ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND STANDARDS

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ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A company's way of doing their accounts

VALUATION

deciding how much something is worth



MEASUREMENT

determining how big something is



Generally Accept Accounting Principles (GAAP)
The accounting standards used in the USA

International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)

Accounting standards used by 113+ countries worldwide

CONSISTENCY PRINCIPLE

 The idea in accounting that once an accounting method is adopted, it should be followed consistently from one accounting period to the next

DISCLOSE

to make known or reveal

DEPRECIATION

 reducing the value of assets in the company's accounts



PROVISIONS

amounts of money deducted from profits

HISTORICAL COST PRINCIPLE

 companies record the original purchase price of assets, and not their (estimated) current selling price or replacement cost



"GOING CONCERN"

 the idea that a successful company will continue to do business



REPLACEMENT COST ACCOUNTING

 values all assets at their current replacement cost

CURRENT REPLACEMENT COST

 the amount that would have to be paid to replace them now