporary Exceptions from Applying Specific Hedge Accounting Requirements

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End of Application

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155M. An entity shall prospectively cease applying paragraphs 155G and 155H at the earlier of:

- (a) When changes required by interest rate benchmark reform are made to the non-contractually specified risk component applying paragraph 155N; or
- (b) When the hedging relationship in which the non-contractually specified risk component is designated is discontinued.

Additional Temporary Exceptions Arising from Interest Rate Benchmark Reform

155N. As and when the requirements in paragraphs 155D–155H cease to apply to a hedging relationship (see paragraphs 155I–155M), an entity shall amend the formal designation of that hedging relationship as previously documented to reflect the changes required by interest rate benchmark reform, i.e., the changes are consistent with the requirements in paragraphs 72B–72D. In this context, the hedge designation shall be amended only to make one or more of these changes:

- (a) Designating an alternative benchmark rate (contractually or non-contractually specified) as a hedged risk;
- (b) Amending the description of the hedged item, including the description of the designated portion of the cash flows or fair value being hedged; or
- (c) Amending the description of the hedging instrument.

155O. An entity also shall apply the requirement in paragraph 155N(c) if these three conditions are met:

- (a) The entity makes a change required by interest rate benchmark reform using an approach other than changing the basis for determining the contractual cash flows of the hedging instrument (as described in paragraph 72B);
- (b) The original hedging instrument is not derecognized; and
- (c) The chosen approach is economically equivalent to changing the basis for determining the contractual cash flows of the original hedging instrument (as described in paragraphs 72C and 72D).

155P. The requirements in paragraphs 155D–155H may cease to apply at different times. Therefore, in applying paragraph 155N, an entity may be required to amend the formal designation of its hedging relationships at different times, or may be required to amend the formal designation of a hedging relationship more than once. When, and only when, such a change is made to the hedge designation, an entity shall apply paragraphs 155T–155Y as applicable. An entity also shall apply paragraph 137 (for a fair value hedge) or paragraph 140 (for a cash flow hedge) to account for any changes in the fair value of the hedged item or the hedging instrument.

155Q. An entity shall amend a hedging relationship as required in paragraph 155N by the end of the reporting period during which a change required by interest rate benchmark reform is made to the hedged risk, hedged item or hedging instrument. For the avoidance of doubt, such an amendment to the formal designation of a hedging relationship constitutes neither the discontinuation of the hedging relationship nor the designation of a new hedging relationship.

155R. If changes are made in addition to those changes required by interest rate benchmark reform to the financial asset or financial liability designated in a hedging relationship (as described in paragraphs 72B–72D) or to the designation of the hedging relationship (as required by paragraph 155N), an entity shall first apply the applicable requirements in this Standard to determine if those additional changes result in the discontinuation of hedge accounting. If the additional changes do not result in the discontinuation of hedge accounting, an entity shall amend the formal designation of the hedging relationship as specified in paragraph 155N.

155S. Paragraphs 155T–155Z provide exceptions to the requirements specified in those paragraphs only. An entity shall apply all other hedge accounting requirements in this Standard, including the qualifying criteria in paragraph 129, to hedging relationships that were directly affected by interest rate benchmark reform.

Accounting for Qualifying Hedging Relationships

Cash Flow Hedges

155T. For the purpose of applying paragraph 140, at the point when an entity amends the description of a hedged item as required in paragraph 155N(b), the amount accumulated in the cash flow hedge

reserve shall be deemed to be based on the alternative benchmark rate on which the hedged future cash flows are determined.

- 155U. For a discontinued hedging relationship, when the interest rate benchmark on which the hedged future cash flows had been based is changed as required by interest rate benchmark reform, for the purpose of applying paragraph 141 in order to determine whether the hedged future cash flows are expected to occur, the amount accumulated in the cash flow hedge reserve for that hedging relationship shall be deemed to be based on the alternative benchmark rate on which the hedged future cash flows will be based.

Groups of Items

- 155V. When an entity applies paragraph 155N to groups of items designated as hedged items in a fair value or cash flow hedge, the entity shall allocate the hedged items to subgroups based on the benchmark rate being hedged and designate the benchmark rate as the hedged risk for each subgroup. For example, in a hedging relationship in which a group of items is hedged for changes in an interest rate benchmark subject to interest rate benchmark reform, the hedged cash flows or fair value of some items in the group could be changed to reference an alternative benchmark rate before other items in the group are changed. In this example, in applying paragraph 155N, the entity would designate the alternative benchmark rate as the hedged risk for that relevant subgroup of hedged items. The entity would continue to designate the existing interest rate benchmark as the hedged risk for the other subgroup of hedged items until the hedged cash flows or fair value of those items are changed to reference the alternative benchmark rate or the items expire and are replaced with hedged items that reference the alternative benchmark rate.

- 155W. An entity shall assess separately whether each subgroup meets the requirements in paragraph 146 to be an eligible hedged item. If any subgroup fails to meet the requirements in paragraph 146, the entity shall discontinue hedge accounting prospectively for the hedging relationship in its entirety. An entity also shall apply the requirements in paragraphs 137 and 140 to account for ineffectiveness related to the hedging relationship in its entirety.

Designation of Risk Components

- 155X. An alternative benchmark rate designated as a non-contractually specified risk component that is not separately identifiable (see paragraphs 128(a) and AG257) at the date it is designated shall be deemed to have met that requirement at that date, if, and only if, the entity reasonably expects the alternative benchmark rate will be separately identifiable within 24 months. The 24-month period applies to each alternative benchmark rate separately and starts from the date the entity designates the alternative benchmark rate as a non-contractually specified risk component for the first time (ie the 24-month period applies on a rate-by-rate basis).

- 155Y. If subsequently an entity reasonably expects that the alternative benchmark rate will not be separately identifiable within 24 months from the date the entity designated it as a non-contractually specified risk component for the first time, the entity shall cease applying the requirement in paragraph 155X to that alternative benchmark rate and discontinue hedge accounting prospectively from the date of that reassessment for all hedging relationships in which the alternative benchmark rate was designated as a non-contractually specified risk component.

- 155Z. In addition to those hedging relationships specified in paragraph 155N, an entity shall apply the requirements in paragraphs 155X and 155Y to new hedging relationships in which an alternative benchmark rate is designated as a non-contractually specified risk component (see

paragraphs 128(a) and AG257) when, because of interest rate benchmark reform, that risk component is not separately identifiable at the date it is designated.

Effective Date and Transition

Effective Date

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156F. Paragraphs 72A–72E, 155M–155Z, and 191-194 were added by *Improvements to IPSAS, 2021*, issued in January 2022. An entity shall apply these amendments for annual financial statements covering periods beginning on or after January 1, 2023. Earlier application is permitted. If an entity applies these amendments for an earlier period, it shall disclose that fact.

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Transition

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Transition for Interest Rate Benchmark Reform—Phase 2

191. An entity shall apply *Interest Rate Benchmark Reform—Phase 2* amendments retrospectively in accordance with IPSAS 3, except as specified in paragraphs 192–194.

192. An entity shall designate a new hedging relationship (for example, as described in paragraph 155Z) only prospectively (i.e., an entity is prohibited from designating a new hedge accounting relationship in prior periods). However, an entity shall reinstate a discontinued hedging relationship if, and only if, these conditions are met:

(a) The entity had discontinued that hedging relationship solely due to changes required by interest rate benchmark reform and the entity would not have been required to discontinue that hedging relationship if these amendments had been applied at that time; and

(b) At the beginning of the reporting period in which an entity first applies these amendments (date of initial application of these amendments), that discontinued hedging relationship meets the qualifying criteria for hedge accounting (after taking into account these amendments).

193. If, in applying paragraph 192, an entity reinstates a discontinued hedging relationship, the entity shall read references in paragraphs 155X and 155Y to the date the alternative benchmark rate is designated as a non-contractually specified risk component for the first time as referring to the date of initial application of these amendments (i.e., the 24-month period for that alternative benchmark rate designated as a non-contractually specified risk component begins from the date of initial application of these amendments).

194. An entity is not required to restate prior periods to reflect the application of these amendments. The entity may restate prior periods if, and only if, it is possible without the use of hindsight. If an entity does not restate prior periods, the entity shall recognize any difference between the previous carrying amount and the carrying amount at the beginning of the annual reporting period that includes the date of initial application of these amendments in the opening net assets/equity

(or other component of net assets/equity, as appropriate) of the annual reporting period that includes the date of initial application of these amendments.

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Basis for Conclusions

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Revision of IPSAS 41 as a result of *Improvements to IPSAS, 2021*

BC51. The IPSASB reviewed the revisions to IFRS 9, *Financial Instruments*, included in *Interest Rate Benchmark Reform—Phase 2* (Amendments to IFRS 9, IAS 39, IFRS 7, IFRS 4 and IFRS 16) issued by the IASB in August 2020, and the IASB's rationale for making these amendments as set out in its Basis for Conclusions and concurred that there was no public sector specific reason for not adopting these amendments, henceforth labeled as *Interest Rate Benchmark Reform—Phase 2*.

Amendment: Part II-2b

Amendments to IPSAS 29, *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement*

Paragraphs 113O–113ZC, 125J–125M are added. New headings are inserted before paragraph 113P. New subheadings are inserted before paragraphs 113V, 113W, 113Y, 113ZA and AG20A. New text is underlined and deleted text is struck through.

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Hedge Accounting

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Temporary Exceptions from Applying Specific Hedge Accounting Requirements

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End of Application

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113O. An entity shall prospectively cease applying paragraphs 113H and 113I at the earlier of:

- (a) When changes required by interest rate benchmark reform are made to the non-contractually specified risk portion applying paragraph 113P; or
- (b) When the hedging relationship in which the non-contractually specified risk portion is designated is discontinued.

Additional Temporary Exceptions Arising from Interest Rate Benchmark Reform

Hedge Accounting

113P. As and when the requirements in paragraphs 113D–113I cease to apply to a hedging relationship (see paragraphs 113J–113O), an entity shall amend the formal designation of that hedging relationship as previously documented to reflect the changes required by interest rate benchmark reform, i.e., the changes are consistent with the requirements in paragraphs 72B–72D of IPSAS 41. In this context, the hedge designation shall be amended only to make one or more of these changes:

- (a) Designating an alternative benchmark rate (contractually or non-contractually specified) as a hedged risk;
- (b) Amending the description of the hedged item, including the description of the designated portion of the cash flows or fair value being hedged;
- (c) Amending the description of the hedging instrument; or
- (d) Amending the description of how the entity will assess hedge effectiveness.

113Q. An entity also shall apply the requirement in paragraph 113P(c) if these three conditions are met:

- (a) The entity makes a change required by interest rate benchmark reform using an approach other than changing the basis for determining the contractual cash flows of the hedging instrument (as described in paragraph 72B of IPSAS 41);

- (b) The original hedging instrument is not derecognized; and
- (c) The chosen approach is economically equivalent to changing the basis for determining the contractual cash flows of the original hedging instrument (as described in paragraphs 72C and 72D of IPSAS 41).
- 113R. The requirements in paragraphs 113D–113I may cease to apply at different times. Therefore, applying paragraph 113P, an entity may be required to amend the formal designation of its hedging relationships at different times, or may be required to amend the formal designation of a hedging relationship more than once. When, and only when, such a change is made to the hedge designation, an entity shall apply paragraphs 113V–113ZB as applicable. An entity also shall apply paragraph 99 (for a fair value hedge) or paragraph 107 (for a cash flow hedge) to account for any changes in the fair value of the hedged item or the hedging instrument.
- 113S. An entity shall amend a hedging relationship as required in paragraph 113P by the end of the reporting period during which a change required by interest rate benchmark reform is made to the hedged risk, hedged item or hedging instrument. For the avoidance of doubt, such an amendment to the formal designation of a hedging relationship constitutes neither the discontinuation of the hedging relationship nor the designation of a new hedging relationship.
- 113T. If changes are made in addition to those changes required by interest rate benchmark reform to the financial asset or financial liability designated in a hedging relationship (as described in paragraphs 72B–72D of IPSAS 41) or to the designation of the hedging relationship (as required by paragraph 113P), an entity shall first apply the applicable requirements in this Standard to determine if those additional changes result in the discontinuation of hedge accounting. If the additional changes do not result in the discontinuation of hedge accounting, an entity shall amend the formal designation of the hedging relationship as specified in paragraph 113P.
- 113U. Paragraphs 113V–113ZC provide exceptions to the requirements specified in those paragraphs only. An entity shall apply all other hedge accounting requirements in this Standard, including the qualifying criteria in paragraph 98, to hedging relationships that were directly affected by interest rate benchmark reform.

Accounting for Qualifying Hedging Relationships

Retrospective Effectiveness Assessment

- 113V. For the purpose of assessing the retrospective effectiveness of a hedging relationship on a cumulative basis applying paragraph 98(e) and only for this purpose, an entity may elect to reset to zero the cumulative fair value changes of the hedged item and hedging instrument when ceasing to apply paragraph 113G as required by paragraph 113M. This election is made separately for each hedging relationship (i.e., on an individual hedging relationship basis).

Cash Flow Hedges

- 113W. For the purpose of applying paragraph 108, at the point when an entity amends the description of a hedged item as required in paragraph 113P(b), the cumulative gain or loss in net assets/equity shall be deemed to be based on the alternative benchmark rate on which the hedged future cash flows are determined.
- 113X. For a discontinued hedging relationship, when the interest rate benchmark on which the hedged future cash flows had been based is changed as required by interest rate benchmark reform, for

the purpose of applying paragraph 112(c) in order to determine whether the hedged future cash flows are expected to occur, the amount accumulated in net assets/equity for that hedging relationship shall be deemed to be based on the alternative benchmark rate on which the hedged future cash flows will be based.

Groups of Items

113Y. When an entity applies paragraph 113P to groups of items designated as hedged items in a fair value or cash flow hedge, the entity shall allocate the hedged items to subgroups based on the benchmark rate being hedged and designate the benchmark rate as the hedged risk for each subgroup. For example, in a hedging relationship in which a group of items is hedged for changes in an interest rate benchmark subject to interest rate benchmark reform, the hedged cash flows or fair value of some items in the group could be changed to reference an alternative benchmark rate before other items in the group are changed. In this example, in applying paragraph 113P, the entity would designate the alternative benchmark rate as the hedged risk for that relevant subgroup of hedged items. The entity would continue to designate the existing interest rate benchmark as the hedged risk for the other subgroup of hedged items until the hedged cash flows or fair value of those items are changed to reference the alternative benchmark rate or the items expire and are replaced with hedged items that reference the alternative benchmark rate.

113Z. An entity shall assess separately whether each subgroup meets the requirements in paragraphs 87 and 93 to be an eligible hedged item. If any subgroup fails to meet the requirements in paragraphs 87 and 93, the entity shall discontinue hedge accounting prospectively for the hedging relationship in its entirety. An entity also shall apply the requirements in paragraphs 99 or 107 to account for ineffectiveness related to the hedging relationship in its entirety.

Designating Financial Items as Hedged Items

113ZA. An alternative benchmark rate designated as a non-contractually specified risk portion that is not separately identifiable (see paragraphs 90 and AG139) at the date it is designated shall be deemed to have met that requirement at that date, if, and only if, the entity reasonably expects the alternative benchmark rate will be separately identifiable within 24 months. The 24-month period applies to each alternative benchmark rate separately and starts from the date the entity designates the alternative benchmark rate as a non-contractually specified risk portion for the first time (i.e., the 24-month period applies on a rate-by-rate basis).

113ZB. If subsequently an entity reasonably expects that the alternative benchmark rate will not be separately identifiable within 24 months from the date the entity designated it as a non-contractually specified risk portion for the first time, the entity shall cease applying the requirement in paragraph 113ZA to that alternative benchmark rate and discontinue hedge accounting prospectively from the date of that reassessment for all hedging relationships in which the alternative benchmark rate was designated as a non-contractually specified risk portion.

113ZC. In addition to those hedging relationships specified in paragraph 113P, an entity shall apply the requirements in paragraphs 113ZA and 113ZB to new hedging relationships in which an alternative benchmark rate is designated as a non-contractually specified risk portion (see paragraphs 90 and AG139) when, because of interest rate benchmark reform, that risk portion is not separately identifiable at the date it is designated.

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Effective Date and Transition

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125J. Paragraphs 113O–113ZC, 125K–125M were added by *Improvements to IPSAS, 2021*, issued in January 2022. 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 an earlier period, it shall disclose that fact. An entity shall apply these amendments retrospectively in accordance with IPSAS 3, except as specified in paragraphs 125K–125M.

125K. An entity shall designate a new hedging relationship (for example, as described in paragraph 113ZC) only prospectively (i.e., an entity is prohibited from designating a new hedge accounting relationship in prior periods). However, an entity shall reinstate a discontinued hedging relationship if, and only if, these conditions are met:

- (a) The entity had discontinued that hedging relationship solely due to changes required by interest rate benchmark reform and the entity would not have been required to discontinue that hedging relationship if these amendments had been applied at that time; and
- (b) At the beginning of the reporting period in which an entity first applies these amendments (date of initial application of these amendments), that discontinued hedging relationship meets the qualifying criteria for hedge accounting (after taking into account these amendments).

125L. If, in applying paragraph 125K, an entity reinstates a discontinued hedging relationship, the entity shall read references in paragraphs 113ZA and 113ZB to the date the alternative benchmark rate is designated as a non-contractually specified risk portion for the first time as referring to the date of initial application of these amendments (i.e., the 24-month period for that alternative benchmark rate designated as a non-contractually specified risk portion begins from the date of initial application of these amendments).

125M. An entity is not required to restate prior periods to reflect the application of these amendments. The entity may restate prior periods if, and only if, it is possible without the use of hindsight. If an entity does not restate prior periods, the entity shall recognize any difference between the previous carrying amount and the carrying amount at the beginning of the annual reporting period that includes the date of initial application of these amendments in the opening net assets/equity (or other component of net assets/equity, as appropriate) of the annual reporting period that includes the date of initial application of these amendments.

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Basis for Conclusions

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Revision of IPSAS 29 as a result of *Improvements to IPSAS, 2021*

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BC22. The IPSASB reviewed the revisions to IAS 39, *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement*, included in *Interest Rate Benchmark Reform—Phase 2* (Amendments to IFRS 9, IAS 39, IFRS 7, IFRS 4 and IFRS 16) issued by the IASB in August 2020, and the IASB's

rationale for making these amendments as set out in its Basis for Conclusions and concurred that there was no public sector specific reason for not adopting these amendments, henceforth labeled as *Interest Rate Benchmark Reform—Phase 2*.

- BC23. In addition to the above amendments to IPSAS 29 (as amended by IPSAS 41 when it was first published in 2018), the IPSASB considered that entities still applying IPSAS 29 (prior to the adoption of IPSAS 41) could benefit from the amendments to the hedging section included in paragraphs 113A-113ZC of IPSAS 29 (as amended by IPSAS 41 when it was first published in 2018) and the amendments on the practical expedient for changes in the contractual cash flows of financial instruments included in paragraphs 72A-72E of IPSAS 41.
- BC24. While the amendments in paragraphs 72A-72E of IPSAS 41 were unnecessary in the IASB's IPSAS 29 equivalent standard, IAS 39, they are necessary in IPSAS 29 (prior to the adoption of IPSAS 41) because the sections on contractual cash flows are effective until January 1, 2023.

Amendment: Part II-2c

Amendments to IPSAS 30, *Financial Instruments: Disclosures*

Paragraphs 28I–28J and 52M–52N are added. A new subheading is inserted before paragraph 28I. New text is underlined.

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Other Disclosures

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Hedge Accounting

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Additional Disclosures Related to Interest Rate Benchmark Reform

28I. To enable users of financial statements to understand the effect of interest rate benchmark reform on an entity's financial instruments and risk management strategy, an entity shall disclose information about:

- (a) The nature and extent of risks to which the entity is exposed arising from financial instruments subject to interest rate benchmark reform, and how the entity manages these risks; and
- (b) The entity's progress in completing the transition to alternative benchmark rates, and how the entity is managing the transition.

28J. To meet the objectives in paragraph 28I, an entity shall disclose:

- (a) How the entity is managing the transition to alternative benchmark rates, its progress at the reporting date and the risks to which it is exposed arising from financial instruments because of the transition;
- (b) Disaggregated by significant interest rate benchmark subject to interest rate benchmark reform, quantitative information about financial instruments that have yet to transition to an alternative benchmark rate as at the end of the reporting period, showing separately:
 - (i) Non-derivative financial assets;
 - (ii) Non-derivative financial liabilities; and
 - (iii) Derivatives; and
- (c) If the risks identified in paragraph 28J(a) have resulted in changes to an entity's risk management strategy (see paragraph 26A), a description of these changes.

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Effective Date and Transition

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52M. Paragraphs 28I–28J and 52N were added by *Improvements to IPSAS, 2021*, issued in January 2022. An entity shall apply these amendments when it applies the *Interest Rate Benchmark Reform—Phase 2* amendments to IPSAS 29 or IPSAS 41.

52N. In the reporting period in which an entity first applies *Interest Rate Benchmark Reform—Phase 2* amendments an entity is not required to present the quantitative information required by paragraph 33(f) of IPSAS 3.

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Basis for Conclusions

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Revision of IPSAS 30 as a result of *Improvements to IPSAS, 2021*

BC13. The IPSASB reviewed the revisions to IFRS 7, *Financial Instruments*, included in *Interest Rate Benchmark Reform—Phase 2* (Amendments to IFRS 9, IAS 39, IFRS 7, IFRS 4 and IFRS 16) issued by the IASB in August 2020, and the IASB’s rationale for making these amendments as set out in its Basis for Conclusions and concurred that there was no public sector specific reason for not adopting these amendments, henceforth labeled as *Interest Rate Benchmark Reform—Phase 2*.

Amendment: Part II-3a

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

Paragraphs 85B and 154P are added. New text is underlined.

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Exemptions that Do Not Affect Fair Presentation and Compliance with Accrual Basis IPSASs During the Period of Adoption

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IPSAS 4, The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates

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85B. Instead of applying paragraph 85, a controlled entity that uses the exemption in paragraph 129(a) may elect, in its financial statements, to measure cumulative translation differences for all foreign operations at the carrying amount that would be included in the controlling entity's consolidated financial statements, based on the controlling entity's date of adoption of IPSASs, if no adjustments were made for consolidation procedures and for the effects of the public sector combination in which the controlling entity acquired the controlled entity. A similar election is available to an associate or joint venture that uses the exemption in paragraph 129(a).

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Effective Date and Transition

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154P. Paragraph 85B was added by *Improvements to IPSAS, 2021*, issued in January 2022. An entity shall apply this amendment for annual financial statements covering periods beginning on or after January 1, 2023. Earlier application is permitted. If an entity applies this amendment for an earlier period, it shall disclose that fact.

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Basis for Conclusions

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Revision of IPSAS 33 as a result of *Improvements to IPSAS, 2021*

BC126. The IPSASB reviewed the revisions to IFRS 1, *First-time Adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards*, included in *Annual Improvements to IFRS® Standards (2018-2020)* issued by the IASB in May 2020, and the IASB's rationale for making these amendments as set out in its Basis for Conclusions and concurred that there was no public sector specific reason for not adopting these amendments.

Amendment: Part II-3b

Amendments to IPSAS 41, *Financial Instruments*

Paragraph AG46 is amended and paragraphs AG46A, 154G and 195 are added. A new heading is inserted above paragraph 195. New text is underlined and deleted text is struck through.

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Effective Date and Transition

Effective Date

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154G. Paragraph AG46 was amended and paragraphs AG46A and 195 were added by *Improvements to IPSAS, 2021*, issued in January 2022. An entity shall apply these amendments for annual financial statements covering periods beginning on or after January 1, 2023. Earlier application is permitted. If an entity applies these amendments for an earlier period, it shall disclose that fact.

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Transition

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Transition for *Improvements to IPSAS, 2021*

195. An entity shall apply *Improvements to IPSAS, 2021* to financial liabilities that are modified or exchanged on or after the beginning of the annual reporting period in which the entity first applies the amendment.

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Application Guidance

This Appendix is an integral part of IPSAS 41.

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Recognition and Derecognition

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Derecognition of Financial Liabilities

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AG46. For the purpose of paragraph 36, the terms are substantially different if the discounted present value of the cash flows under the new terms, including any fees paid net of any fees received and discounted using the original effective interest rate, is at least 10 percent different from the discounted present value of the remaining cash flows of the original financial liability. ~~If an exchange of debt instruments or modification of terms is accounted for as an extinguishment, any costs or fees incurred are recognized as part of the gain or loss on the extinguishment. If the~~

~~exchange or modification is not accounted for as an extinguishment, any costs or fees incurred adjust the carrying amount of the liability and are amortized over the remaining term of the modified liability. In determining those fees paid net of fees received, a borrower includes only fees paid or received between the borrower and the lender, including fees paid or received by either the borrower or lender on the other's behalf.~~

AG46A. If an exchange of debt instruments or modification of terms is accounted for as an extinguishment, any costs or fees incurred are recognized as part of the gain or loss on the extinguishment. If the exchange or modification is not accounted for as an extinguishment, any costs or fees incurred adjust the carrying amount of the liability and are amortized over the remaining term of the modified liability.

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Basis for Conclusions

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Revision of IPSAS 41 as a result of *Improvements to IPSAS, 2021*

BC52. The IPSASB reviewed the revisions to IFRS 9, *Financial Instruments*, included in *Annual Improvements to IFRS® Standards (2018-2020)* issued by the IASB in May 2020, and the IASB's rationale for making these amendments as set out in its Basis for Conclusions and concurred that there was no public sector specific reason for not adopting these amendments.

Amendment: Part II-4a

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

Paragraphs 79A, 110A and 111P are added and paragraph 80 is amended. Paragraph 79 has been included for ease of reference but is not amended. New text is underlined and deleted text is struck through.

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Application of the Recognition and Measurement Rules

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Onerous Contracts

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79. This Standard defines an onerous contract as a contract in which the unavoidable costs of meeting the obligations under the contract exceed the economic benefits or service potential expected to be received under it, which includes amounts recoverable. Therefore, it is the present obligation net of recoveries that is recognized as a provision under paragraph 76. The unavoidable costs under a contract reflect the least net cost of exiting from the contract, which is the lower of the cost of fulfilling it and any compensation or penalties arising from failure to fulfill it.

79A. The cost of fulfilling a contract comprises the costs that relate directly to the contract. Costs that relate directly to a contract consist of both:

(a) The incremental costs of fulfilling that contract—for example, direct labor and materials; and

(b) An allocation of other costs that relate directly to fulfilling contracts—for example, an allocation of the depreciation charge for an item of property, plant, and equipment used in fulfilling that contract among others.

80. Before a separate provision for an onerous contract is established, an entity recognizes any impairment loss that has occurred on assets ~~dedicated to that~~ used in fulfilling the contract (see IPSAS 21 and IPSAS 26).

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Transitional Provision

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110A. Improvements to IPSAS, 2021, issued in January 2022 added paragraph 79A and amended paragraph 80. An entity shall apply those amendments to contracts for which it has not yet fulfilled all its obligations at the beginning of the annual reporting period in which it first applies the amendments (the date of initial application). The entity shall not restate comparative information. Instead, the entity shall recognize the cumulative effect of initially applying the amendments as an adjustment to the opening balance of net assets/equity or other component of net assets/equity, as appropriate, at the date of initial application.

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Effective Date

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111P. Paragraphs 79A and 110A were added and paragraph 80 was amended by *Improvements to IPSAS, 2021*, issued in January 2022. An entity shall apply these amendments for annual financial statements covering periods beginning on or after January 1, 2023. Earlier application is permitted. If an entity applies these amendments for an earlier period, it shall disclose that fact.

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Basis for Conclusions

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Revision of IPSAS 19 as a result of *Improvements to IPSAS, 2021*

BC26. The IPSASB reviewed the revisions to IAS 37, *Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets*, included in *Onerous Contracts—Cost of Fulfilling a Contract* (Amendments to IAS 37) issued by the IASB in May 2020, and the IASB's rationale for making these amendments as set out in its Basis for Conclusions and concurred that there was no public sector specific reason for not adopting these amendments.

Amendment: Part II-4b

Amendments to IPSAS 17, *Property, Plant, and Equipment*

Paragraphs 31 and 89 are amended, paragraphs 34A, 89A, 106B and 107U are added. New text is underlined and deleted text is struck through.

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Measurement at Recognition

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Elements of Cost

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31. Examples of directly attributable costs are:

- (a) Costs of employee benefits (as defined in IPSAS 39, *Employee Benefits*) arising directly from the construction or acquisition of the item of property, plant, and equipment;
- (b) Costs of site preparation;
- (c) Initial delivery and handling costs;
- (d) Installation and assembly costs;
- (e) Costs of testing whether the asset is functioning properly (i.e., assessing whether the technical and physical performance of the asset is such that it is capable of being used in the production or supply of goods or services, for rental to others, or for administrative purposes), ~~after deducting the net proceeds from selling any items produced while bringing the asset to that location and condition (such as samples produced when testing equipment)~~; and
- (f) Professional fees.

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34A. Items may be produced while bringing an item of property, plant, and equipment to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management (such as samples produced when testing whether the asset is functioning properly). An entity recognizes the proceeds from selling any such items, and the cost of those items, in surplus or deficit in accordance with applicable Standards. The entity measures the cost of those items applying the measurement requirements of IPSAS 12.

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Disclosure

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89. **The financial statements shall also disclose for each class of property, plant, and equipment recognized in the financial statements:**

- (a) **The existence and amounts of restrictions on title, and property, plant, and equipment pledged as securities for liabilities;**

- (b) The amount of expenditures recognized in the carrying amount of an item of property, plant, and equipment in the course of its construction; and
- (c) The amount of contractual commitments for the acquisition of property, plant, and equipment; and
- (d) ~~If it is not disclosed separately on the face of the statement of financial performance, the amount of compensation from third parties for items of property, plant, and equipment that were impaired, lost or given up that is included in surplus or deficit.~~
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89A. If not presented separately in the statement of financial performance, the financial statements shall also disclose:

- (a) The amount of compensation from third parties for items of property, plant, and equipment that were impaired, lost or given up that is included in surplus or deficit; and
- (b) The amounts of proceeds and cost included in surplus or deficit in accordance with paragraph 34A that relate to items produced that are not an output of the entity's ordinary activities, and which line item(s) in the statement of financial performance include(s) such proceeds and cost.

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Transitional Provisions

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106B. Improvements to IPSAS, 2021, issued in January 2022 amended paragraphs 31 and 89 and added paragraphs 34A and 89A. An entity shall apply those amendments retrospectively, but only to items of property, plant, and equipment that are brought to the location and condition necessary for them to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management on or after the beginning of the earliest period presented in the financial statements in which the entity first applies the amendments. The entity shall recognize the cumulative effect of initially applying the amendments as an adjustment to the opening balance of net assets/equity (or other component of equity, as appropriate) at the beginning of that earliest period presented.

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Effective Date

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107U. Paragraphs 31 and 89 were amended and paragraphs 34A, 89A and 106B were added by Improvements to IPSAS, 2021, issued in January 2022. An entity shall apply these amendments for annual financial statements covering periods beginning on or after January 1, 2023. Earlier application is permitted. If an entity applies these amendments for an earlier period, it shall disclose that fact.

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Basis for Conclusions

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Revision of IPSAS 17 as a result of *Improvements to IPSAS, 2021*

BC17. The IPSASB reviewed the revisions to IAS 16, *Property, Plant and Equipment*, included in *Property, Plant and Equipment—Proceeds before Intended Use* (Amendments to IAS 16) issued by the IASB in May 2020, and the IASB’s rationale for making these amendments as set out in its *Basis for Conclusions* and concurred that there was no public sector specific reason for not adopting these amendments.

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