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Presentation Overview



Pronouncements being implemented



Projects being deliberated by the Board



Pre-agenda research activities



Pronouncements Being Implemented



Effective Dates

June 30: Fiscal Year 2022

- Statement 87 leases
- Statement 89 construction-period interest
- Statement 92 omnibus (multiple effective dates)
- Statement 93 LIBOR removal and lease modifications
- Statement 97 certain component unit criteria and Section 457 plans
- Statement 98 the annual comprehensive financial report
- IG 2019-3 leases
- IG 2020-1 update (except 4.6–4.17 and 4.19–4.21)
- IG 2021-1 update (4.22)

June 30: Fiscal Year 2023

- Statement 91 conduit debt
- Statement 94 public-private partnerships
- Statement 96 SBITAs
- IG 2020-1 update (4.6–4.17 and 4.19–4.21)
- IG 2021-1 update (4.1–4.21, 4.23, 5.2, and 5.4)

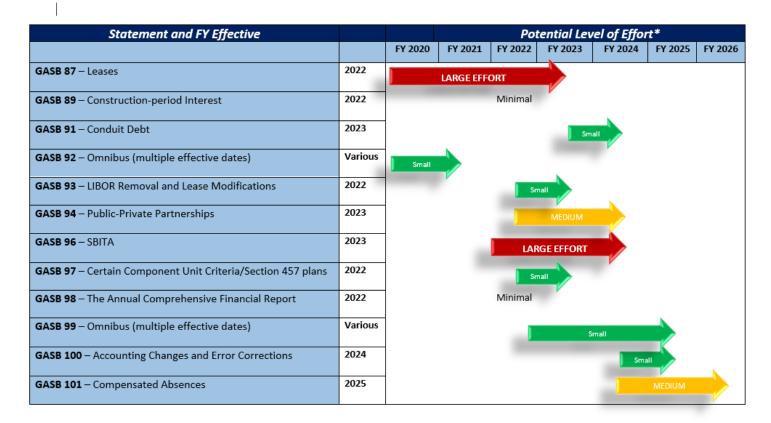
June 30: Fiscal Year 2024

• IG 2021-1 – update (5.1)



New GASB Statement Impact

Potential Level of Effort for Preparer and Auditor*



^{*}Based on June 30 fiscal years



Right-to-Use Statements

Statement 87

Leases

Statement 94

Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships

and Availability Payment Arrangements

Statement 96

Subscription-Based Information Technology

Arrangements









Definitions – Leases, PPP, and SBITA

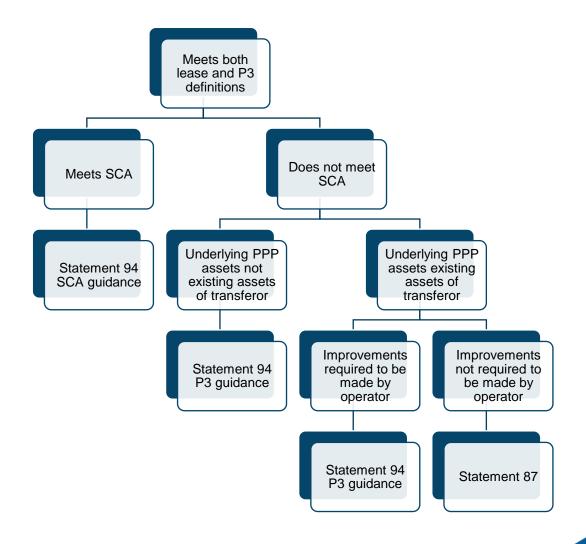
<u>Lease</u> - a **contract** that **conveys control of the right** to <u>use</u> another entity's nonfinancial asset (the **underlying asset**) as specified in the contract for a **period of time** in an **exchange or exchange-like transaction**.

<u>P3</u> - arrangement in which a government (the transferor) **contracts** with an operator [governmental or nongovernmental] to provide public services by **conveying control of the right** to <u>operate</u> a nonfinancial asset, such as infrastructure or other capital asset (the **underlying PPP asset**), for a **period of time** in an **exchange or exchange-like transaction**.

<u>SBITA</u> - a **contract** that **conveys control of the right** to <u>use</u> another party's (a SBITA vendor's) IT software, alone or in combination with tangible capital assets (the **underlying IT assets**) as specified in the contract for a **period of time** in an **exchange or exchange-like transaction**.



Relationship between Leases and P3





Relationship between Leases and SBITAs

All SBITAs meet definition of lease

Depends on what the underlying asset is:

- Tangible capital assets alone Statement 87
- IT software alone Statement 96
- IT software in combination with tangible capital assets:
 - Software component is insignificant compared to cost of tangible capital asset Statement
 87
 - Otherwise Statement 96

• Also excluded from Statement 96:

- Governments acting as SBITA vendors
- Contracts that meet the definition of a P3 in Statement 94
- Perpetual software licenses



Topics That Are The Same

Lease/PPP/Subscription Term

- Noncancellable period plus certain optional periods
 - One party has option reasonably certain will extend or not cancel
- Excludes cancellable periods both parties can cancel

Short-Term Lease/SBITA

- Maximum possible term of 12 months or less
 - Includes all one-party options to extend
 - Excludes cancellable periods
- Recognize expense/expenditure or revenue (applies to lessors too) based on contract



Topics That Are The Same

General recognition and measurement

- Intangible right-to-use asset and liability (lessee/operator/SBITA)
- Receivable and deferred inflow of resources (lessor/transferor)

Contracts with multiple components

- Generally, account for lease (etc) and non-lease (etc) components as separate contracts and multiple underlying assets as separate lease (etc) components
- Allocate contract price to different components

Modifications and terminations



Key Implementation Issues – GASB 87

Much of GASB 87 is driven by the legal form of the contract

- If contract gives either party the option to cancel, even if it is highly unlikely that they wont, it is a cancellable period (Q4.15 in IG 2019-3)
- If renewal is an option within the contract versus there being a new contract:
 - Could change the short-term lease evaluation (Q4.10 in IG 2020-1)
 - It determines whether renewal history matters—it matters if there is a renewal option and it does not matter if it is a new contract (Q4.11 in IG 2020-1)

Need to exercise professional judgment

- Is it an exchange or an exchange-like transaction—definition of a lease
- Estimating the incremental borrowing rate (discount rate) if no similar debt has been issued
- Whether payments are fixed in substance



Key Implementation Issues – GASB 87

Transition provisions

- Statement 87 requires that leases be recognized and measured using the facts and circumstances as of the beginning of the period of implementation
- For example:
 - As of January 1, 2022 for FYE December 31, 2022
 - As of July 1, 2021 for FYE June 30, 2022
- Not allowed to go back to the actual beginning of the lease

Materiality

Materiality is always a consideration



Service Concession Arrangements

- Retained definition from Statement 60
 - Except for public services do not have to relate to primary function of underlying asset
- Retained general approach from Statement 60

New or Improved Underlying PPP Assets

- Transferor:
 - SCA recognize at acquisition value when placed in service
 - Not SCA recognize receivable at operator's estimated carrying value at date of future transfer and additional deferred inflow
- Operator:
 - SCA recognize intangible right-to-use asset
 - Not SCA recognize deferred outflow and liability for future transfer



Availability Payment Arrangements

- Government contracts with another entity to operate or maintain the government's nonfinancial asset
- Entity receives payments from the government based on the asset's availability for use
- Asset's availability may be based on the physical condition of the asset or the achievement of certain performance measures
- May include design, finance, construction, or service components
 - Design, construction, financing components and ownership transfers financed purchase
 - Service components outflows of the period



Implementation Costs

- Preliminary project stage
 - Expense
- Initial implementation stage
 - Generally capitalize
 - Expense if short-term SBITA
- Operation and additional implementation stage
 - Generally expense
 - Capitalize if specific criteria met
- Training costs always expensed



Subscription Term

- Commences when initial implementation stage is completed
- No subscription liability or subscription asset until then
- Payments made before are prepayment until commencement

Multiple Modules

- Subscription term begins when first module (or set of interdependent modules) is implemented



Implementation Guidance

- Implementation Guide No. 2019-3, Leases
 - 77 questions and answers (authoritative)
 - 3 illustrations (nonauthoritative)
- Implementation Guide No. 2020-1, Implementation Guidance Update—2020
 - 12 questions and answers about Statement 87 (authoritative)
- Implementation Guide No. 2021-1, Implementation Guidance Update—2021
 - 19 questions and answers about Statement 87 (authoritative)



Effective Dates

Pronouncement	Beginning After
Statement 87	June 15, 2021*
Statement 94	June 15, 2022**
Statement 96	June 15, 2022*
Implementation Guide 2019-3	June 15, 2021*
Implementation Guide 2020-1 (Statement 87 questions)	December 15, 2021*



^{*} Fiscal years beginning after this date, and all reporting periods thereafter

^{**} Reporting periods beginning after this date

Other Standards Being Implemented

Statement 89 - Construction Period Interest Costs

Statement 90 – Majority Equity Interests

Statement 91 – Conduit Debt Obligations

Statement 92 - Omnibus 2020

Statement 93 – Replacement of Interbank Offered Rates



Other Standards Being Implemented

Statement 97 – Certain Component Unit, and Accounting and Financial Reporting for Internal Revenue Code Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plans

Statement 98 – The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR)

Statement 99 – Omnibus 2022

Statement 100 – Accounting Changes and Error Corrections

Statement 101 – Compensated Absences



Current Technical Agenda Projects



Technical Plan Overview – As of April 2022

Conceptual Framework:

- Disclosure Framework
- Recognition

Comprehensive Projects:

- Financial Reporting Model Re-examination
- Revenue and Expense Recognition

Major Projects:

- Going Concern and Severe Financial Stress

Practice Issues:

- Accounting Changes and Error Corrections
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- Implementation Guide—Update
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Certain Risks Disclosures



Certain Risks Disclosures

What?

The Board has proposed standards to identify and disclose risks faced by governments

Why?

Stakeholders asked the GASB to address instances in which a government is exposed to risks that could impact services or the payment of obligation

When?

Exposure Draft issued June 2022

Comment deadline is September 30, 2022

Final August 2023



Exposure Draft: Scope

Vulnerabilities due to certain concentrations

- Such as:
 - 1. principal employers
 - 2. principal industries
 - 3. principal resource providers,
 - 4. composition of principal inflows of resources,
 - 5. workforce covered by collective bargaining agreements
 - 6. suppliers of material, labor, or services

Vulnerabilities due to certain constraints

- Such as
 - 1. limitations on raising revenue
 - 2. limitations on spending
 - 3. limitations on the incurrence of debt
 - 4.mandated spending



Exposure Draft: Disclosure Criteria

Disclosures should be required when the government determines that:

- 1.An event associated with a concentration or constraint either has occurred or is more likely than not to begin to occur within 12 months of the financial statement date or shortly thereafter (3 months)
- It is at least reasonably possible that the event will cause there to be a substantial effect within 3 years of the date of the financial statement

Substantial effect is one that affects the government's ability (1) to continue to provide services at the level provided in the current reporting period or (2) to meet its obligations as they come due



Exposure Draft: Disclosure Requirements

Require to disclose sufficient detail to enable users to understand the general nature of the risks and their potential effect on the government's ability to provide services or meet its obligation.

- Including:
 - Description of concentration or constraint
 - Description of each event associated with the concentration/constraint, including the criteria met
 - Description of actions taken to mitigation the substantial effect.

Disclosure if not required *mitigating actions taken* cause any of the disclosure criteria to no longer be met.

Disclosures should be made at the primary government level unless a risk is specific to a reporting unit relative to other reporting units and has a substantial effect on that reporting unit but not on the primary government. In that case the disclosure should be made for the reporting unit.



Project Timeline

Added to Current Technical Agenda	July 2020
Deliberations Began	September 2020
Additional Outreach Conducted	February–April 2021
Exposure Draft Issued	June 2022
Comment Deadline	September 30, 2022



Other Projects – Broader Scope

Financial Reporting Model Reexamination

Revenue and Expense Recognition

Recognition – Conceptual Framework

Going Concern Uncertainties & Severe Financial Stress



Other Projects – Practice Issues

Certain Risk Disclosures

Nonfinancial Assets



Pre-Agenda Research / Monitoring Post-Implementation Reviews (PIR)



Pre-Agenda Research

Capital Assets

Subsequent Events



Monitoring

Digital Assets

Electronic Financial Reporting

Federal Stimulus and Other COVID-related issues

Other



Questions?

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