

# Introduction to Accounting-Basics of Accounting and Financial Statements

#### Areas to be covered:

- Golden Rule of Accounting:
  - -Personal Account:
  - (Debit the Receiver, Credit the Giver)
  - -Real Account:
  - (Debit what comes in, Credit what goes Out)
  - -Nominal Account:
  - (Debit all Expenses and Losses, Credit all Income and Gains)
- Introduction to Financial Statements
  - -Balance Sheet (Comprise of Assets & Diabilities)
  - -Profit & Dross Statement (Gross Profit & Dross Profit)
  - -Statement of Cash Flows/ Cash Flow Statement (Operating Activities, Investment Activities, Financing Activities)

#### 1. GOLDEN RULES OF ACCOUNTING:

# a. Personal Account: (Debit the Receiver, Credit the Giver)

These accounts are related to individuals, firms, companies, etc. A few examples of personal accounts include debtors, creditors, banks, outstanding/prepaid accounts, accounts of credit customers, accounts of goods suppliers, capital, drawings, etc.

## **Natural personal accounts:**

This type of personal accounts is the simplest to understand out of all and includes all god's creations who have the ability to deal, who, in most cases, are people. E.g. Kumar's A/C, etc.

# **Artificial personal accounts:**

Personal accounts which are created artificially by law, such as corporate bodies and institutions, are called Artificial personal accounts. E.g. Pvt Ltd companies, LLCs, LLPs, clubs, schools, etc.

#### Representative personal accounts:

Accounts which represent a certain person or a group directly or indirectly. E.g. Let's say that wages are paid in advance to an employee – a wage prepaid account will be opened in the books of accounts. These wages prepaid account is a representative personal account indirectly linked to the person.

#### b. Real Account: (Debit the receiver, Credit the Giver)

All assets of a firm, which are tangible or intangible, fall under the category "Real Accounts"

#### **Tangible real accounts:**

They are related to things that can be touched and felt physically. A few examples of tangible real accounts are building, machinery, stock, land, etc.

## Intangible real accounts:

They are related to things that can't be touched and felt physically. A few examples of such real accounts are goodwill, patents, trademarks, etc.

# c. Nominal Account: (Debit all Expenses & Desses, Credit all Income and Gains)

Accounts which are related to expenses, losses, incomes or gains are called Nominal accounts. Nominal accounts do not really exist in physical form, but behind every nominal account money is involved. E.g. Purchase A/C, Salary A/C, Sales A/C, Commission received A/C, etc.

The final result of all nominal accounts is either profit or loss which is then transferred to the capital account.

## **INTRODUCTION TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:**

• **Balance Sheet:** A balance sheet is a financial statement that summarizes a company's assets, liabilities and shareholder's equity at a specific point in time. These three balance sheet segments give investors an idea as to what the company owns and owes, as well as the amount invested by shareholders.

The balance sheet adheres to the following formula:

# Assets (Dr.) = Liabilities (Cr.) + Shareholders' Equity (Cr.)

## **ASSETS: (Debit Balances)**

Within the assets segment, accounts are listed from top to bottom in order of their liquidity, that is, the ease with which they can be converted into cash. They are divided into current assets, those which can be converted to cash in one year or less; and non-current or long-term

assets, which cannot.

#### **Current Assets:**

- Cash & Equivalents
- Marketable Securities: Equity and debt securities for which there is a liquid market
- Accounts Receivable
- Inventory
- Prepaid Expenses

#### **Long-Term Assets:**

- Long-Term Investments: Securities that will not or cannot be liquidated in the next year
- Fixed Assets
- Intangible Assets: Example Goodwill

#### LIABILITIES & SHAREHOLDER EQUITY: (Credit Balances)

Liabilities are the money that a company owes to outside parties, from bills it has to pay to suppliers to interest on bonds it has issued to creditors to rent, utilities and salaries. Current liabilities are those that are due within one year and are listed in order of their due date. Long-term liabilities are due at any point after one year.

#### **Current Liabilities:**

- Interest Payable
- Rent/ Tax/ Utilities Payable
- Wages Payable
- Customer Prepayments

## **Long-Term Liabilities:**

- Long-Term Debt
- Deferred Tax Liability

## **Shareholder's Equity:**

Shareholder's equity is the money attributable to a business' owners, meaning its shareholders. It is also known as "net assets", since it is equivalent to the total assets of a company minus its liabilities, that is, the debt it owes to non-shareholders.

- Capital & Additional paid-in capital: In general terms, 'capital' refers to any financial resources or assets owned by a business that are useful in furthering development and generating income.
- **Retained Earnings:** They are the net earnings a company either reinvests in the business or uses to pay off debt.

# Example Company Balance Sheet December 31, 2016

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Current assets		Current liabilities	
Cash	\$ 2,100	Notes payable	\$ 5,000
Petty cash	100	Accounts payable	35,900
Temporary investments	10,000	Wages payable	8,500
Accounts receivable - net	40,500	Interest payable	2,900
Inventory	31,000	Taxes payable	6,100
Supplies	3,800	Warranty liability	1,100
Prepaid insurance	1,500	Unearned revenues	1,500
Total current assets	89,000	Total current liabilities	61,000
Investments	36,000	Long-term liabilities	
		Notes payable	20,000
Property, plant & equipment		Bonds payable	400,000
Land	5,500	Total long-term liabilities	420,000
Land improvements	6,500		
Buildings	180,000		
Equipment	201,000	Total liabilities	481,000
Less: accum depreciation	(56,000)		
Prop, plant & equip - net	337,000		
Intangible assets		STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	
Goodwill	105,000	Common stock	110,000
Trade names	200,000	Retained earnings	220,000
Total intangible assets	305,000	Accum other comprehensive income	9,000
		Less: Treasury stock	(50,000)
Other assets	3,000	Total stockholders' equity	289,000
Total assets	\$ 770,000	Total liabilities & stockholders' equity	<u>\$ 770,000</u>

The notes to the sample balance sheet have been omitted.