#### Reading Guide •Chapter 1- Starting a Proprietorship: Changes that Affect the Accounting Equation

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## Lesson 1-1: Accounting in Action

<u>Objectives:</u> LO1: Describe the different users of accounting information. LO2: Prepare a net worth statement and explain its purpose.

## A. The Role of Accounting

• Information must be documented and reports must be created in order for accounting information to be useful. Business Owners, Managers, investors, and others use these reports to make important business decisions.

## B. What is Accounting?

- Accounting is often referred to as "language of business" Inaccurate accounting records can make a business fail.
- Accounting: is the process of planning, recording, analyzing, and interpreting financial information
  - Accounting involves analyzing and interpreting a business's daily actions to determine if the business is making a profit and to plan for the future.
- <u>Accounting System:</u> is a planned process designed to compile financial data and summarize the results in accounting records and reports.
- <u>Financial Statements:</u> Financial reports that summarize the financial condition and operations of a business.
  - o Business owners use financial statements to make good business decisions.

## C. Accounting in Personal Life

- Net Worth Statement: formal report that shows what someone owns, owes, and the difference.
- Asset: something of value owned
  - AKA: What we OWN
  - An example? Car, house, computer
- Liability: An amount owed
  - AKA: What we OWE
  - An example? IOU, Car loan, credit card bill

Assets		Liabilities	=	Net worth
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Personal Net Worth: The difference between personal assets and personal liabilities

- When we are talking about accounting for a business, we call Net Worth this equity (the difference between the assets and liabilities).
- When we create a personal Net Worth Statement, accounts should be listed in DECREASING order (highest number at top).
- What is one example where a nonaccountant would use accounting? to check financial strength
- Maybe need a car loan or house?
- A double rule on a financial statement indicates a total from a calculation.

	Saida Khelchy				
	Net Worth Statement				
	September 27, 20				
	Assets				
	Savings Account	2,000.00			
Total Assets	Class Ring	250.00			
	Total Assets	2,250.00			
	Liabilities				
	Owed to Parents	50.00			
Total Liabilities	Ace Electronics	125.00			
	Total Liabilities	175.00			
Net Worth	Net Worth	2,075.00			

Assets - Liabilities = Net Worth

## D. Ethics in Business

- Ethics: The principles of right and wrong that guide an individual in making decisions.
- Business ethics: use of ethics in making business decisions
- Ethics and laws are NOT the same. Something may be unethical, but not against the law. Can you think
  of an example? Being late for work against the law? Ethical?
  (Use google if you can't think of one!)
- Why is it so important for Accountants to behave ethically? Dealing with a lot of \$\$ can really harm a business

## **Check yourself!**

- 1. What is accounting? Accounting is the process of planning, recording, analyzing, and interpreting financial information.
- 2. Why is accounting called the language of business? Accounting provides financial information to everyone who needs it to make good business decisions.
- 3. Describe a scenario in which you, as a nonaccountant, might use accounting. Answers may include creating a personal budget or providing information for a loan or credit card application.

# Lesson 1-2: How Business Activities Change the Accounting Equation

<u>Objectives:</u> LO3: Classify accounts as assets, liabilities, or owner's equity and demonstrate their relationship in the accounting equation.

LO4L: Analyze the effects of transactions on the accounting equation.

LO5: Distinguish between cash and on account transactions.

- A. The Business Delgado Web Services
  - What is a business? the purchase and sale of products or services to make a profit. (use google or a dictionary if you are unsure!)
  - Service business: A business that performs an activity for a fee
    - List an example of a service business: lawncare, dentist, masseuse
  - Proprietorship: a business owned by one person
    - In a proprietorship, the owner is responsible for all money owed to someone else, the unlimited liability is a disadvantage.
  - <u>Business plan:</u> a formal written document that describes the nature of a business and how it will operate.
- B. Accounting Standards and Rules
  - The accounting rules and standards that accountants follow are called generally accepted accounting principles (AKA GAAP "gap")
    - Following GAAP ensures consistent reporting meaning everyone is reporting using the same guidelines.
    - GAAP- UNIT OF MEASUREMENT:
    - What Unit of Measurement does the US use? Dollars
    - GAAP- BUSINESS ENTITY:
    - This means a business owner cannot count his personal boat as a business expense (S)
- C. The Accounting Equation
  - Anything of value that is owned is an Asset. Assets have value because they can either be used in the business or used to buy things for the business.
  - Equities: Financial rights to the assets of a business
    - A business has two kinds of equities: 1. Equity to whom money is owed (liability)
      - 2. Equity of the owner
  - An amount owed by a business is called a liability

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	all assets.					
•	Accounting Equa	tion: The relation	onship between		, &	
	Assets		Liabilities	+	Owner's Equity	

Owner's Equity: The amount remaining after the value of all liabilities is subtracted from the value of

- When a business spends or receives money, it engages in business activity.
- Transaction: any business activity that changes assets, liabilities, or owner's equity
- <u>Account:</u> A record that summarizes all the transactions pertaining to a single item in the accounting equation
  - o To see a list of Delgado Web Services accounts (Chart of Accounts), refer to page 3.
  - Account Title: name given to an account
  - o Account Balance: difference between increases and decreases in an account.
  - Capital account: An account used to summarize the owner's equity in a business
  - The capital account is basically the amount of the business's equity that the owner has a right to, after all debts are paid off.
  - Cash can include a bank checking account, savings account, and cash on hand.
  - 1. Pg 14 Transaction 1: Which two accounts are being affected? Cash, Michael Delgado, Capital
    - This changes an account balance on one/both side(s) of the accounting equation, keeping the equation balanced.
  - 2. Pg 15—Transaction 3: Which two accounts are being affected? Cash, Prepaid Insurance
    - This changes an account balance on one/both side(s) of the accounting equation, keeping the equation balanced.

		Assets		= Lia	bilities +	Owner's Equity	u
	Cash +	Supplies +	Prepaid Insurance	_		Michael Delgado, Capital	
Balances	\$2,000				\$0	\$2,000	
Paid cash for supplies	-165	+165					
New Balances	\$1,835	\$165			\$0	\$2,000	
Paid cash for insurance	-900		+900				
New Balances	\$935	\$165	\$900		\$0	\$2,000	

- If a transaction affects only one side of the accounting equation, one account must increase and one
  account must decrease to keep the equation in balance.
- Insurance premiums are paid BEFORE they are used, so they are called: prepaid.
- Buying on account is like going to a coffee shop and telling the owner you will pay tomorrow. You
   RECEIVE the product/service NOW, but you PAY for it LATER. The coffee shop would be a creditor, as
   you owe them \$\$.
- Creditor: A person or business to whom a liability is owed
  - 3. Pg 16-Which two accounts are affected in Transaction 5? Supplies, Cash

#### **CHECK YOURSELF!**

- Give two examples of service businesses in your area.
   Answers should include businesses that perform activities for a fee, such as dry cleaners, car washes, or landscapers.
- 2. What must be done if a transaction increases the left side of the equation? The right side must also be increased
- 3. How can a transaction affect only one side of the equation? If one account is increased, another account on the same side of the equation must be decreased by the same amount.
- 4. What does the term *on account* mean? Purchasing on account means buying items or services and paying for them at a future date.

# Lesson 1-3: How Transactions Change Owner's Equity in an Accounting Equation

Objectives: LO6: Compare and contrast the types of transactions that increase and decrease owner's equity.

LO7: Explain the difference between expenses and liabilities.

## A. Transactions Affecting Owner's Equity

- Revenue: An increase in equity resulting from the sale of goods or services
- Sale on account: A sale for which payment will be received at a later date
  - Even if no cash is received, a sale is recorded day the service is performed or good is purchased (when?)
  - GAAP: REALIZATION OF REVENUE: Revenue is recorded on the day the service is performed or good purchased.
- 1. Pg. 18 Transaction 7: Which two accounts are being affected? Revenue, Accts. Rec. Main Street Services
- Expense: an amount that is owed, the cost of goods or services used to operate a business
  - Give an example of an expense that the school (or another business) might have. Utilities Expense,
     Miscellaneous expense, fuel expense
  - Remember, expense is a cost of doing business, whereas a liability is debt owed to someone.
- 2. Which two accounts are affected when CASH IS RECEIVED ON ACCOUNT (Pg. 20; Transaction 10)? Cash,

Accounts Receivable - Main Street Services

- Withdrawal: Assets taken from the business for the owner's personal use
  - When the owner of a business takes money (or any asset) from the business for PERSONAL use, it is not considered an expense because it is not a cost of normal business actions.
- Which two accounts are affected when the owner withdraws money for personal use? (Pg. 20; Transaction 11)
   Cash, Michael Delgado, Drawing

	Transaction Number	Kind of Transaction	Change in Owner's Equity
	6	Revenue (cash)	+1,100.00
	7	Revenue (on account)	+500.00
Ħ	8	Expense (communications)	-80.00
_	9	Expense (equipment rental)	-400.00
	11	Withdrawal of equity	350.00
Net change in owner's equity			+770.00