

# Financial Accounting

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The [measurement](#), processing and [communication](#) of structured financial information about [Economic Entities](#) for the purposes of [Financial Management](#) and [Taxation](#).

The above are aggregated into [Financial Statements](#) of which the following five are the most important:

| <a href="#">Balance Sheet</a> | <a href="#">Changes in Equity</a> | <a href="#">Profit and Loss (P&amp;L)</a> | <a href="#">Cash Flow</a> |
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The data source for the above [Financial Statements](#) is provided by [General Ledger](#).

The most common standards of [Financial Accounting](#) are provided by [International Financial Reporting Standards \(IFRS\)](#).

Yet most countries specify their own [Generally Accepted Accounting Principles/Practice \(GAAP\)](#) which may deviate from [IFRS](#).

## See also

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[Business](#) / [Business Administration](#) / [Financial Management](#)

[ [Accounting](#) ] [ [Accounting Equation](#) ] [ [Accounting Period](#) ] [ [Management Accounting](#) ]

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## References

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[IFRS – International Financial Reporting Standards](#)

[GAAP – Generally Accepted Accounting Principles/Practice](#)