

Technical Accounting Alert

Update – 30 June 2010 simplifications to financial statements

Introduction

The purpose of this alert is to advise that significant reforms to 30 June 2010 financial statements are now operational.

Overview

Corporate Reporting Reform Act

The Senate approved the Corporate Reporting Reform Act on 24 June 2010. The major reforms contained in the Corporate Reporting Reform Act include the abolition of publishing parent company financial statements and relief for smaller limited by guarantee companies from producing financial statements. Details of the Act's provisions are covered in Technical Accounting Alert (TA Alert) 2010-07. The financial statement relief applies to 30 June 2010 financial statements.

RDR Accounting Standard

The Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) has approved in principle the RDR (Reduced Disclosure Regime) Accounting Standard at its 25 June 2010 meeting, it will be formally approved 'out-of-session' on 30 June 2010 and it can be applied by non-publicly accountable entities in the preparation of 30 June 2010 financial statements. Details of the AASB's RDR accounting standard are available in TA Alert 2010-15.

Further information

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