

International Financial Reporting Standards

On January 1, 2011, all Canadian publicly accountable enterprises will be converting to International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs). Companies are advised to make the necessary preparations well in advance of this date. The following is a list of resources that are available to help companies convert to the new standards. The list will be updated as and when necessary.

Courses and training

IFRS for exploration companies in the mining industry

This two-day interactive workshop, offered by PricewaterhouseCoopers, will be held in **Vancouver on November 24 and 25**. The workshop will cover the key differences between Canadian GAAP and IFRS and will help participants plan their conversion requirements and timelines. Space is limited to 25 participants.
<http://www.pwc.com/ca/ifrsbootcampmining>

BDO Dunwoody IFRS webinars (special offer for PDAC members)

BDO has launched a series of webinars to assist Canadian companies in their transition to IFRS. Sessions focus on topic areas by industry sector and general sessions are also available. PDAC members will find the mining and public companies webinars of particular interest. There are two upcoming sessions that are mining specific:

- **October 21**
- **November 24**

BDO Webinars - general <http://www.bdo.ca/about/events/>

BDO Webinars - mining specific <http://www.bdo.ca/about/events/ifrs-webinars-mining.cfm>

Impact of IFRSs on the Mining Industry webinar (sponsored by PTC Accounting & Finance)

A webinar will be held on **October 30** and will provide key insights from mining experts on the challenges and opportunities presented by the IFRS changeover.
English- http://www.snwebcastcenter.com/event/?event_id=554
French- http://www.snwebcastcenter.com/event/?event_id=558

CICA IFRS courses - general

This Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants (CICA) website offers a comprehensive list of IFRS courses offered by provincial institutes.
<http://www.cica.ca/ifrs/training-and-events/item2768.aspx>

CICA IFRS one-day courses for the mining industry

This website contains a list of one-day IFRS courses for the mining industry offered by the CICA. The courses are being offered on the following days in the following locations:

- **October 19, Saint-Laurent, QC**
- **November 4, Vancouver**
- **November 10, Toronto**
- **November 16, Edmonton**

- **November 23, Calgary**

<http://www.cica.ca/ifrs/training-and-events/ifrs-courses/item2639.aspx>.

CICA IFRS immersion course

These comprehensive courses consist of a four-day program of lectures and in-depth case study reviews which cover issues that companies are facing as they adopt IFRS. Note that the next course will be held in **Toronto, October 13-16**.

<http://cpd.cica.ca/IFRSImmersion/brochure.pdf>

CICA eLearning Portal

The CICA's on-line primer course offers an introduction to IFRS. The three-hour course is free of charge and is offered in English and French.

http://67.192.106.170/CICA_init/

Recent webinars that are available online

This website offers a list of recent webinars that have taken place and that are available for viewing.

<http://www.cica.ca/ifrs/training-and-events/item13387.aspx>

Additional Resources

Canadian Accounting Standards

The Canadian Accounting Standards, the body that mandated the changeover to IFRS, has drafted a brief document that describes the process of the changeover and provides some general information about the new reporting standards.

<http://www.cica.ca/ifrs/news/cdn-development-archive/item13344.pdf>

Deloitte

In this document, Deloitte offers information on how to execute the conversion to IFRS in a cost-effective manner.

http://www.iasplus.com/ca/0908roadtoconversion3_en.pdf

National Post article on IFRS changeover

In this article, Peter Koven conducts a Q & A with Dean Braunsteiner, a partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP. Braunsteiner discusses how IFRS will impact the mining sector.

<http://www.vancouversun.com/business/fp/Business+change/2026227/story.html>

The Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants (CICA)

This website offers information of IFRS and IFRS transition resources.

www.cica.ca/ifrs

CICA IFRS Guide

This resource is a guide to IFRS in Canada. This comprehensive reference outlines topics such as Canada's path to IFRS, implications, comparisons of GAAP to IFRS and the future of standard setting in Canada.

<http://www.cica.ca/ifrs/ifrs-transition-resources/docs-&-files/item2417.pdf>