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Additional jurisdiction profiles on use of IFRS and the *IFRS for SMEs* around the world

In our **June and December 2013** editions of *IFRS for SMEs Update* we reported on the IFRS Foundation

initiative to develop profiles of application of full IFRS and the *IFRS for SMEs* in individual jurisdictions.

The IFRS Foundation has recently posted new profiles on the use of IFRS and the *IFRS for SMEs*, bringing the total number of profiles available online to 138.

The following observations relate to the information in the 138 profiles currently posted concerning adoption of the *IFRS for SMEs*.

68 of the 138 jurisdictions whose profiles are posted require or permit the *IFRS for SMEs*. It is also currently under consideration in a further 16 jurisdictions.

The 68 jurisdictions that require or permit the *IFRS for SMEs* are:

Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Cambodia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Fiji, Georgia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Hong Kong, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Lesotho, Macedonia, Maldives, Mauritius, Montserrat, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, St Kitts and Nevis, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Swaziland, Switzerland, Tanzania, Trinidad & Tobago, Turkey, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, Venezuela, Yemen, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

For the 68 jurisdictions that require or permit the *IFRS for SMEs*:

- 8 jurisdictions require the *IFRS for SMEs* for all SMEs that are not required to use full IFRS.
- 43 jurisdictions give an SME a choice to use full IFRS instead of the *IFRS for SMEs*.
- 16 jurisdictions give an SME a choice to use either full IFRS or local GAAP instead of the *IFRS for SMEs*.
- One jurisdiction requires an SME to use local GAAP if it does not choose the *IFRS for SMEs*.

In requiring or permitting the *IFRS for SMEs*, 60 of the 68 jurisdictions made no modifications at all to its requirements. 8 jurisdictions made modifications as follows:

- Two jurisdictions (Argentina and Brazil) require use of the equity method to account for investments in subsidiaries in separate financial statements. The IASB has recently made a similar amendment to full IFRS (and this will be considered for the *IFRS for SMEs* at a future review of the Standard).
- One jurisdiction (Hong Kong) modified Section 29 *Income Tax* to conform to the requirements of IAS 12 *Income Taxes*. The IASB is considering whether to amend the *IFRS for SMEs* in this regard as part of the comprehensive review of the *IFRS for SMEs* that is currently under way.
- One jurisdiction (Saudi Arabia) has indicated that modifications are under consideration that would be adopted before the planned effective date of the *IFRS for SMEs* in 2014, but it has not yet decided on those modifications.
- Two jurisdictions (Ireland and United Kingdom) made some significant modifications in adopting the *IFRS for SMEs*, including adding in options allowed under full IFRS that are not allowed in the *IFRS for SMEs*. Details can be found in the Ireland and United Kingdom profiles.
- One jurisdiction (Bangladesh) did not adopt Section 31 *Hyperinflation* for SMEs because hyperinflation is not an issue domestically.
- One jurisdiction (Bosnia and Herzegovina) does not require the statements of cash flows or changes in equity in separate financial statements prepared using the *IFRS for SMEs*.

The information above is available on our website [here](#).

To access the full jurisdiction profiles please click [here](#).

Eventually, we plan to have a profile for every jurisdiction that has adopted IFRS, or is on a programme towards adoption of IFRS.

Upcoming 'train the trainers' workshops

For more details, click [here](#).

West Africa

Date: 25–27 November 2014

Location: Lagos, Nigeria

Instructors: Darrel Scott (Chairman of the SME Implementation Group and IASB member) and Michael Wells (Director, IFRS Education Initiative, IASB)

Language: English

Sponsoring organisations: The Financial Reporting Council of Nigeria (FRC), the Association of Accountancy Bodies in West Africa (ABWA) and the Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment (FMITI)

IFRS for SMEs translations: status report

Here is the current status of the *IFRS for SMEs* translations that have been approved by the IFRS Foundation:

Completed: Albanian*, Arabic, Armenian*, Bosnian*, Bulgarian*, Chinese (simplified)*, Croatian*, Czech*, Estonian*, French*, Georgian, German, Hebrew*, Italian*, Japanese*, Kazakh*, Khmer*, Lithuanian*, Macedonian*, Mongolian*, Polish*, Portuguese*, Romanian*, Russian*, Serbian, Spanish*, Turkish* and Ukrainian*.

In progress: Azeri and Turkmen.

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- › [The Standard in hard copy](#)
- › [Information about the SMEIG](#)
- › [Information about the Comprehensive Review of the *IFRS for SMEs*](#)
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