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HKFRS Accounting Standards					
Framework	Title	IASB equivalent	Differences in Transitional Provisions	Differences in Effective Dates	Other Textual Differences
CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK	Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting	IASB Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting	N/A	N/A	Minor textual differences – no practical effect.



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HKFRS Accounting Standards No.	Title	IFRS Accounting Standards No.	Differences in Transitional Provisions	Differences in Effective Dates	Other Textual Differences
HKFRS 1	First-time Adoption of Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards	IFRS 1	No	No, except para 39a specifies that paras B2 to B6 and D18 of HKFRS 1 (IFRS 1) are effective for accounting periods (AP) beginning on or after 1 January 2005 (1 January 2004).	Minor textual differences – no practical effect.
HKFRS 2	Share-based Payment	IFRS 2	No	No	No
HKFRS 3	Business Combinations	IFRS 3	No	No	No
HKFRS 5	Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations	IFRS 5	No	No	No
HKFRS 6	Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources	IFRS 6	No	No	No
HKFRS 7	Financial Instruments: Disclosures	IFRS 7	No	No	No
HKFRS 8	Operating Segments	IFRS 8	No	No	No
HKFRS 9	Financial Instruments	IFRS 9	No	No	No
HKFRS 10	Consolidated Financial Statements	IFRS 10	No	No	No
HKFRS 11	Joint Arrangements	IFRS 11	No	No	No



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HKFRS 12	Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities	IFRS 12	No	No	No
HKFRS 13	Fair Value Measurement	IFRS 13	No	No	No
HKFRS 14	Regulatory Deferral Accounts	IFRS 14	No	No	No
HKFRS 15	Revenue from Contracts with Customers	IFRS 15	No	No	No



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HKFRS 16	Leases	IFRS 16	No	No, except for the effective dates relating to amendments on Covid-19-Related Rent Concessions: 1. para C1A specifies that paras 46A, 46B, 60A, C20A and C20B of HKFRS 16 (IFRS 16) are added in June 2020 (May 2020), and effective for AP beginning on or after 1 June 2020. Earlier application is permitted, including in financial statements not authorized for use at 4 June 2020 (28 May 2020). 2. Para C1C specifies that para 46B is amended, paras C20BA-C20BC of HKFRS 16 (IFRS 16) are added in April 2021 (March 2021), and effective for AP beginning on or after 1 April 2021. Earlier application is permitted, including in financial statements not authorized for use at 9 April 2021 (31 March 2021).	No
HKFRS 17	Insurance Contracts	IFRS 17	No	No	No
HKFRS 18	Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements	IFRS 18	No	No	No ²



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HKFRS 19	Subsidiaries without Public Accountability: Disclosures	IFRS 19	No	No	Minor textual differences – explanation of legal requirements which do not give rise to differences.



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HKAS No.	Title	IAS No.	Differences in Transitional Provisions	Differences in Effective Dates	Other Textual Differences
HKAS 1	Presentation of Financial Statements	IAS 1	No	No	Minor textual differences – explanation of legal requirements which do not give rise to differences.
HKAS 2	Inventories	IAS 2	No	No ¹	No
HKAS 7	Statement of Cash Flows	IAS 7	No	HKAS 7 (IAS 7) is effective for AP beginning on or after 1 January 2005 (1 January 1994).	No
HKAS 8	Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors	IAS 8	No	No ¹	Minor textual differences – no practical effect.
HKAS 10	Events after the Reporting Period	IAS 10	No	No ¹	Minor textual differences – no practical effect.



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HKAS No.	Title	IAS No.	Differences in Transitional Provisions	Differences in Effective Dates	Other Textual Differences
HKAS 12	Income Taxes	IAS 12	No	<p>HKAS 12¹ (IAS 12) is effective for AP beginning on or after 1 January 2005 (1 January 1998 with certain amendments effective for AP beginning on or after 1 January 2001).</p> <p>The amendments to HKAS 12 (IAS 12) pertaining to the temporary exception to account for deferred taxes related to Pillar Two income taxes are immediately effective upon the issue of the amendments on 21 July 2023 (23 May 2023). Refer to para 98M(a).</p>	The explanatory guidance and illustrative examples set out in the boxes within the body of HKAS 12 contain material that is expanded on that in IAS 12 and considered to be more user-friendly.



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HKAS No.	Title	IAS No.	Differences in Transitional Provisions	Differences in Effective Dates	Other Textual Differences
HKAS 16	Property, Plant and Equipment	IAS 16	<p>HKAS 16 has the following additional transition provisions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Para 80AA exempting certain entities that carried their PPE at revalued amounts before 30 September 1995 and have not revalued since that date from making regular revaluation. 2. Para 80AB allowing those not-for-profit entities that previously took advantage of the exemption under SSAP 17 to deem the carrying amount of an item of PPE immediately before applying HKAS 16 on its effective date (or earlier) as the cost of that item. 	No ¹	No
HKAS 19	Employee Benefits	IAS 19	No	No	No
HKAS 20	Accounting for Government Grants and Disclosure of Government Assistance	IAS 20	IAS 20 has an additional transitional provision (para 40) allowing an entity adopting IAS 20 for the first time to apply the accounting provisions of IAS 20 only to grants or portions of grants becoming receivable or repayable after the effective date of IAS 20.	HKAS 20 ¹ (IAS 20) is effective for AP beginning on or after 1 January 2005 (1 January 1984).	No
HKAS 21	The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates	IAS 21	No	No ¹	No



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HKAS No.	Title	IAS No.	Differences in Transitional Provisions	Differences in Effective Dates	Other Textual Differences
HKAS 23	Borrowing Costs	IAS 23	No	No	No
HKAS 24	Related Party Disclosures	IAS 24	No	No	No
HKAS 26	Accounting and Reporting by Retirement Benefit Plans	IAS 26	No	HKAS 26 (IAS 26) is effective for AP beginning on or after 1 January 2005 (1 January 1988).	HKAS 26 has an appendix giving guidance on preparing financial statements of MPF schemes and ORSO schemes in accordance with the standard.
HKAS 27	Separate Financial Statements	IAS 27	No	No	No
HKAS 28	Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures	IAS 28	No	No	No
HKAS 29	Financial Reporting in Hyperinflationary Economies	IAS 29	No	HKAS 29 (IAS 29) is effective for AP beginning on or after 1 January 2005 (1 January 1990).	No
HKAS 32	Financial Instruments: Presentation	IAS 32	HKAS 32 has an additional transitional provision (para 97) allowing an entity not to present comparative information if such information is not available.	No	No



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HKAS No.	Title	IAS No.	Differences in Transitional Provisions	Differences in Effective Dates	Other Textual Differences
HKAS 33	Earnings per Share	IAS 33	No	No ¹	No
HKAS 34	Interim Financial Reporting	IAS 34	No	HKAS 34 ¹ (IAS 34) is effective for AP beginning on or after 1 January 2005 (1 January 1999).	No
HKAS 36	Impairment of Assets	IAS 36	<p>HKAS 36 (IAS 36) para 139 specifies that an entity shall apply HKAS 36 (IAS 36)</p> <p>(a) to goodwill and intangible assets acquired in business combinations for which the agreement date is on or after 1 January 2005 (31 March 2004); and</p> <p>(b) to all other assets prospectively from the beginning of the first annual period beginning on or after 1 January 2005 (31 March 2004).</p>	HKAS 36 (IAS 36) is effective for AP beginning on or after 1 January 2005 (31 March 2004).	No



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HKAS No.	Title	IAS No.	Differences in Transitional Provisions	Differences in Effective Dates	Other Textual Differences
HKAS 37	Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets	IAS 37	IAS 37 has an additional transitional provision (para 93) allowing an entity not to adjust opening balance of retained earnings for the earliest period presented and to restate comparative information for the period in which IAS 37 is first adopted.	HKAS 37 ¹ (IAS 37) is effective for AP beginning on or after 1 January 2005 (1 July 1999).	HKAS 37 contains additional Hong Kong examples 3A, 12 and 13 in Appendix C. No comparable examples are included in Appendix C to IAS 37 – no practical effect.
HKAS 38	Intangible Assets	IAS 38	<p>HKAS 38 (IAS 38) para 130 specifies that an entity shall apply HKAS 38 (IAS 38):</p> <p>(a) to the accounting for intangible assets acquired in business combinations for which the agreement date is on or after 1 January 2005 (31 March 2004); and</p> <p>(b) to the accounting for all other intangible assets prospectively from the beginning of the first annual period beginning on or after 1 January 2005 (31 March 2004).</p>	HKAS 38 (IAS 38) is effective for AP beginning on or after 1 January 2005 (31 March 2004).	No



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HKAS No.	Title	IAS No.	Differences in Transitional Provisions	Differences in Effective Dates	Other Textual Differences
HKAS 39	Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement	IAS 39	HKAS 39 does not permit retrospective application except in certain limited circumstances whereas IAS 39 generally requires retrospective application. Accordingly, the transitional provisions in HKAS 39 are different from those in IAS 39. For details, please refer to the Standards.	No	No
HKAS 40	Investment Property	IAS 40	<p>HKAS 40 has the following additional transitional provisions:</p> <p><u>HKAS 40 para 80A on fair value model</u></p> <p>Para 80A of HKAS 40 requires an entity that has previously applied SSAP 13 (2000) for non-leasehold investment properties and chooses to use the fair value model to reflect the effect of applying HKAS 40 on its effective date (or earlier) as an adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings for the period in which HKAS 40 is first applied.</p> <p>Para 80A also encourages the entity to adjust the comparative information if the entity has previously disclosed publicly fair value of those properties but requires the entity to disclose the fact if otherwise.</p>	No ¹	No



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HKAS No.	Title	IAS No.	Differences in Transitional Provisions	Differences in Effective Dates	Other Textual Differences
			<p><u>HKAS 40 paras 83A and 83B on cost model</u></p> <p>Paras 83A and 83B of HKAS 40 allow an entity to take the carrying amount of the investment property under SSAP 13 (2000) as the deemed cost on the date that HKAS 40 is first applied. Any adjustments, including the reclassification of any amount previously held in revaluation reserve, are to be made to the opening balance of retained earnings. Depreciation on deemed cost commences from the opening balance sheet date.</p>		
HKAS 41	Agriculture	IAS 41	No	HKAS 41 ¹ (IAS 41) is effective for AP beginning on or after 1 January 2005 (1 January 2003).	No



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HK(IFRIC)-Int No.	Title	IFRIC No.	Differences in Transitional Provisions	Differences in Effective Dates	Other Textual Differences
HK(IFRIC)-Int 1	Changes in Existing Decommissioning, Restoration and Similar Liabilities	IFRIC 1	No	No	Minor textual differences – no practical effect.
HK(IFRIC)-Int 2	Members' Shares in Co-operative Entities and Similar Instruments	IFRIC 2	No	No	No
HK(IFRIC)-Int 5	Rights to Interests arising from Decommissioning, Restoration and Environmental Rehabilitation Funds	IFRIC 5	No	No	No
HK(IFRIC)-Int 6	Liabilities arising from Participating in a Specific Market – Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment	IFRIC 6	No	No	No
HK(IFRIC)-Int 7	Applying the Restatement Approach under HKAS 29 Financial Reporting in Hyperinflationary Economies	IFRIC 7	No	No	No
HK(IFRIC)-Int 10	Interim Financial Reporting and Impairment	IFRIC 10	No	No	No
HK(IFRIC)-Int 12	Service Concession Arrangements	IFRIC 12	No	No	No
HK(IFRIC)-Int 14	HKAS 19 – The Limit on a Defined Benefit Asset, Minimum Funding Requirements and their Interaction	IFRIC 14	No	No	No
HK(IFRIC)-Int 16	Hedges of a Net Investment in a Foreign Operation	IFRIC 16	No	No	No



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HK(IFRIC)-Int No.	Title	IFRIC No.	Differences in Transitional Provisions	Differences in Effective Dates	Other Textual Differences
HK(IFRIC)-Int 17	Distributions of Non-cash Assets to Owners	IFRIC 17	No	No	No
HK(IFRIC)-Int 19	Extinguishing Financial Liabilities with Equity Instruments	IFRIC 19	No	No	No
HK(IFRIC)-Int 20	Stripping Costs in the Production Phase of a Surface Mine	IFRIC 20	No	No	No
HK(IFRIC)-Int 21	Levies	IFRIC 21	No	No	No
HK(IFRIC)-Int 22	Foreign Currency Transactions and Advance Consideration	IFRIC 22	No	No	No
HK(IFRIC)-Int 23	Uncertainty over Income Tax Treatments	IFRIC 23	No	No	No



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HK(SIC)-Int No.	Title	SIC No.	Differences in Transitional Provisions	Differences in Effective Dates	Other Textual Differences
HK(SIC)-Int 10	Government Assistance – No Specific Relation to Operating Activities	SIC-10	No	HKAS-Int 10 ¹ (SIC 10) is effective for AP beginning on or after 1 January 2005 (1 August 1998).	No
HK(SIC)-Int 25	Income Taxes – Changes in the Tax Status of an Entity or its Shareholders	SIC-25	No	HKAS-Int 25 ¹ (SIC 25) is effective for AP beginning on or after 1 January 2005 (on 15 July 2000).	No
HK(SIC)-Int 29	Service Concession Arrangements: Disclosures	SIC-29	No	HKAS-Int 29 ¹ (SIC 29) is effective for AP beginning on or after 1 January 2005 (on 31 December 2001).	No
HK(SIC)-Int 32	Intangible Assets – Web Site Costs	SIC-32	No	HKAS-Int 32 ¹ (SIC 32) is effective for AP beginning on or after 1 January 2005 (on 25 March 2002).	No

HKFRS Practice Statement	Title	IFRS Practice Statement	Differences in Transitional Provisions	Differences in Effective Dates	Other Textual Differences
HKFRS Practice Statement 2	Making Materiality Judgements	IFRS Practice Statement 2	No	An entity that chooses to apply the guidance in HKFRS Practice Statement 2 (IFRS Practice Statement 2) is permitted to apply it to financial statements prepared from 22 March 2021 (14 September 2017).	No



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HK-Int No.	Title	International - Int No.	Differences in Transitional Provisions	Differences in Effective Dates	Other Textual Differences
HK-Int 5 (Revised)	Presentation of Financial Statements – Classification by the Borrower of a Term Loan that Contains a Repayment on Demand Clause	No equivalent interpretation under IFRS.	N/A	N/A	N/A

HKFRS for Private Entities Accounting Standard

HKFRS for Private Entities Accounting Standard	Title	IFRS for SMEs Accounting Standard	Differences in Transitional Provisions	Differences in Effective Dates	Other Textual Differences
<i>HKFRS for Private Entities Accounting Standard</i>	HKFRS for Private Entities Accounting Standard	<i>IFRS for SMEs Accounting Standard (2015 edition)</i>	No	No	<p>Minor textual differences – explanation of legal requirements which do not give rise to differences.</p> <p><i>HKFRS for Private Entities Accounting Standard</i> contains additional guidance on the classification by the borrower of a term loan that contains a repayment on demand clause. No comparable guidance is included in <i>IFRS for SMEs Accounting Standard</i> – no practical effect.</p>



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HKFRS Sustainability Disclosure Standards					
HKFRS Sustainability Disclosure Standards No.	Title	IFRS Sustainability Disclosure Standards No.	Differences in Transitional Provisions	Differences in Effective Dates	Other Textual Differences
HKFRS S1	General Requirements for Disclosure of Sustainability-related Financial Information	IFRS S1	No	Note 3	No
HKFRS S2	Climate-related Disclosures	IFRS S2	No	Note 3	No

Notes

¹ These Hong Kong pronouncements might have additional wording or paragraph(s) specifying that:

- (i) if an entity decides to early adopt a Standard, the entity is not required to apply all the Standards effective for the same date for that period;
- (ii) if an entity decides to early adopt a Standard, the entity is required to apply the relevant Interpretation for that period;
- (iii) early adoption is encouraged; or
- (iv) the previous version of the Standard is withdrawn.

² Following the issuance of HKFRS 18 which replaces HKAS 1, the concepts of true and fair view and compliance with HKFRS have been moved from HKAS 1 to HKAS 8. Therefore, there are minor textual differences in the consequential amendments to HKAS 8. These minor textual differences represent explanation of legal requirements which do not give rise to differences.

³ HKFRS Sustainability Disclosure Standards are **voluntary** until and unless relevant authorities and/or regulators mandate their use. See no. 1 and 2 of the [FAQs](#) on HKFRS Sustainability Disclosure Standards.

SIC-7 *Introduction of the Euro* and IFRS Practice Statement 1 *Management Commentary* are not adopted in Hong Kong.

The paragraph numbers in HKFRSs generally correspond to the paragraph numbers in IFRSs.



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