
SCR Reporting

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Welcome

A belated happy new year to all our subscribers. I am pleased to advise that we have now uploaded the checklists and illustrative accounts applicable for periods commencing on or after 1 January 2016. Since the revised company law changes and FRS 102 have been available for earlier periods you will not find many changes within the checklists themselves but you will hopefully find the addition of illustrative accounts and a new section on audit and accountants reports useful.

The updated revised SCR Reporting structure

We have retained the modular structure introduced last year but are in the process of adding 3 new modules.

The structure is therefore as follows

Module 1	Module 2	Module 3	Module 4	Module 5	Module 6
Small companies	Micros	Non-small companies	Group accounts	Audit reports	Accountants reports

Each of modules 1-4 is structured in exactly the same way:

A. What you need to know

This section gives an overview of the applicable legal and regulatory background.

B. Accounting Standards Summary

Structured as a checklist which can be used on individual assignments or be available for reference as an *aide-memoir* this gives an overview of the **measurement** and **recognition** criteria for each item typically found in financial statements of a small company. The disclosure and presentation issues are dealt with in Module C.

C. Accounts Disclosure Checklists

The checklists are summaries, and should be used only as an *aide-memoir*. They are intended to be completed on an individual audit or accounts preparation assignment.

D. Illustrative company accounts

The specimen annual accounts illustrate compliance with the disclosure requirements included in the relevant checklist. They have been annotated to illustrate key changes from those prepared under old UK GAAP.

You should have everything within each module to determine how accounts should be prepared and ensure disclosure requirements are complete.

Modules 4 will be issued within the next few weeks, but we felt it important to get the illustrative accounts, reports and other checklists up as soon as practicable.

Which module do I need?

It will usually be clear whether a company qualifies as small or not, and if small whether it qualifies as a micro. It should therefore be evident whether module 1, 2 or 3 applies. Similarly, it will usually be evident whether group accounts are required and therefore whether module 4 applies.

Where there is any doubt as to which module the overview checklist available within the User Guide can be used.

Each module gives guidance on the options available within it. For example, having established that a company qualifies as small, module 1 explains the various options available in preparing the accounts for the shareholders (abridged or full) and for filing (full or filleted.)

What next? – Update to the Procedures Manual

Having updated the financial reporting section of SCR Reporting we move on to the Procedures Manual. We are conscious that this has not been updated for some time and we are taking the opportunity of updated auditing and ethical standards to restructure the manual and refresh the procedures. The new standards are effective for periods commencing on or after 16 June 2016 and are therefore mainly applicable for 30 June year ends and later.

The aim is to have the restructured manual and audit working papers available by 30 April to ensure that planning for June year ends and later can be done under the new standards.

We are also following up potential revisions to the pensions and solicitors accounts modules.

Unfortunately, we are no longer able to support the Clubs and Associations section which is now withdrawn.

A new service – FRS 102 accounts review

Given that for many firms their first experience of complying with FRS 102 and moving from FRSSE will be for 31 December 2016 year ends, we are offering a FRS 102 transitional accounts review service. You provide us with an electronic copy of late year's accounts and draft FRS 102 accounts and we supply a report on compliance with the standard. This will be charged at £150 per small company and £250 per medium or large company. Reviews of group accounts will be charged at £150 per hour and we will agree fees in advance depending on the number of companies where accounts are to be reviewed.

An ongoing service – Audit file reviews

You will probably be aware that Roger Bryant used to provide hot and cold audit file reviews. We continue to provide both hot and cold reviews. Please contact Bill Telford or Mark Jackson to discuss arranging such reviews. Please be aware that where a hot review is time critical, it is important to get a date in the diary as early as possible, given lecturing commitments.

Feedback

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