

## Accounting B Notes

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| (Increase) | Debit                         | Credit                                   |
|            | <b>Asset/Expense/Dividend</b> | <b>Liability/Equity/Revenue/Acc Depr</b> |
| (Decrease) | Credit                        | Debit                                    |

Depreciation: The allocation of the cost of a non-current assets as it is used up over time.

- An application of matching principle: as the asset generates revenues each period, some of its value should be decreased (expensed) in those same periods.
- Accumulated depreciation is a contra asset (Cr to increase the account) and represents the amount of value which is lost for the asset.
- **Carrying cost:** Original cost – accumulated depreciation (i.e. current useful value)
- Depreciation expense is reported on the statement of profit or loss and accumulated depreciation is reported on the balance sheet (stays with the asset until its sold)
- We need to know the following things to calculate depreciation: Original cost, residual value, useful life and depreciation method

NB: Land can't be depreciated because it doesn't have a defined useful life

Methods of depreciations:

1. Straight-line: Constant amount of depreciation per period (e.g. oven)

$$\text{Depreciation Expense} = \frac{\text{Cost} - \text{Residual Value}}{\text{Useful Life}}$$

2. Reducing balance: As the asset's value decreases, the depreciation decreases (proportional to value i.e. exponential decay of depreciation amount) (e.g. computer)
  - Reflects how assets are used more in earlier years and get used less as it becomes outdated and older

$$\text{Depreciation Expense} = \text{Carrying value} * \text{straight line rate} * \text{given rate (1.5 or 2)}$$

- Straight line rate = 100%/useful life

3. Units of activity: Depreciation is directly linked to the use of product (e.g. car)

$$\text{Depreciation Expense per unit} = \frac{\text{Cost} - \text{Residual Value}}{\text{Total units produced}}$$

Adjustments are needed if there is a reassessment of the length of time the asset will remain useful, or the value of the asset at the end of its useful life or because money is spent on the asset to maintain or improve its operating capacity. We can't change past asset value, but we can change future value.

Expenditure after acquisition:

Capital expenditure: upgrading an asset and improving its expected useful life or productivity (increases the asset account) whereas revenue expenditure merely maintains the expected useful life or productivity of the asset (increases an expense account). E.g. buying a new engine vs taking a truck into service.

- If capital expenditure occurs, the value changes and so depreciation must also change.

