

ASSIGNMENT - 7

DEFINE WORKING CAPITAL

Working Capital is the difference between a company's current assets & current liabilities. It represents the short term liquidity available to a business for meeting its day to day operational needs. The formula for working capital.

$$\text{WORKING CAPITAL} = \text{CURRENT ASSETS} - \text{CURRENT LIABILITIES}$$

KEY COMPONENTS :-

CURRENT ASSETS :- These are assets that are expected to be converted into cash within a year. They include items like cash, accounts receivable (money owed by customers) and inventory.

CURRENT LIABILITIES :-

These are obligations or debts that the company needs to settle within a year. They include accounts payable (money the company owes to suppliers), short-term loans, & accrued expenses.

WHY IT'S IMPORTANT:-

Working Capital measures a company's liquidity, efficiency & financial health. Positive working capital indicates that a company has enough short-term assets to cover its short-term liabilities, which helps ensure smooth operations.

Negative working capital may signal liquidity issues unless the company has a business model that supports it, such as fast inventory turnover & delayed payments to suppliers.

It is crucial for ensuring that a company can continue its operations without running into cash flow problems.

