

TOPIC

Important Accounting Terms

Subject: Introduction of Accounting

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Lesson Objectives:

Students should understand, analyze and communicate the following basic accounting principles and conventions given in book chapter 1:

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Accounting Principles

The following is a list of the ten main accounting principles and Conventions guidelines together with a highly condensed explanation of each.

- 1. Time Period Assumption.
- 2. Cost Principle.

Time Period Assumption

Time period assumption definition. Also known as the periodicity assumption. The accounting guideline that allows the accountant to divide up the complex, ongoing activities of a business into periods of a year, quarter, month, week, etc

Time Period Assumption

TIME PERIOD ASSUMPTION

- The time period (or periodicity) assumption assumes that the economic life of a business can be divided into artificial time periods — generally a month, a quarter, or a year.
- Periods of less than one year are called interim periods.
- The accounting time period of one year in length is usually known as a fiscal year.



Cost Principle Or Historical Cost

The **cost principle** is one of the basic underlying guidelines in accounting. It is also known as the historical **cost principle**.

The **cost principle** requires that assets be recorded at the cash amount (or the equivalent) at the time that an asset is acquired.

1.7 HISTORICAL COST PRINCIPLE

Historical Cost Principle

- This principle means that <u>assets are not re-valued</u> to their current market value but are maintained at their original cost
- Is this suitable for all assets?
 - Stock?
 - Debtors?
 - Premises?
 - Shares?
 - Vehicles?
 - Art?

