

Incorporating FASB Accounting Standards Codification™ References into Federal Reserve Reports

In June 2009, the FASB issued Statement No. 168, *The FASB Accounting Standards Codification™ and the Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* (FAS 168), to establish the FASB Codification as the single source of authoritative nongovernmental U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (U.S. GAAP). The FASB Codification is effective for interim and annual periods ending after September 15, 2009. The FASB Codification reorganizes existing U.S. accounting and reporting standards issued by the FASB and other related private-sector standard setters, and all guidance contained in the FASB Codification carries an equal level of authority. All previously existing accounting standards documents are superseded as described in FAS 168. All other accounting literature not included in the FASB Codification is nonauthoritative. The FASB Codification can be accessed at <http://asc.fasb.org/>.

The FASB Codification hierarchy is organized into five parts: Topics, Subtopics, Sections, Subsections, and Paragraphs and are codified as follows:

XXX-YY-ZZ-PP where XXX = Topic, YY = Subtopic, ZZ = Section, PP = Paragraph

Topics represent a collection of related guidance. For example, Leases is a Topic. Subtopics represent subsets of a Topic and are generally distinguished by type or by scope. For example, Operating Leases and Capital Leases are two Subtopics of the Leases Topic distinguished by type of lease. Sections represent the nature of the content in a Subtopic such as Recognition, Measurement and Disclosure. Subsections are a further segregation of a Section and, except for the General Subsection, occur in a limited number of cases. Unlike a Section, a Subsection is not numbered. Sections are further broken down into Paragraphs.

The Federal Reserve is in the process of incorporating the FASB Codification references into the published instructions for the bank holding company and nonbank reports. An interagency list of FASB Codification references is located at: www.ffiec.gov/pdf/FFIEC_forms/CodificationReferences_201006.pdf. These references are provided at the Topic and/or Subtopic levels only.