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Premium Allocation Approach: example with comparison to existing accounting practice

IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts

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Introduction 2

This example illustrates the mechanics of the premium allocation approach (PAA) requirements in IFRS 17 *Insurance Contracts* for contracts with short coverage periods. It includes a comparison to the accounting commonly used applying existing practice for these contracts.

This example demonstrates that:

- the timing of premium receipts do not directly affect the revenue recognition pattern applying the PAA
- the PAA may result in similar measurement outcomes to existing practice



Requirements in IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts and guidance in the Basis for Conclusions on IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts

Paragraphs 53–59 of IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts

Paragraphs BC288–BC295 of the Basis for Conclusions on IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts

Transition Resource Group for IFRS 17

This example was included as an Appendix to Agenda Paper 6 discussed at the 2 May 2018 Transition Resource Group for IFRS 17 (TRG) meeting.

- Agenda Paper 6: Implementation challenges outreach report
- Summary of the Transition Resource Group for IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts meeting held on 2 May 2018

Available at: https://www.ifrs.org/news-and-events/calendar/2018/may/ifrs-17-transition-resource-group/

Webcast explaining the premium allocation approach requirements

- Simplified accounting for contracts with short coverage periods: part 1
- Simplified accounting for contracts with short coverage periods: part 2 Available at: go.ifrs.org/IFRS-17-implementation

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Fact pattern for all 3 scenarios

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An entity issues an insurance contract on 1 July 20X1



The coverage period is **1 year** (1 July 20X1 – 30 June 20X2)



The premium charged is **CU1200**



Insurance acquisition cash flows of **CU180** are paid on **1 July 20X1**



Assumptions

- Insurance services are provided evenly over the coverage period
- · No claims are incurred
- For IFRS 17 measurement, the insurance contract is accounted for as a group of insurance contracts

Scenario 1 – Premium paid upfront Existing practice

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Insurance line items on the statement of financial position and revenue reported

Reporting date	01.07.X1	30.09.X1	31.12.X1	31.03.X2	30.06.X2
Premium receivable	0	0	0	0	0
Unearned premium reserve (UPR)	(1200)	(900)	(600)	(300)	0
Deferred acquisition cost (DAC)	180	135	90	45	0
Sum of insurance line items on the statement of financial position (overall liability position)	(1020)	(765)	(510)	(255)	0
Revenue for each period (change in UPR)		300	300	300	300



Insurance contract asset / (liability) on the statement of financial position and revenue reported

Reporting date	01.07.X1	30.09.X1	31.12.X1	31.03.X2	30.06.X2
Opening balance	0	(1020)	(765)	(510)	(255)
55(a)(i) Premium received on initial recognition	(1200)				
55(a)(ii) Insurance acquisition cash flows	180				
55(b)(i) Premiums received in the period		0	0	0	0
55(b)(iii) Amortisation of insurance acquisition cash flows		(45)	(45)	(45)	(45)
55(b)(v) Insurance revenue applying B1261		300	300	300	300
Closing balance of insurance contract asset / (liability)	(1020)	(765)	(510)	(255)	0

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Journal entries

At initial recognition – 01.07.X1

Receipt of premiums:

Dr Cash 1200 Cr Insurance contract liability 1200

Insurance acquisition cash flows:

Dr Insurance contract liability 180
Cr Cash 180

At each reporting date (30.09.X1, 31.12.X1, 31.03.X2 and 30.06.X2)

Amortisation of insurance acquisition cash flows:

Dr Insurance service expenses 45
Cr Insurance contract liability 45

Insurance revenue:

Dr Insurance contract liability 300
Cr Insurance revenue 300

¹ Expected premium receipts allocated to coverage periods (CU1200 / 4 periods = CU300)

Scenario 2 – Premium paid at the end Existing practice

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Insurance line items on the statement of financial position and revenue reported

Reporting date	01.07.X1	30.09.X1	31.12.X1	31.03.X2	30.06.X2
Premium receivable	1200	1200	1200	1200	0
Unearned premium reserve (UPR)	(1200)	(900)	(600)	(300)	0
Deferred acquisition cost (DAC)	180	135	90	45	0
Sum of insurance line items on the statement of financial position (overall asset position)	180	435	690	945	0
Revenue for each period (change in UPR)		300	300	300	300



Insurance contract asset / (liability) on the statement of financial position and revenue reported

Reporting date	01.07.X1	30.09.X1	31.12.X1	31.03.X2	30.06.X2
Opening balance	0	180	435	690	945
55(a)(i) Premium received on initial recognition	0				
55(a)(ii) Insurance acquisition cash flows	180				
55(b)(i) Premiums received in the period		0	0	0	(1200)
55(b)(iii) Amortisation of insurance acquisition cash flows		(45)	(45)	(45)	(45)
55(b)(v) Insurance revenue applying B1261		300	300	300	300
Closing balance of insurance contract asset / (liability)	180	435	690	945	0



Journal entries

At initial recognition – 01.07.X1

Insurance acquisition cash flows:

Dr Insurance contract asset 180 Cr Cash 180

At each reporting date (30.09.X1, 31.12.X1, 31.03.X2 and 30.06.X2)

Amortisation of insurance acquisition cash flows:

Dr Insurance service expenses 45
Cr Insurance contract asset 45

Insurance revenue:

Dr Insurance contract asset 300 Cr Insurance revenue 300

At the end of the coverage period (30.6.X2)

Receipt of premium:

Dr	Cash	1200
Cr	Insurance contract asset	1200

¹ Expected premium receipts allocated to coverage periods (CU1200 / 4 periods = CU300)

Scenario 3 – Premium paid monthly Existing practice

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Insurance line items on the statement of financial position and revenue reported

Reporting date	01.07.X1	30.09.X1	31.12.X1	31.03.X2	30.06.X2
Premium receivable	1200	900	600	300	0
Unearned premium reserve (UPR)	(1200)	(900)	(600)	(300)	0
Deferred acquisition cost (DAC)	180	135	90	45	0
Sum of insurance line items on the statement of financial position (overall asset position)	180	135	90	45	0
Revenue for each period		300	300	300	300



Insurance contract asset / (liability) on the statement of financial position and revenue reported

Reporting date	01.07.X1	30.09.X1	31.12.X1	31.03.X2	30.06.X2
Opening balance	0	180	135	90	45
55(a)(i) Premium received on initial recognition	0				
55(a)(ii) Insurance acquisition cash	180				
flows					
55(b)(i) Premiums received in the period		(300)	(300)	(300)	(300)
55(b)(iii) Amortisation of insurance acquisition cash flows		(45)	(45)	(45)	(45)
55(b)(v) Insurance revenue applying B1261		300	300	300	300
Closing balance of insurance contract asset / (liability)	180	135	90	45	0

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Journal entries

At initial recognition - 01.07.X1

Insurance acquisition cash flows:

Dr	Insurance contract asset	180
Cr	Cash	180

At each reporting date (30.09.X1, 31.12.X1, 31.03.X2 and 30.06.X2) Receipt of premiums:

Dr	Cash	300
Cr	Insurance contract asset	300

Amortisation of insurance acquisition cash flows:

Dr	Insurance service expenses	45
Cr	Insurance contract asset	45

Insurance revenue:

Dr	Insurance contract asset	300
Cr	Insurance revenue	300

¹ Expected premium receipts allocated to coverage periods (CU1200 / 4 periods = CU300)

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