



Proposed Taxonomy Improvements for Proposed Accounting Standards Update—*Debt—Debt with Conversion and Other Options (Subtopic 470-20) and Derivatives and Hedging—Contracts in Entity’s Own Equity (Subtopic 815-40): Accounting for Convertible Instruments and Contracts in an Entity’s Own Equity*

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Questions for Respondents

The Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Taxonomy staff invites comments on all matters in this draft, particularly on the issues and questions below, but respondents need not comment on all issues. Comments are requested from those who agree with the ideas expressed as well as from those who do not agree. Comments are most helpful if they identify and clearly explain the issue or question to which they relate. Those who disagree with the ideas expressed are asked to describe their suggested alternatives, supported by specific reasoning. Supporting details for these questions are included in the appendix to this document.

1. Do you agree with the proposed Taxonomy improvements for Proposed Accounting Standards Update—*Debt—Debt with Conversion and Other Options (Subtopic 470-20) and Derivatives and Hedging—Contracts in Entity’s Own Equity (Subtopic 815-40): Accounting for Convertible Instruments and Contracts in an Entity's Own Equity* (proposed Accounting Standards Update)? If not, what do you not agree with?
2. Are there additional Taxonomy improvements needed to for the proposed Accounting Standards Update? If yes, what are those changes?

Summary

The Financial Accounting Foundation (FAF) and the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) are responsible for the ongoing development and maintenance of the U.S. GAAP Financial Reporting Taxonomy (Taxonomy). As a part of the ongoing development and maintenance of the Taxonomy, Proposed Accounting Standards Updates are reviewed to determine if updates to the Taxonomy are needed to meet new or modified financial reporting requirements.

These release notes describe proposed Taxonomy improvements that will be required upon finalization of Proposed Accounting Standards Update—*Debt—Debt with Conversion and Other Options (Subtopic 470-20) and Derivatives and Hedging—Contracts in Entity’s Own Equity (Subtopic 815-40): Accounting for Convertible Instruments and Contracts in an Entity’s Own Equity*.

Appendix —Summary of Proposed Elements

A complete list of proposed Taxonomy improvements is included as an [Appendix](#) and posted as a separate Excel File to the [Proposed Taxonomy Improvements Page](#) on the FASB website. The link to the Appendix is a downloadable file.