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#### ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

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- 17. Accounting principles
- 18. Accounting policies and measurement bases must be applied consistently within...
- 19. The amount of any item must be determined on a...
- 20. All income and charges relating to the financial year to...

- 21. In determining the aggregate amount of any item, the amount...
- 21A The opening balance sheet for each financial year shall correspond...

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22. Preliminary

#### Fixed assets

- 23. General rules
- 24. Rules for depreciation and diminution in value
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- 59. If the company has allotted any shares during the financial...
- 60. (1) With respect to any contingent right to the allotment...
- 61. (1) If the company has issued any debentures during the...
- 62. Fixed assets
- 63. Where any fixed assets of the company (other than listed...
- 64. In relation to any amount which is included under assets...
- 65. There must be disclosed separately the amount of-
- 66. Information about fair value of assets and liabilities
- 67. Where the company has derivatives that it has not included...
- 68. (1) This paragraph applies if— (a) the company has financial...
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- 1. (1) Subject to the following provisions of this Schedule—
- 2. (1) Any item required to be shown in a company's...
- 3. (1) The directors may combine items to which Arabic numbers...
- 4. (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), the directors must not include...
- 5. (1) For every item shown in the balance sheet or...
- 6. Subject to the provisions of this Schedule, amounts in respect...
- 7. (1) The provisions of this Schedule which relate to long-term...
- 8. The company's directors must, in determining how amounts are presented...
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#### Valuation of assets

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- 41. Intangible assets
- 42. (1) Intangible assets must be written off over the useful...

#### *Miscellaneous and supplementary provisions*

- 43. Excess of money owed over value received as an asset item
- 44. Assets included at a fixed amount
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- 46. (1) The cost of any assets which are fungible assets...
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- 62. It must be stated whether the accounts have been prepared...
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#### Information supplementing the balance sheet

- 65. Share capital and debentures
- 66. If the company has allotted any shares during the financial...
- 67. (1) With respect to any contingent right to the allotment...
- 68. (1) If the company has issued any debentures during the...
- 69. Assets
- 70. Where any assets of the company (other than listed investments)...
- 71. In relation to any amount which is included under assets...
- 72. Investments
- 73. Information about fair value of assets and liabilities
- 74. Where the company has derivatives that it has not included...
- 75. (1) This paragraph applies if— (a) the company has financial...
- 76. Information where investment property and living animals and plants included at fair value
- 77. Reserves and provisions
- 78. Provision for taxation
- 79. Details of indebtedness
- 80. If any fixed cumulative dividends on the company's shares are...
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- 34. Assets and liabilities to be included in group accounts
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- 18. With the exception of the first year for which the...
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- 19A The period for which the directors' report is reporting the...
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- 12. Additional requirements in respect of the single total figure table
- 13. Total pension entitlements
- 14. Scheme interests awarded during the financial year
- 15. Payments to past directors
- 16. Payments for loss of office
- 17. Statement of directors' shareholding and share interests
- 18. Performance graph and table
- 19. Annual percentage change in remuneration of directors and employees
- 19A Pay ratio information in relation to the total remuneration of the director undertaking the role of chief executive officer
- 19B Requirement to provide pay ratio information
- 19C Pay ratios table
- 19D Pay ratios methods
- 19E Additional requirements in respect of the pay ratios table
- 19F The directors' remuneration report must set out the following figures...
- 19G The directors' remuneration report must set out a summary for...
- 20. Relative importance of spend on pay
- 21. Statement of implementation of remuneration policy in the following financial year
- 22. Consideration by the directors of matters relating to directors' remuneration
- 23. Statement of voting at general meeting

#### PART 4 — DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION POLICY

- 24. Introductory
- 25. Future policy table
- 26. In respect of each of the components described in the...
- 27. There must accompany the table notes which set out—
- 28. The information required by paragraph 25 may, in respect of...
- 29. Approach to recruitment remuneration
- 30. Service contracts
- 30A The directors' remuneration policy must contain an indication of the...
- 31. Where the directors' service contracts are not kept available for...
- 32. The provisions of paragraphs 30 and 31 relating to directors'...
- 33. Illustrations of application of remuneration policy
- 34. (1) The bar chart must contain separate bars representing—
- 35. (1) A narrative description of the basis of calculation and...
- 35A The directors' remuneration report must, in respect of each person...
- 36. Policy on payment for loss of office
- 37. The directors' remuneration policy must also set out the principles...
- 38. Statement of consideration of employment conditions elsewhere in company
- 39. The statement must also set out— (a) whether, and if...
- 40. Statement of consideration of shareholder views
  - PART 5 PROVISIONS OF THE DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION REPORT WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO AUDIT
- 41. The information contained in the directors' remuneration report which is... PART 6 — REVISED DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION POLICY
- 42. A revised directors' remuneration policy prepared in accordance with section...
- 43. A revised directors' remuneration policy must be set out in... PART 7 — INTERPRETATION AND SUPPLEMENTARY
- 44. (1) In this Schedule— "amount", in relation to a gain...
- 45. For the purposes of this Schedule emoluments paid or receivable...
- 46. (1) The following applies with respect to the amounts to...
- 47. (1) The amounts to be shown for any financial year...
- 48. Where it is necessary to do so for the purpose...
- 49. The Schedule requires information to be given only so far...

### SCHEDULE 9 — INTERPRETATION OF TERM "PROVISIONS"

PART 1 — MEANING FOR PURPOSES OF THESE REGULATIONS

- 1. Definition of "Provisions"
- 2. References in these Regulations to provisions for liabilities or, in...
- 2A At the balance sheet date, a provision must represent the...
- 2B Provisions must not be used to adjust the value of...

# PART 2 — MEANING FOR PURPOSES OF PARTS 18 AND 23 OF THE 2006 ACT

- 3. Financial assistance for purchase of own shares
- 4. Redemption or purchase by private company out of capital
- 5. Net asset restriction on public companies distributions
- 6. Distributions by investment companies
- 7. Justification of distribution by references to accounts
- 8. Realised losses

#### SCHEDULE 10 — GENERAL INTERPRETATION

1. Capitalisation

- 2. Financial instruments
- 3. (1) Save in Schedule 2 to these Regulations, the expressions...
- 4. Fixed and current assets
- 5. Fungible assets
- 6. Historical cost accounting rules
- 7. Leases
- 8. Listed investments
- 9. Loans
- 10. Materiality
- 11. Participating interests
- 12. Purchase price
- 13. Realised profits and realised losses
- 14. Staff costs
- 15. Scots land tenure

Explanatory Note

**Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Large and Medium-sized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.