

ACCA FR FINANCIAL REPORTING IAS 38 Intangible Assets

Amortisation 4 1AS 20

For intangible assets with finite useful lives,

Dev. cost

- Amortisation shall begin when the asset is available for use
- Amortisation shall not cease even if the intangible asset is no longer used
- Amortisation shall cease at the earlier of the date the asset is classified as held for sale
 (IFRS 5) and the date the asset is derecognised
- The amortisation method used shall reflect the pattern in which the asset's future economic benefits are expected to be consumed by the entity.
- If that pattern cannot be determined reliably, the straight-line method shall be used.
- Generally, amortisation method based on revenue generated is inappropriate as revenue
 can be affected by other factors apart from the intangible asset. However, this method may be
 appropriate if the revenue and consumption of economic benefits of intangible asset are
 highly correlated.
- Residual value shall be assumed to be zero unless:
 - There is a commitment by a third party to purchase the asset at the end of its useful life; or
 - It is probable that active market will exist at the end of the asset's useful life in which residual value can be determined
- The amortisation period, amortisation method and residual value is reviewed at least at each financial year-end. Any changes are accounted as change in accounting estimates

 (IAS 8)