

Basic Accounting: Concepts, Techniques, and Conventions



The Need for Accounting

Managers, investors, and other internal groups want the answers to two important questions:

How well did the organization perform?

Where does the organization stand?



The Need for Accounting

Accountants answer these questions with three major financial statements:

Income statement

Balance sheet

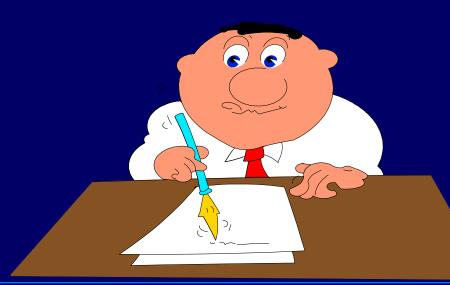
Statement of cash flows





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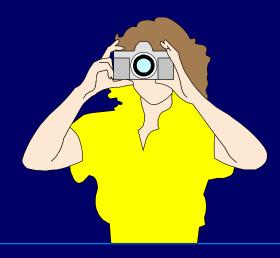
A transaction is any event that affects the financial position of an organization and requires recording.





Balance Sheet

The balance sheet (also called statement of financial position or statement of financial condition) is a snapshot of the financial status of an organization at a point in time.





Balance Sheet

Assets = Liabilities + Owners' equity

Assets are economic resources that are expected to benefit future activities of the organization.

Liabilities are the entity's economic obligations to nonowners.

Owners' equity is the excess of the assets over the liabilities.



Balance Sheet

The owners' equity of a corporation is called *shareholders' equity*.

Shareholders' equity

Paid-in
capital

Retained
earnings



Initial investment by owners: \$100,000 cash

Acquisition of inventory: \$75,000 cash

Acquisition of inventory on open account: \$35,000

Merchandise costing \$100,000 was sold on open account for \$120,000.



		Assets =	Liabilities +	Stockholders' equity
1)	Cash	+100,000		+100,000
2)	Cash	- 75,000		
	Inventory	+ 75,000		
3)	Inventory	+ 35,000	+ 35,000	
4a)	Receivable	+120,000		+120,000
4b)	Cost	<u>-100,000</u>		<u>-100,000</u>
Subtotal		+155,000	+ 35,000	+120,000



Cash collections of accounts receivable: \$15,000

Cash payments of accounts payable: \$20,000

On March 1, paid \$3,000 cash for store rent for March, April, and May. Rent is \$1,000 per month.



Stockholders'

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Assets = Liabilities + equity
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5)
                  + 15,000
     Cash
                  -15,000
     Receivable
                  -20,000 -20,000
6)
     Cash
7)
     Cash
                     3,000
7a)
     Prepaid
                      3,000
     Expense
                                           1,000
7b)
                  -1,000
                             -20,000
                                           1,000
Total
                  -21,000
Totals (1-4)
                  +155,000
                             +35,000
                                        +120,000
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134,000

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Revenues and Expenses

Revenues are increases in ownership claims arising from the delivery of goods or services.

Expenses are decreases in ownership claims arising from delivering goods or services or using up assets.



Relationship Between Balance Sheet and Income Statement

The income statement measures the performance of an organization by matching its accomplishments (revenue from customers, which is usually called sales) and its efforts (cost of goods sold and other expenses.)



Relationship Between Balance Sheet and Income Statement

Balance sheet Feb. 28 20xx Balance sheet March 31 20xx Balance sheet April 30 20xx Balance sheet May 31 20xx

Time

Income statement for March

Income statement for April Income statement for May

Time

Income statement for quarter ended May 31, 20xx



The Analytical Power of the Balance Sheet Equation

The balance sheet equation can highlight the link between the income statement and balance sheet.

Assets (A) = Liabilities (L) + Stockholders' equity (SE)

A = L + Paid-in capital + Retained income

A = L + Paid-in capital + Revenue - Expenses



Accrual Basis and Cash Basis

The accrual basis of accounting recognizes revenues and expenses when they occur regardless of when cash is received or disbursed.

The *cash basis* of accounting recognizes revenue and expense when cash is received and disbursed.



Accrual Basis and Cash Basis

The major deficiency of the cash basis of accounting is that it is incomplete.

It fails to match efforts and accomplishments in a manner that properly measures economic performance and financial position.