

# HKFRS 9 Financial Instruments (2014)

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## MAIN FEATURES

- Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standard (“HKFRS”) 9 (2014) incorporates the contents of previously issued piecemeal HKFRS 9 issued in 2009, 2010 and 2011, adjusted for certain changes on classification and measurement of financial assets as well as introducing a forward-looking expected credit loss model for impairment of financial instruments.
- HKFRS 9 (2014) suggests the classification and measurement of financial assets should be based on two criteria:
  - (i) Business model for managing the financial assets; and
  - (ii) Contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets.
- HKFRS 9 (2014) introduces fair value through other comprehensive income as a new type of classification and measurement of financial assets.
- The assessment and recognition of impairment of financial instruments are based on the expected credit loss rather than until there is evidence of existence of impairment indicator. An entity should either recognise loss allowance at an amount equal to lifetime expected credit losses or at an amount equal to 12-month expected credit losses.
- Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018.

## Background

In July 2014, International Accounting Standards Board has finalised the reform for accounting for financial instruments and published the final version of International Financial Reporting Standard ("IFRS") 9 *Financial Instruments* with the aim to replace the existing International Accounting Standard 39 *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement*. This finalised version has integrated the content of the piecemeal IFRS 9 previously issued in 2009 (related to the classification and measurement of financial assets), 2010 (related to the classification and measurement of financial liabilities) and 2013 (related to hedge accounting) as well introduced the new concept on impairments of financial instruments. This finalised version also made several changes on the contents of its previously issued piecemeal IFRS 9 which would be discussed in this newsletter below.

Subsequently in September 2014, the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants also issued the same standard, HKFRS 9 (2014) *Financial Instruments*, so as to maintain convergence with IFRSs.

## Content of HKFRS 9 (2014)

### a) Difference between HKFRS 9 (2014) and its previously issued piecemeal HKFRS 9

Previously issued piecemeal HKFRS 9	Topics	HKFRS 9 (2014)
<b>HKFRS 9 issued in 2009</b>	<i>Classification and measurement of financial assets</i>	Same contents except for the followings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Introduction of the new measurement category: fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVTOCI")</li><li>● More guidance on the application of business model for managing financial assets and contractual cash flow characteristics when determining how financial assets should be recognised and measured</li><li>● Introduction of new expected credit loss impairment model</li></ul>
<b>HKFRS 9 issued in 2010</b>	<i>Classification and measurement of financial liabilities</i>	Same contents
<b>HKFRS 9 issued in 2013</b>	<i>Hedge accounting</i>	Same contents

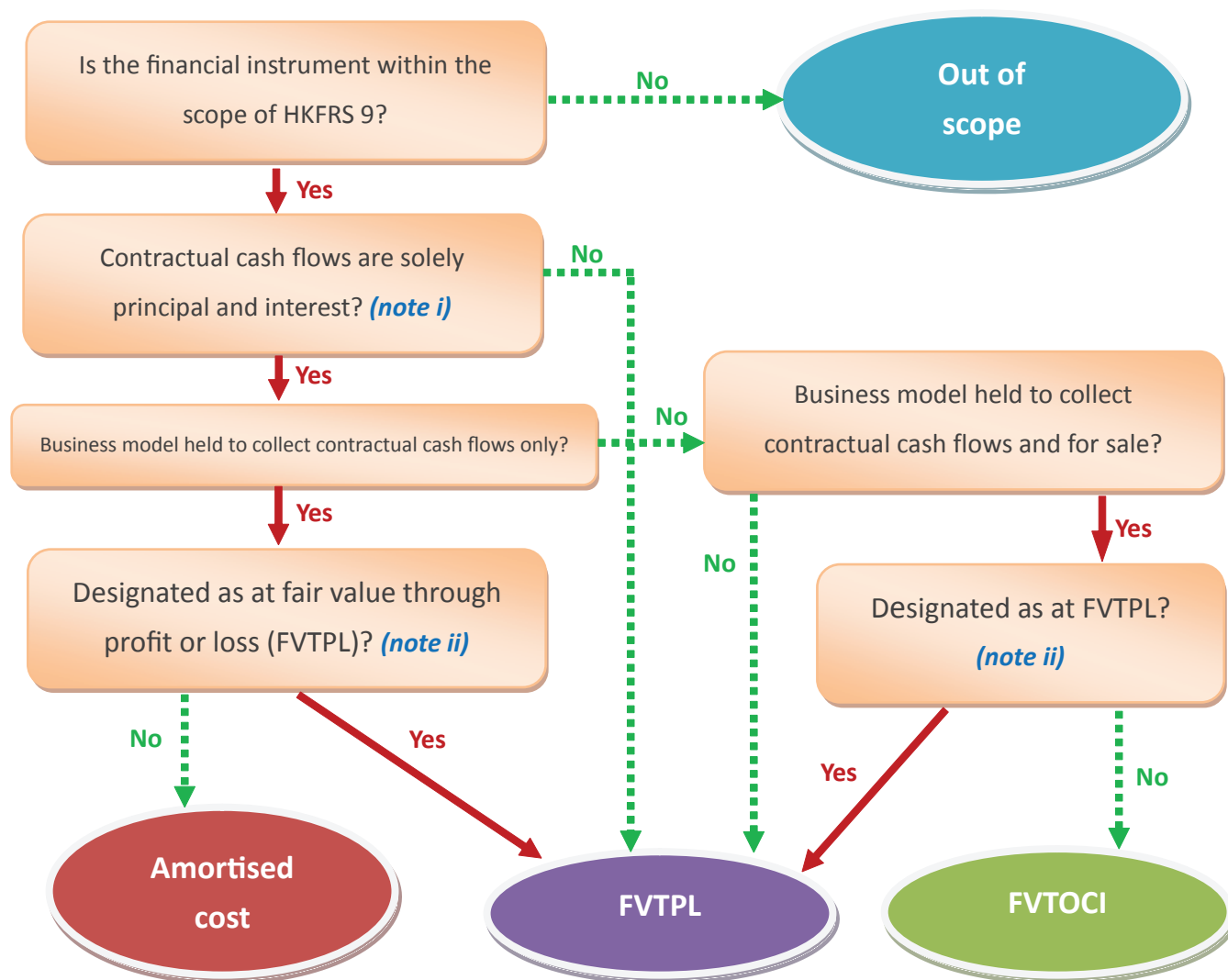
This newsletter would only focus on the updates or changes as compared with the previously issued piecemeal HKFRS 9 issued in 2009, 2010 and 2013.

## b) Classification and measurement of financial assets

The measurement and classification of financial assets are based on the following two criteria:

- (i) the entity's business model for managing the financial assets; and
- (ii) the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets.

The following flow chart summarised the measurement and classification of financial assets:



### Notes:

- i) Principal is the fair value of the financial asset at initial recognition. Interest consists of consideration for the time value of money, credit risk associated with the principal amount outstanding during a particular period of time and other basic lending risks and costs, as well as a profit margin.
- ii) At initial recognition, an entity may irrevocably designate a financial assets as measured at FVTPL if doing so eliminates or significantly reduces a measurement or recognition inconsistency that would otherwise arise from measuring assets or liabilities or recognising the gains and losses on them on different bases.

### c) Reclassification of financial assets

When and only when, an entity changes its business model for managing the financial assets, it should reclassify the financial assets with reference to the following table and apply the reclassification prospectively from the reclassification date. The entity should not restate any previously recognised gain, losses (including impairment gains or losses) or interest.

The following table summarised the accounting treatment when reclassification of financial assets take place:

From \ To	Amortised cost	FVTPL	FVTOCI
Amortised cost		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fair value measured at the reclassification date.</li> <li>Any gain or loss arising from the difference between the previous amortised cost and the fair value is recognised in profit or loss.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fair value measured at the reclassification date.</li> <li>Any gain or loss arising from the difference between the previous amortised cost and the fair value is recognised in other comprehensive income.</li> <li>Effective interest rate and measurement of expected credit losses are not adjusted as a result of reclassification. Loss allowance would be derecognised (and thus no longer be recognised as an adjustment to the gross carrying amount) but instead would be recognised as an accumulated impairment amount (of an equal amount) in other comprehensive income and would be disclosed from reclassification date.</li> </ul>
FVTPL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fair value at the reclassification date becomes its new gross carrying amount.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to be measured at fair value.</li> </ul>

## FVTOCI

- Cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in other comprehensive income is removed from equity and adjusted against the fair value at the reclassification date. Therefore, financial asset is measured at reclassification date as if it had always been measured at amortised cost. This is not a reclassification adjustment from other comprehensive income to profit or loss under Hong Kong Accounting Standard 1 *Presentation of Financial Statements*.
- Effective interest rate and measurement of expected credit losses are not adjusted as a result of reclassification. A loss allowance would be recognised as an adjustment to the gross carrying amount from the reclassification date.
- Continue to be measured at fair value.
- Cumulated gain or loss previously recognised in other comprehensive income is reclassified from equity to profit or loss as a reclassification adjustment.



#### **d) Impairment of financial assets**

An entity should recognise a loss allowance for expected credit losses on:

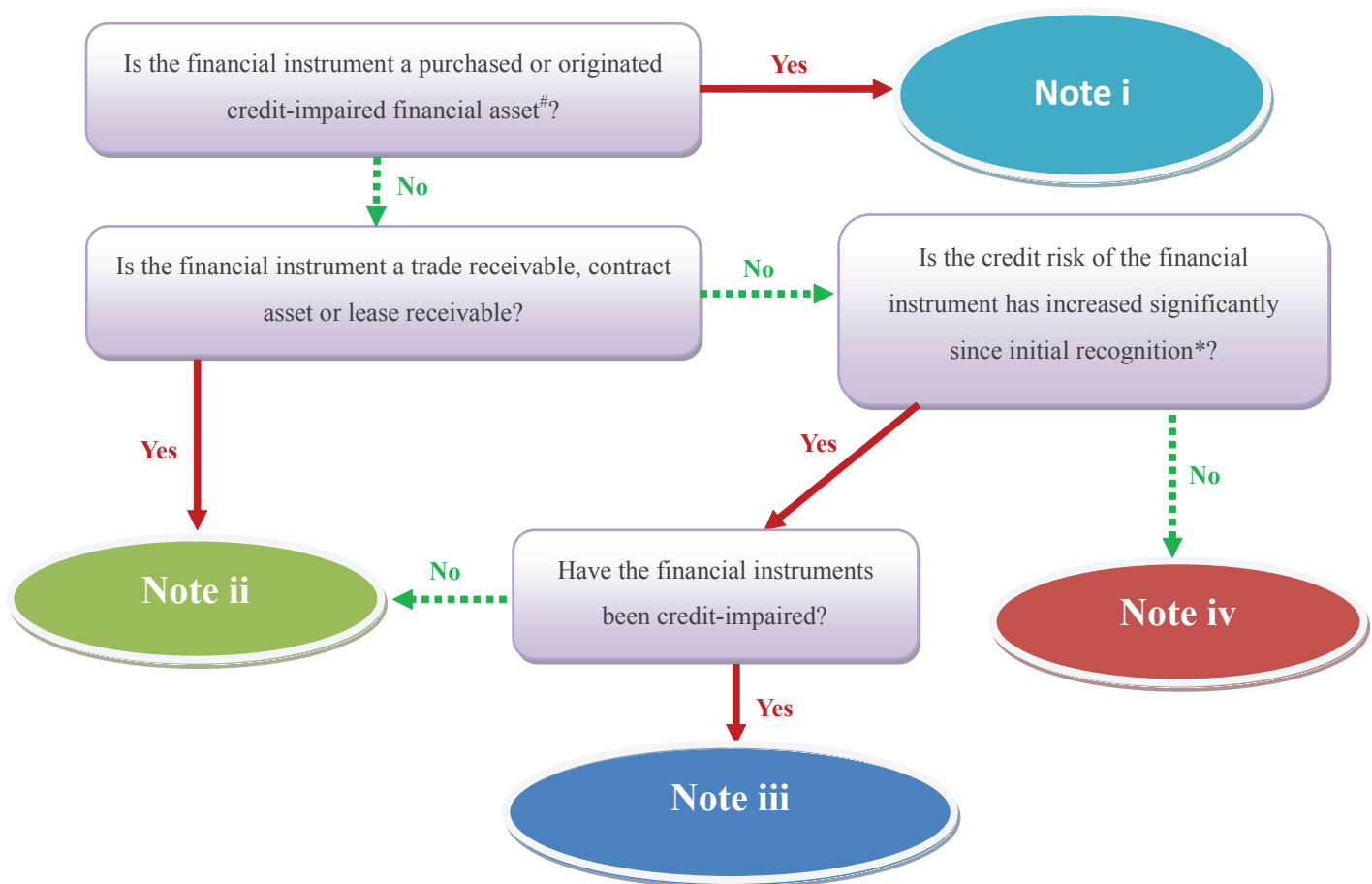
- (i) a financial asset that is measured at amortised cost or at FVTOCI;
- (ii) a lease receivable;
- (iii) a contract asset that are recognised and measured in accordance with HKFRS 15 *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*;
- (iv) a loan commitment when there is a present obligation to extend credit (except for those measured at FVTPL); or
- (v) a financial guarantee contract to which HKFRS 9 (2014) is applied (except for those measured at FVTPL).

The objective of the impairment requirements is to recognise lifetime expected credit losses for all financial instruments for which there have been significant increases in credit risk since initial recognition – whether assessed on an individual or collective basis – considering all reasonable and supportable information, including that which is forward-looking.



#### d) Impairment of financial assets (*Continued*)

The following flow chart summarised the accounting treatment of impairment of financial assets in different scenarios:



<sup>#</sup> Purchased or originated credit-impaired financial assets exist when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of that financial asset has occurred on initial recognition.

<sup>\*</sup> There is a rebuttable presumption that the credit risk on a financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition when contractual payments are more than 30 days past due.



## d) Impairment of financial assets (*Continued*)

Notes:

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| i)   | At each of the reporting date, an entity should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) only recognise the cumulative changes in lifetime expected credit losses since initial recognition as a loss allowance;</li><li>b) recognise in profit or loss the amount of the change in lifetime expected credit losses as an impairment gain or loss; and</li><li>c) recognise favourable changes in lifetime expected credit losses as an impairment gain, even if the lifetime expected credit losses are less than the amount of expected credit losses that were included in the estimated cash flows on initial recognition.</li></ul> |
| ii)  | An entity should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) measures the loss allowance at an amount equal to lifetime expected credit losses;</li><li>b) recognise in profit or loss, as an impairment gain or loss, the amount of expected credit losses (or reversal) that is required to adjust the loss allowance at the reporting date; and</li><li>c) calculate the interest revenue on the gross carrying amount.</li></ul>  |
| iii) | An entity should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) measures the loss allowance at an amount equal to lifetime expected credit losses;</li><li>b) recognise in profit or loss, as an impairment gain or loss, the amount of expected credit losses (or reversal) that is required to adjust the loss allowance at the reporting date; and</li><li>c) calculate the interest revenue based on the amortised cost (i.e. the gross carrying amount adjusted for the loss allowance).</li></ul>  |
| iv)  | An entity should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) measure the loss allowance for that financial instrument at an amount equal to 12-month expected credit losses;</li><li>b) recognise in profit or loss, as an impairment gain or loss, the amount of expected credit losses (or reversal) that is required to adjust the loss allowance at the reporting date; and</li><li>c) calculate the interest revenue on the gross carrying amount.</li></ul>   |

If an entity has measured the loss allowance for a financial instrument at an amount equal to lifetime expected credit losses in previous reporting period but determines at the current reporting date that credit risk of the financial instrument does not increase significantly since initial recognition, the entity should measure the loss allowance at an amount equal to 12-month expected credit losses at the current reporting date.



#### **d) Impairment of financial assets (*Continued*)**

An entity should measure expected credit losses of a financial instrument in a way that reflects:

- a) an unbiased and probability-weighted amount that is determined by evaluating a range of possible outcomes;
- b) the time value of money; and
- c) reasonable and supportable information that is available without undue cost or effort at the reporting date about past events, current conditions and forecasts of future economic conditions.

### **Transitions and effective date**

HKFRS 9 becomes effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018.



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