

# Accounting Based Decision Making

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## Chapter 9

- small business = cash accounting
  - Businesses = accrual accounting
- } GAAP uses Accrual.

— The cash method =

- sales are recorded when cash is received and
- expenses are recorded when cash is sent out.
- sometimes is not accurate of describing one's financial situation

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— Pam pre pays her rent for three months and is recorded by cash out, if a creditor was to look at her financial statements monthly it wouldn't reflect her financial status correctly.

— The accrual method =

- recorded by services provided or goods delivered not cash received. (accounts receivable)
- Expenses are recognized when it receives them regardless of when it pays for them. (accounts payable)
- it gives a more accurate understanding of economic reality by better representing the time lag between a service being performed and a service being paid for.

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- Accrual entry

— Prepaid expenses

- you pay prior to receiving services
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— Unearned Revenue

- when you receive prepaid expenses of a customer you have not earned that money, hence after the time period has expired you can use the money.
- account: liability balance known as "unearned revenue"

# Chapter 10

## Other GAAP Concepts and assumptions

### Historical Cost:

- Assets are recorded (amount paid for them) [the real estate example]
- Anything other subjective value ways of recording assets are more subjective.
- Historical cost is different from current market value.

### Materiality

- material = refers to a transaction that is incorrect, causes viewers to make different decisions if they were recorded correctly.
- immaterial = refers to a transaction that was not recorded but that does not impact the company's financial statement.
- material impacts a lot, immaterial impacts less.

### Monetary unit assumptions:

- Dollars appreciate and depreciate, but adjusting the value in every transaction would not derive much benefit, it's assumed that money has a stable value.

### Entity Assumption:

- a business and a business owner are different, transactions between the business's bank account and your bank account are recorded, but to you it will seem as if you are just moving your own money.

### Matching principle

- Expenses must be matched to revenues they help generate
- Expenses must be recorded in the same period revenue was produced.

## Chapter 11

### Depreciation of fixed assets

- Company buys an asset that last  $< 1$  year, the cost of the asset is not an immediate expense. The cost is spread out over several years through depreciation.

#### — Straight line depreciation

• The method: the cost is spread out evenly over the expected life of the asset.

- Contra assets accounts are used to offset other accounts, they keep track of how much depreciation has gone.
- the net debit balance and the credit balance in accumulated depreciation = net equipment balance "book value"

① Cost of asset

② depreciation against the asset

DR	Equipment	5000	}	Net book value = original cost - accumulated depreciation
	CR cash	5000		
	Depreciation	1000		
	Accumulated Depreciation	1000		
Finish	—————			
	Accumulated depreciation	5000	}	
	Equipment	5000		

• then the equipment will be disposed



## — Salvage Value or "residual value"

- Used when the asset is sold before depreciation renders it worthless.
- Salvage value is the expected value after the planned number of years of use.

$$\boxed{\text{original cost} - \text{salvage value} = \text{depreciable cost}}$$

## — Gain or loss on sale

- you can sell the asset for more than its current depreciation and you must record a gain, if you sell below the current depreciation cost you have to record a loss.

## — Other depreciation methods.

- There are other approved methods of depreciation
  - Example:
    - Double declining balance method  
remaining net book value \* percentage per year
    - the percentage used = 2 \* percentage of the one used in straight line depreciation
  - units of production method: how much an asset is used.

## — Immaterial asset purchases

- Some assets are too insignificant to be recorded after some years, so those they generally are absorbed fully on the date of purchase.