

AQA AS and A2 Accounting exams: use of dual terminology

In the AQA AS and A2 examinations from June 2010 the question papers and mark schemes will incorporate dual terminology. This means that the traditional 'old' accounting terminology will be quoted alongside the 'new' International Accounting Standards (IAS) terminology as follows:

new term (old term), for example:

Income statement (Profit and loss account)

AQA has stated that for the next 'few years' either set of terms will be accepted by examiners when marking candidate responses.

Osborne Books will therefore, until further notice, continue to use the 'old' terminology in its AS and A2 textbooks, except in the A2 Unit 3 where the IAS terminology is already mandatory for limited company accounts.

'Old' terminology	IAS terminology
Final accounts	Financial statements
Trading and profit and loss account	Income statement, or Statement of comprehensive income
Turnover/Sales	Revenue
Interest receivable	Investment revenue
Sundry income	Other operating expenses
Interest payable	Finance costs
Sundry expenses	Other operating costs
Operating profit	Profit from operations
Net profit	Profit for the year
Balance sheet	Balance sheet, or Statement of financial position
Fixed assets	Non-current assets
Tangible assets	Property, plant and equipment
Stocks	Inventories
Trade debtors	Trade receivables
Prepayments	Other receivables
Cash at bank and in hand	Cash and cash equivalents
Trade creditors	Trade payables
Accruals	Other payables
Long-term liabilities	Non-current liabilities
Capital and reserves	Equity
Profit and loss balance	Retained earnings
Cash flow statement	Statement of cash flows