

Guidance Note

This note has been issued by the Cost Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards Committee (CAFRSC) as guidance for users of the standards. The purpose of issuing the note is to increase the readability of the standards by the prospective readers. As a first initiative, the CAFRSC has issued a total of ten standards and published the same in Volume One. However, the Committee has taken this job of setting Bangladesh Cost Accounting Standards (BCAS) as an on-going process and in due time new standards will come to make the portfolio rich. These ten standards have been chosen initially considering their importance and priority and lot of other titles are competing to win the selection. While drafting the standards, the Committee has followed a common standardized framework to bring consistency in presentation and harmony in understanding. Some of such points are being highlighted below for supplementing the judgments of the readers:

1. The statements, which have been set in bold italic type, should be read in the context of the background material and implementation guidelines. BCAS is not usually intended to apply to immaterial items.
2. The discussions in every standard are made with reference to some points in fixed order like introduction, objectives, scope, key features, definitions, standards, recording and reporting, effective date followed by appendices. This brings the highest level of consistency in presenting standards across different titles.
3. Every standard follows paraphrasing in ordinal number for easy referencing. For example, paragraph 1.5.6 refers to BCAS 1, point 5, sub-point 6. Appendices are also numbered in a similar way. For example, Appendix 1C refers to the specific appendix C of BCAS 1.
4. This version (2014 version) of the standards will be referred to as the original version and will remain effective until a new version is issued by the Committee superseding this version.
5. Any potential confliction or insufficiency in application will be resolved based on the conceptual framework of Generally Accepted Cost Accounting Principles (GACAP) issued by the Committee along with this volume.

The Committee will be happy to receive any critical assessments, suggestions, prescription for possible improvement of the standards. The Committee can be reached at kalam1227@gmail.com and ad.af@icmab.org.bd.