IAS & IFRS Standards: Key Comparison



Area / Standard	IFRS / IAS	US GAAP
Financial Statement Presentation	IAS 1: Prescribes structure and content, true and fair view	More prescriptive, detailed requirements
Cash Flow Statements	IAS 7: Required for all entities	Required, but classification rules differ
Income Taxes	IAS 12: Deferred tax based on temporary differences	ASC 740: Focus on timing differences
Employee Benefits		ASC 715: Similar, but more detailed guidance
Construction Contracts / Revenue		ASC 606: 5-step model, completed contract allowed
Revenue Recognition	IFRS 15: 5-step model	ASC 606: 5-step model
Inventories	IAS 2: FIFO, weighted average; LIFO not permitted	FIFO, weighted average, LIFO allowed
Property, Plant & Equipment	IAS 16: Cost or revaluation model	Cost model only
Borrowing Costs	IAS 23: Capitalize if criteria met	ASC 835: Capitalize if criteria met
Development Costs	IAS 38: Capitalize if criteria met	Expensed as incurred

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Financial Instruments		ASC 320, 825: Different classification, impairment
Provisions & Contingencies		ASC 450: Similar, but definitions differ
Business Combinations		ASC 805: Purchase method, some differences
Investments in Associates & JVs		ASC 323: Equity method, some differences
Segment Reporting	IFRS 8: Based on internal reporting	ASC 280: Similar approach
Disclosure of Interests		ASC 810: Less extensive disclosure
Principles vs. Rules	Principles-based	Rules-based
Asset Revaluation	Allowed (IAS 16, 38)	Not allowed