

Appendix I to the Compendium of Accounting Standards (as on April 1, 2025)

Applicability of Accounting Standards to Various Entities (including criteria for classification of entities)

Applicability of Accounting Standards to Companies other than those following Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS)¹

(I) Accounting Standards applicable in their entirety to companies

- AS 1 Disclosures of Accounting Policies
- AS 2 Valuation of Inventories
- AS 3 Cash Flow Statements
- AS 4 Contingencies and Events Occurring After the Balance Sheet Date
- AS 5 Net Profit or Loss for the Period, Prior Period Items and Changes in Accounting Policies
- AS 7 Construction Contracts
- AS 9 Revenue Recognition
- AS 10 Property, Plant and Equipment
- AS 11 The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates
- AS 12 Accounting for Government Grants
- AS 13 Accounting for Investments
- AS 14 Accounting for Amalgamations

¹ For applicability of Ind AS to companies, refer Notification dated 16th February, 2015, issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India.

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AS 16 Borrowing Costs

AS 18 Related Party Disclosures

AS 21 Consolidated Financial Statements

AS 22 Accounting for Taxes on Income

AS 23 Accounting for Investments in Associates in Consolidated Financial Statements

AS 24 Discontinuing Operations

AS 26 Intangible Assets

AS 27 Financial Reporting of Interest in Joint Ventures

(II) Exemptions or Relaxations for Small and Medium Sized Companies (SMCs) as defined in the Notification dated June 23, 2021, issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India

(1) Accounting Standards not applicable to SMCs in their entirety:

AS 17 Segment Reporting

(2) Accounting Standards in respect of which relaxations from certain requirements have been given to SMCs:

(i) Accounting Standard (AS) 15, Employee Benefits

- (a) paragraphs 11 to 16 of the standard to the extent they deal with recognition and measurement of short-term accumulating compensated absences which are non-vesting (i.e., short-term accumulating compensated absences in respect of which employees are not entitled to cash payment for unused entitlement on leaving);
- (b) paragraphs 46 and 139 of the Standard which deal with discounting of amounts that fall due more than 12 months after the balance sheet date;

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- (c) recognition and measurement principles laid down in paragraphs 50 to 116 and presentation and disclosure requirements laid down in paragraphs 117 to 123 of the Standard in respect of accounting for defined benefit plans. However, such companies should actuarially determine and provide for the accrued liability in respect of defined benefit plans by using the Projected Unit Credit Method and the discount rate used should be determined by reference to market yields at the balance sheet date on government bonds as per paragraph 78 of the Standard. Such companies should disclose actuarial assumptions as per paragraph 120(l) of the Standard; and
- (d) recognition and measurement principles laid down in paragraphs 129 to 131 of the Standard in respect of accounting for other long-term employee benefits. However, such companies should actuarially determine and provide for the accrued liability in respect of other long-term employee benefits by using the Projected Unit Credit Method and the discount rate used should be determined by reference to market yields at the balance sheet date on government bonds as per paragraph 78 of the Standard.

(ii) AS 19, Leases

Paragraphs 22 (c),(e) and (f); 25 (a), (b) and (e); 37 (a) and (f); and 46 (b) and (d) relating to disclosures are not applicable to SMCs.

(iii) AS 20, Earnings Per Share

Disclosure of diluted earnings per share (both including and excluding extraordinary items) is exempted for SMCs.

(iv) AS 28, Impairment of Assets

SMCs are allowed to measure the 'value in use' on the basis of reasonable estimate thereof instead of computing the value in use by present value technique. Consequently, if an SMC chooses to measure the 'value in use' by not using the present value technique, the relevant provisions of AS 28, such as discount rate etc., would not be applicable to such an SMC. Further, such an SMC need not disclose the information required by paragraph 121(g) of the Standard.

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- (v) AS 29, Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets

Paragraphs 66 and 67 relating to disclosures are not applicable to SMCs.

- (vi) AS 25, Interim Financial Reporting, does not require a company to present interim financial report. It is applicable only if a company is required or elects to prepare and present an interim financial report. Only certain Non-SMCs are required by the concerned regulators to present interim financial results, e.g., quarterly financial results required by the SEBI. Therefore, the recognition and measurement requirements contained in this Standard are applicable to those Non-SMCs for preparation of interim financial results.

Applicability of Accounting Standards to Non-company Entities

The Accounting Standards issued by the ICAI are:

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| AS 1 | Disclosure of Accounting Policies |
| AS 2 | Valuation of Inventories |
| AS 3 | Cash Flow Statements |
| AS 4 | Contingencies and Events Occurring After the Balance Sheet Date |
| AS 5 | Net Profit or Loss for the Period, Prior Period Items and Changes in Accounting Policies |
| AS 7 | Construction Contracts |
| AS 9 | Revenue Recognition |
| AS 10 | Property, Plant and Equipment |
| AS 11 | The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates |
| AS 12 | Accounting for Government Grants |
| AS 13 | Accounting for Investments |
| AS 14 | Accounting for Amalgamations |
| AS 15 | Employee Benefits |
| AS 16 | Borrowing Costs |
| AS 17 | Segment Reporting |
| AS 18 | Related Party Disclosures |
| AS 19 | Leases |
| AS 20 | Earnings Per Share |
| AS 21 | Consolidated Financial Statements |
| AS 22 | Accounting for Taxes on Income |
| AS 23 | Accounting for Investments in Associates in Consolidated Financial Statements |

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| AS 24 | Discontinuing Operations |
| AS 25 | Interim Financial Reporting |
| AS 26 | Intangible Assets |
| AS 27 | Financial Reporting of Interests in Joint Ventures |
| AS 28 | Impairment of Assets |
| AS 29 | Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets |

(1) Applicability of the Accounting Standards to Large Non- company entities.

Large entities are required to comply in full with all the Accounting Standards.

(2) Applicability of the Accounting Standards and exemptions/relaxations for Micro, Small and Medium sized Non-company entities

(A) Accounting Standards not applicable to Micro, Small and Medium sized entity (MSME) in their entirety

- (i) Accounting Standards not applicable to all MSMEs in their entirety:
 - AS 3, *Cash Flow Statements*
 - AS 17, *Segment Reporting*
 - AS 20, *Earnings per Share*
 - AS 24, *Discontinuing Operations*
- (ii) AS 18, *Related Party Disclosures* and AS 28, *Impairment of Assets* not applicable in their entirety to MSMEs :
 - a) whose turnover (excluding other income) does not exceed rupees fifty crore in the immediately preceding accounting year;
 - b) which does not have borrowings in excess of rupees ten crore at any time during the immediately preceding accounting year; and
 - c) which is not a Holding and subsidiary of an MSME not covered above.

(B) Relaxations/exemptions from certain requirements of Accounting Standards to Micro, Small and Medium sized Entities (MSMEs)

- (i) Accounting Standard (AS) 10, *Property, Plant and Equipment*
MSMEs may not comply with paragraph 87 relating to encouraged disclosures.

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(ii) AS 11, *The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates*

MSMEs may not comply with paragraph 44 relating to encouraged disclosures.

(iii) AS 15, *Employee Benefits*

(1) MSMEs may not comply with the following paragraphs:

- (a) paragraphs 11 to 16 of the standard to the extent they deal with recognition and measurement of short-term accumulating compensated absences which are non-vesting (i.e., short-term accumulating compensated absences in respect of which employees are not entitled to cash payment for unused entitlement on leaving);
- (b) paragraphs 46 and 139 of the Standard which deal with discounting of amounts that fall due more than 12 months after the balance sheet date;
- (c) recognition and measurement principles laid down in paragraphs 50 to 116 and presentation and disclosure requirements laid down in paragraphs 117 to 123 of the Standard in respect of accounting for defined benefit plans. However, such entities may calculate and account for the accrued liability under the defined benefit plans by reference to some other rational method, e.g., a method based on the assumption that such benefits are payable to all employees at the end of the accounting year; and
- (d) recognition and measurement principles laid down in paragraphs 129 to 131 of the Standard in respect of accounting for other long-term employee benefits. Such entities may calculate and account for the accrued liability under the other long-term employee benefits by reference to some other rational method, e.g., a method based on the assumption that such benefits are payable to all employees at the end of the accounting year.

(iv) AS 19, *Leases*

MSMEs may not comply with paragraphs 22 (c),(e) and (f); 25 (a), (b) and (e); 37 (a), (f) and (g); 38; and 46 (b), (d) and (e) relating to disclosures.

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(v) AS 22, *Accounting for Taxes on Income*

- (a) MSMEs shall comply with the requirements of AS 22, *Accounting for Taxes on Income*, for Current tax defined in paragraph 4.4 of AS 22, with recognition as per paragraph 9, measurement as per paragraph 20 of AS 22, and presentation and disclosure as per paragraphs 27-28 of AS 22.
- (b) Transitional requirements
On the first occasion when an MSME avails this exemption, the accumulated deferred tax asset/liability appearing in the financial statements of immediate previous accounting period, shall be adjusted against the opening revenue reserves/owner's funds.
- (c) MSMEs shall not comply with disclosures as per paragraphs 32C and 32D relating to International tax reform—Pillar Two model rules.²

(vi) AS 26, *Intangible Assets*

MSMEs may not comply with paragraphs 90(d)(iii); 90(d)(iv) and 98 relating to disclosures.

(vii) AS 28, *Impairment of Assets*

- (a) MSMEs that are otherwise not exempted from applying this standard [refer note 2(A)(ii)] are allowed to measure the 'value in use' on the basis of reasonable estimate thereof instead of computing the value in use by present value technique. Consequently, if such MSME chooses to measure the 'value in use' by not using the present value technique, the relevant provisions of AS 28, such as discount rate etc., would not be applicable to such an entity. Further, such an entity need not disclose the information required by paragraph 121(g) of the Standard.
- (b) MSMEs that are otherwise not exempted from applying this standard [refer note 2(A)(ii)] may not comply with paragraphs 121(c)(ii); 121(d)(i); 121(d)(ii) and 123 relating to disclosures.

² In July 2024, ICAI issued amendment to AS 22 for non-corporates relating to International tax reform—Pillar Two model rules for non-company entities.

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(viii) *AS 29, Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets*

MSMEs may not comply with paragraphs 66 and 67 relating to disclosures.

- (C) In case of Micro, Small and Medium sized Non-company entities, generally there are no such transactions that are covered under AS 14, *Accounting for Amalgamations*, or jointly controlled operations or jointly controlled assets covered under AS 27, *Financial Reporting of Interests in Joint Ventures*. Therefore, these standards are not applicable to Micro, Small and Medium size Non-company entities. However, if there are any such transactions, these entities shall apply the requirements of the relevant standard.
- (D) AS 21, *Consolidated Financial Statements*, AS 23, *Accounting for Investments in Associates in Consolidated Financial Statements*, AS 27, *Financial Reporting of Interests in Joint Ventures* (to the extent of requirements relating to Consolidated Financial Statements), and AS 25, *Interim Financial Reporting*, do not require a Non-company entity to present consolidated financial statements and interim financial report, respectively. Relevant AS is applicable only if a Non-company entity is required or elects to prepare and present consolidated financial statements or interim financial report.

Annexure 1

Criteria for classification of entities

Criteria for classification of companies under the Companies (Accounting Standards) Rules, 2021

Small and Medium-Sized Company (SMC) as defined in Clause 2(e) of the Companies (Accounting Standards) Rules, 2021:

- (e) "Small and Medium Sized Company" (SMC) means, a company-
- (i) whose equity or debt securities are not listed or are not in the process of listing on any stock exchange, whether in India or outside India;
 - (ii) which is not a bank, financial institution or an insurance company;
 - (iii) whose turnover (excluding other income) does not exceed two hundred and fifty crore rupees in the immediately preceding accounting year;
 - (iv) which does not have borrowings (including public deposits) in excess of fifty crore rupees at any time during the immediately preceding accounting year; and
 - (v) which is not a holding or subsidiary company of a company which is not a small and medium-sized company.

Explanation: For the purposes of this clause , a company shall qualify as a Small and Medium Sized Company, if the conditions mentioned therein are satisfied as at the end of the relevant accounting period.

Non-SMCs

Companies not falling within the definition of SMC are considered as Non-SMCs.

Instructions

A. General Instructions

1. SMCs shall follow the following instructions while complying with Accounting

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Standards under these Rules:-

- 1.1 the SMC which does not disclose certain information pursuant to the exemptions or relaxations given to it shall disclose (by way of a note to its financial statements) the fact that it is an SMC and has complied with the Accounting Standards insofar as they are applicable to an SMC on the following lines:

"The Company is a Small and Medium Sized Company (SMC) as defined in the Companies (Accounting Standards) Rules, 2021 notified under the Companies Act, 2013. Accordingly, the Company has complied with the Accounting Standards as applicable to a Small and Medium Sized Company."

- 1.2 Where a company, being an SMC, has qualified for any exemption or relaxation previously but no longer qualifies for the relevant exemption or relaxation in the current accounting period, the relevant standards or requirements become applicable from the current period and the figures for the corresponding period of the previous accounting period need not be revised merely by reason of its having ceased to be an SMC. The fact that the company was an SMC in the previous period and it had availed of the exemptions or relaxations available to SMCs shall be disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.
- 1.3 If an SMC opts not to avail of the exemptions or relaxations available to an SMC in respect of any but not all of the Accounting Standards, it shall disclose the standard(s) in respect of which it has availed the exemption or relaxation.
- 1.4 If an SMC desires to disclose the information not required to be disclosed pursuant to the exemptions or relaxations available to the SMCs, it shall disclose that information in compliance with the relevant accounting standard.
- 1.5 The SMC may opt for availing certain exemptions or relaxations from compliance with the requirements prescribed in an Accounting Standard:
Provided that such a partial exemption or relaxation and disclosure shall not be permitted to mislead any person or public.

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B. Other Instructions

Rule 5 of the Companies (Accounting Standards) Rules, 2021, provides as below:

“5. Qualification for exemption or relaxation in respect of SMC. - An existing company, which was previously not a Small and Medium Sized Company (SMC) and subsequently becomes a SMC, shall not be qualified for exemption or relaxation in respect of Accounting Standards available to a SMC until the company remains a SMC for two consecutive accounting periods.”

Criteria for classification of non-company entities for applicability of Accounting Standards

1. For the purpose of applicability of Accounting Standards, Non-company entities are classified into two categories, viz., Micro, Small and Medium Sized Entities (MSMEs) and Large entities.
2. **Micro, Small and Medium Sized Entity (MSME)** means, a non-company entity:
 - (i) *whose equity or debt securities are not listed or are not in the process of listing on any stock exchange, whether in India or outside India;*
 - (ii) *which is not a bank, financial institution or an insurance company;*
 - (iii) *whose turnover (excluding other income) does not exceed two hundred and fifty crore rupees in the immediately preceding accounting year;*
 - (iv) *which does not have borrowings in excess of fifty crore rupees at any time during the immediately preceding accounting year; and*
 - (v) *which is not a holding or subsidiary of an entity which is not a micro, small and medium-sized entity.*

Explanation.- *For the purposes of this clause, a non-company entity shall qualify as a Micro, Small and Medium Sized entity, if the conditions mentioned therein are satisfied as at the end of the relevant accounting period.*

Large entity is a non-company entity that is not an MSME.

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Additional requirements

- (1) An MSME which avails the exemptions or relaxations given to it shall disclose (by way of a note to its financial statements) the fact that it is an MSME and has complied with the Accounting Standards insofar as they are applicable to an MSME.
- (2) Where an MSME had qualified for any exemption or relaxation previously but no longer qualifies for the relevant exemption or relaxation in the current accounting period, the relevant standards or requirements become applicable from the current period and the figures for the corresponding period of the previous accounting period need not be revised merely by reason of its having ceased to be an MSME. The fact that it was an MSME in the previous period and it had availed of the exemptions or relaxations available to it shall be disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. The fact that previous period figures have not been revised shall also be disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.
- (3) An entity which was previously not an MSME and subsequently becomes an MSME, shall not be qualified for exemption/relaxation in respect of Accounting Standards available to an MSME until the entity remains an MSME for two consecutive years.
- (4) If an MSME opts not to avail of the exemptions or relaxations available to an MSME in respect of any but not all of the Accounting Standards, it shall disclose the Standard(s) in respect of which it has availed the exemption or relaxation.
- (5) If an MSME opts not to avail any one or more of the exemptions or relaxations available to it, it shall comply with the relevant requirements of the Accounting Standard.
- (6) An MSME may opt for availing certain exemptions or relaxations from compliance with the requirements prescribed in an Accounting Standard:
Provided that such a partial exemption or relaxation and disclosure shall not be permitted to mislead users of financial statements.