## ACCRUAL ACCOUNTING CONCEPTS

## LO 1: Explain the accrual basis of accounting and the reasons for adjusting entries.

- Periodicity Assumption: Accounting divides the economic life of a business into artificial time periods (ex: month, quarter, or year)
- Fiscal Year: an accounting time period that is one year long.
- Revenue Recognition Principle: requires that companies recognize revenue in the accounting period in which the performance obligation is satisfied (when the money is EARNED, not collected.)

Ex: John mowed Danny's lawn for \$40 on May 15. Danny didn't have the money to pay John until May
26. What are the journal entries for George on May 15 and May 26?

| Date | Account Title | Ref. | Debit | Credit |
| :---: | :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| May 15 | Accounts Receivable |  | 40 |  |
|  | Service Revenue |  |  | 40 |


| Date | Account Title | Ref. | Debit | Credit |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| May 26 | Accounts Receivable |  | 40 |  |
|  | Service Revenue |  |  | 40 |

- Expense Recognition (Matching) Principle: requires that companies match expenses with revenues in the period when the company makes efforts to generate those revenues. (when the expense has been INCURRED, not paid.)



## ACCRUAL VERSUS CASH BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

## Accrual-Basis Accounting

- Transactions recorded in the periods in which the events occur.
- Revenues are recognized when services performed, even if cash was not received.
- Expenses are recognized when incurred, even if cash was not paid.


## Cash-Basis Accounting

- Revenues are recognized only when cash is received.
- Expenses are recognized only when cash is paid.
- Not in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

Ex: Suppose that P Company paints a large office building in 20 YR 1. In 20 YR 1, it incurs and pays total expenses (salaries and paint costs) of $\$ 30,000$. It bills the customer $\$ 50,000$, but does not receive payment until 20 YR 2.

|  |  | Accrual Basis |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: |
| 20 YR 1 | Revenue | Expenses | 50,000 |
|  | Net Income | $\$$ | 30,000 |
|  | $\$$ | 20,000 |  |



20 YR 2 Revenue \$ -

| 20 YR 2 | Revenue | $\$$ | 50,000 |
| ---: | :--- | ---: | :---: |
|  | Expenses | $\$$ | - |
|  | $\$$ | - |  |
| ADJUSTING | Net Income | 50,000 |  |

ENTRIES

- Ensure that the revenue recognition and expense recognition principles are followed.
- Required every time a company prepares financial statements.
- Includes one income statement account and one balance sheet account.


## Types of Adjusting Entries

Deferrals:

1. Prepaid expenses: Expenses paid in cash and recorded as assets before they are used or consumed.
2. Unearned revenues: Cash received before service are performed.

## Accruals

1. Accrued revenues: Revenues for services performed but not yet received in cash or recorded.
2. Accrued expenses: Expenses incurred but not yet paid in cash or recorded.

## *ADJUSTING ENTRIES NEVER INVOLVE CASH

## LO 2: Prepare adjusting entries for deferrals.

## DEFERRALS

1. PREPAID EXPENSES: Cash payment BEFORE expense is recorded.

- Costs that expire either with the passage of time or through use.
- Adjusting entry results in an increase (a debit) to an expense account and a decrease (a credit) to an asset account.

Examples of Prepaid Expenses (Assets): Supplies, Prepaid insurance, Prepaid Advertising, Prepaid Rent, Equipment, and Buildings.
*Adjusted because they have been USED or CONSUMED in the business operations.


- Increases (debits) an expense account and
- Decreases (credits) an asset account.

Ex (Prepaid Insurance): Jones Co. pays $\$ 5,000$ for Insurance for 24 months on January 1 . What is the journal entry on January 1 and the adjusting entry at the END of the year when 12 months of the insurance is USED UP?

| Date | Account Title | Ref. | Debit | Credit |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | ---: | :---: |
| Jan. 1 | Prepaid Insurance |  | 5,000 |  |
|  | Cash |  |  | 5,000 |


| Date | Account Title | Ref. | Debit | Credit |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Dec. 31 | Insurance Expense |  | 2,500 |  |
|  | Prepaid Insurance |  |  | 2,500 |

(\$5,000/24 months) * 12 months

| INSURANCE EXPENSE |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Dec. $31 \$ 2,500$ |  |
| Balance \$2,500 |  |


| PREPAID INSURANCE |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Jan. $1 \$ 5,000$ | Dec. $31 \$ 2,500$ |
| Balance $\$ 2,500$ |  |

Depreciation: the process of allocating the cost of an asset to expense (depreciation) over its useful life.

- Buildings, equipment, and motor vehicles (long-lived assets) are recorded as assets, rather than an expense, in the year acquired.
- Depreciation does not attempt to report the actual change in the value of an asset.
- "Using Up" of these long-lived fixed assets is debited to depreciation expense and the account that is credited is the accumulated depreciation account which is a contra-asset
(Normal Balance is a CREDIT....opposite of an asset.)
- For journal entry think of the term DEAD to help you remember.

Ex: Bob's office equipment depreciated by $\$ 300$ during the year. The journal entry to record depreciation on December 31 is


- The difference between the original cost of the office equipment and the balance in the accumulated depreciation-office equipment account is called the BOOK VALUE OF THE ASSET (or net book value).
- It is computed as follows:

Book Value of Asset = Cost of the Asset - Accumulated Depreciation of Asset
Ex: Cost of Equipment= $\$ 50,000$ (on balance sheet)
Accumulated Depreciation-Equipment= $\$ 40,000$
Book Value = \$50,000 - \$40,000
Book Value= \$10,000

## SUMMARY

Examples
Insurance, supplies, advertising, rent, depreciation

ACCOUNTING FOR PREPAID EXPENSES

## Reason for Adjustment

Prepaid expenses recorded in asset accounts have been used.

## Accounts Before Adjustment

Assets overstated.
Expenses understated.

## Adjusting Entry

Dr. Expenses
Cr. Assets
2. UNEARNED REVENUES: Cash receipt BEFORE revenue is recorded.

- Adjusting entry is made to record the revenue for services performed during the period and to show the liability that remains.
- Adjusting entry results in a decrease (a debit) to a liability account and an increase (a credit) to a revenue account.

Examples of Unearned Revenue (Liability): Unearned Rent, Unearned Ticket Revenue, Unearned Subscription Revenue, Unearned Service Revenue, and Customer Deposits.
*Adjusted because originally when cash is received services weren't provided so a liability was recorded. By the end of the accounting period some services were provided to the customer.


Decrease (a debit) to a liability account.

- Increase (a credit) to a revenue account.

Ex: Tom receives $\$ 50$ from his neighbor Dave before mowing the lawn on August 25 because Dave is going on vacation. Tom mows Dave's lawn on September 5. Prepare the journal entries for Tom for both days.

Service Revenue

| Date | Account Title | Ref. | Debit | Credit |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Aug. 25 | Cash |  | 50 |  |
|  | Unearned Service Revenue |  |  | 50 |


|  | Sept. $5 \$ 50$ |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | Balance \$50 |


| Date | Account Title | Ref. | Debit | Credit |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sept. 5 | Unearned Service Revenue |  | 50 |  |
|  | Service Revenue |  |  | 50 |


| Unearned Service Revenue |  |
| ---: | ---: |
| Sept. $5 \$ 50$ | Aug. $25 \$ 50$ |
| Balance \$0 |  |

## SUMMARY

| Examples | Reason for Adjustment | Accounts Before Adjustment | Adjusting <br> Entry |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rent, magazine subscriptions, customer deposits for future service. | Unearned Revenues recorded in liability accounts are now recognized as revenue for services performed. | Liabilities overstated. <br> Revenues understated. | Dr. Liabilities Cr . Revenues |

## LO 3: Prepare adjusting entries for accruals.

## ACCRUALS

3. ACCRUED REVENUES: Revenue recorded BEFORE cash receipt.

- An adjusting entry serves 2 purposes:

1. Shows the receivable that exists.
2. Records the revenues for services performed.

Examples of Accrued Revenue: Rent Revenue, Interest Revenue, and Service Revenue.
*Adjusted because services have been provided to the customer, but have not been billed or recorded. Interest has been earned, but has not been received or recorded.

Accrued Revenues


- Increases (debits) an asset account.
- Increases (credits) a revenue account.

Ex: George shoveled Kim's driveway for $\$ 30$ on December 20. Kim didn't have the money to pay George until December 28. What are the journal entries for George on December 20 and December 28?

| Date | Account Title | Ref. | Debit | Credit |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Dec. 20 | Accounts Receivable |  | 30 |  |
|  | Service Revenue |  |  | 30 |


| Date | Account Title | Ref. | Debit | Credit |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dec. 28 | Cash |  | 30 |  |
|  | Accounts Receivable |  |  | 30 |

ACCOUNTS RECIEVABLE

| Dec. $20 \$ 30$ | Dec. $28 \$ 30$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Balance \$0 |  |

SERVICE REVENUE

|  | Dec. $20 \$ 30$ |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | Balance $\$ 30$ |

## SUMMARY

| Examples | Reason for | Accounts Before | Adjusting |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Adjustment | Adjustment | Entry |  |
| Interest, rent, services <br> performed but not collected. | Services performed but not <br> yet received in cash or <br> recorded. | Assets understated. | Revenues understated. |

4. ACCRUED EXPENSES: Expenses recorded BEFORE cash payment.

- An adjusting entry serves 2 purposes:

1. Records the obligations (payable).
2. Recognizes the expenses.

Examples of Accrued Expenses: Interest, Taxes, Utilities, and Salaries.
*Adjusted because expenses were incurred but have not been paid or recorded.

## Accrued Expenses



- Increases (debits) an expense account.
- Increases (credits) a liability account.

Ex (Salaries and Wages): Employees of Lincoln Co. are paid \$5,000 every 2 weeks. If December 31 occurs at the end of the 1 st week of the pay period what journal entry is made? When the payment for the 2 week pay period actually happens January 7 what is the journal entry?

| Date | Account Title | Ref. | Debit | Credit |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Dec. 31 | Salaries and Wages Expense |  | 2,500 |  |
|  | Salaries and Wages Payable |  |  | 2,500 | (\$5,000/2 weeks)

Salaries and Wages Expense- Current Year

| Dec. 31 \$2,500 |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Balance \$2,500 |  |

Salaries and Wages Payable- Current Year

|  | Dec. 31 \$2,500 |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | Balance \$2,500 |


| Date | Account Title | Ref. | Debit | Credit | bor occurred in the current year st week of December) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jan. 7 | Salaries and Wages Expense |  | 2,500 |  | Labor occurred next year (first week of January) |
|  | Salaries and Wages Payable |  | 2,500 |  |  |
|  | Cash |  |  | 5,000 |  |

Salaries and Wages Expense- Next Year

| Jan. $7 \$ 2,500$ |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Balance \$2,500 |  |

Salaries and Wages Payable- Current Year

| Jan. $7 \$ 2,500$ | Dec. $31 \$ 2,500$ |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | Balance \$0 |

Ex (Interest): M Corporation signed a three-month note payable in the amount of $\$ 8,000$ on November 1. The note requires M Corporation to pay interest at an annual rate of $10 \%$. What is the adjusting entry to record the accrual of interest in November?

Face Value of Note $\times$ Annual Interest Rate $\times$ Time in Terms of One Year $=$ Interest $\$ 8,000 \times 10 \% \times(1 / 12)=66.67 \approx \$ 67$

| Date | Account Title | Ref. | Debit | Credit |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Nov. 30 | Interest Expense |  | 67 |  |
|  | Interest Payable |  |  | 67 |

## ACCOUNTING FOR ACCRUED EXPENSES

| Examples | Reason for <br> Adjustment | Accounts Before <br> Adjustment | Adjusting <br> Entry |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Interest, rent, <br> salaries | Expenses have been <br> incurred but not yet paid <br> in cash or recorded. | Expenses understated. | Dr: Expenses <br> Liabilities understated. Liabilities |

## LO 4: Prepare an Adjusted Trial Balance

- Adjusted Trial Balance: Prepared after all adjusting entries are journalized and posted to the ledger accounts.
- Purpose is to prove the EQUALITY of debit balances and credit balances in the ledger.
- The primary basis for the preparation of the financial statements.

| SIERRA CORPORATION <br> Adjusted Trial Balance October 31, 2017 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Dr. | Cr. |
| Cash | \$ 15,200 |  |
| Accounts Receivable | 200 |  |
| Supplies | 1,000 |  |
| Prepaid Insurance | 550 |  |
| Equipment | 5,000 |  |
| Accumulated Depreciation-Equipment |  | \$ 40 |
| Notes Payable |  | 5,000 |
| Accounts Payable |  | 2,500 |
| Interest Payable |  | 50 |
| Unearned Service Revenue |  | 800 |
| Salaries and Wages Payable |  | 1,200 |
| Common Stock |  | 10,000 |
| Retained Earnings |  | 0 |
| Dividends | 500 |  |
| Service Revenue |  | 10,600 |
| Salaries and Wages Expense | 5,200 |  |
| Supplies Expense | 1,500 |  |
| Rent Expense | 900 |  |
| Insurance Expense | 50 |  |
| Interest Expense | 50 |  |
| Depreciation Expense | 40 |  |
|  | \$30,190 | \$30,190 |

- Order the financial statements are prepared from the adjusted trial balance.

1. Income Statement
2. Retained Earnings Statement
3. Balance Sheet

Companies can prepare financial statements directly from the adjusted trial balance. Illustrations below present the interrelationships of data in the adjusted trial balance and the financial statements.

## 1. Preparation of the Income Statement and Retained Earnings statement from the adjusted trial balance



## 2. Preparation of the Balance Sheet from the adjusted trial balance



