



ACC 690 Milestone Two Guidelines and Rubric

Overview: The final project for this course is the creation of a white paper consisting of a report and spreadsheets. You will be placed in a scenario in which you will take the role of an associate in a certified public accountant (CPA) firm. The CPA partners in the scenario ask you to create a report for the firm's clients to help address some of the questions they ask. You will address questions from the firm's clients by assembling the necessary information in a written report format. Your report should include spreadsheet examples. Topics addressed in the white paper will cover bankruptcy, interim and segment reporting, foreign currency transactions, and nonprofit and governmental accounting.

Your three milestone assignments for this course consist of drafting shorter reports and supporting spreadsheets, which will prepare you for the completion of your comprehensive white paper. You should use your instructor's feedback from the milestone submissions to improve your final submission.

Prompt: For Milestone Two, draft a short paper and the necessary spreadsheets for Section I, Parts B and C of the final project. Describe interim reporting requirements under generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and international financial reporting standards (IFRS), and provide a financial statement example illustrating what the interim report should entail. You will also discuss reporting requirements for business segments and discuss transparency in financial reporting.

Specifically, the following **critical elements** must be addressed:

- I. **Incorporation:** Clients considering structuring their new business as a corporation are aware that there are complex issues to consider when accounting for an incorporated entity. The clients often want information about the following key areas:
 - B. What interim reporting requirements would the company have as a corporation?
 1. Describe the guidance related to **interim financial reporting** under generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and international financial reporting standards (IFRS).
 2. Generate a **hypothetical financial statement** illustrating what that interim reporting entails. Ensure all information is entered accurately.
 3. Determine if the interim reporting requirements are the same under **GAAP and IFRS**. Provide example with academic support in your response.
 - C. Clients have heard that they may have to report some of their business segments separately if they opt to incorporate.
 1. Appraise one of the processes used to identify which **segments** would have to be **reported separately**. Provide example with academic support in your response.
 2. How is this process effective in supporting **transparency in financial reporting**? Defend your response with academic support.
 3. Provide **suggestions to improve** this process in an effort to sustain **transparency**. Defend your rationale with academic support.

Rubric

Guidelines for Submission: Your paper must be submitted as a 2- to 3-page Word document (excluding the title page, reference page, and spreadsheet addendums). Use double spacing, 12-point Times New Roman font, one-inch margins, and at least two academic sources (in addition to your textbook) cited in APA format. Your accompanying spreadsheets must be submitted as Microsoft Excel files.

Critical Elements	Proficient (100%)	Needs Improvement (70%)	Not Evident (0%)	Value
Incorporation: Interim Reporting	Describes the interim reporting requirements the company would have as a corporation and the guidance related to interim financial statements under GAAP and IFRS	Describes the interim reporting requirements the company would have as a corporation but does not describe the guidance related to interim financial statements under GAAP and IFRS, or description is cursory or has inaccuracies	Does not describe the interim reporting requirements	15
Incorporation: Financial Statement	Correctly generates a hypothetical financial statement illustrating what the interim reporting entails	Generates a hypothetical financial statement illustrating what the interim reporting entails, but there are inaccuracies	Does not generate a hypothetical financial statement	15
Incorporation: GAAP and IFRS	Determines if the interim reporting requirements are the same under GAAP and IFRS and provides an academic example to support response	Determines if the interim reporting requirements are the same under GAAP and IFRS but does not provide an academic example, or example provided does not support response	Does not determine if the interim reporting requirements are the same under GAAP and IFRS	15
Incorporation: Segments Reported Separately	Appraises one of the processes used to identify which segments would have to be reported separately and provides academic example to support response	Appraises one of the processes used to identify which segments would have to be reported separately but does not provide academic example to support response, or appraisal is cursory or has inaccuracies	Does not appraise one of the processes	15
Incorporation: Transparency in Financial Reporting	Evaluates the effectiveness of the process in supporting transparency in financial reporting and academically defends response	Evaluates the effectiveness of the process in supporting transparency in financial reporting but does not defend response, or defense is weak or illogical	Does not evaluate the effectiveness of the process in supporting transparency in financial reporting	15
Incorporation: Suggestions to Improve Transparency	Provides suggestions to improve the process for transparency and academically defends rationale	Provides suggestions to improve the process but does not defend rationale, or defense is weak or illogical	Does not provide suggestions to improve the process	15
Articulation of Response	Submission has no major errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, syntax, or organization	Submission has major errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, syntax, or organization that negatively impact readability and articulation of main ideas	Submission has critical errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, syntax, or organization that prevent understanding of ideas	10
Total				100%