Study Unit 2

Establishment and Financial Statements of a Partnership

i) Theory and Introduction to Partnerships

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INTRODUCING PARTNERSHIPS

Introduction

- Sole Proprietor is a business form that consists of one owner that is not legally separate from the business.
- Partnership:
 - when two or more persons start a business
 - NOT a separate legal entity
 - Definition:
 - Legal relationship created by agreement between two or more (maximum twenty) natural persons.
 - Each partner must contribute assets or expertise to the enterprise
 - Goal to make profit which will be shared between the partners (either per agreed ratios or common law = capital ratios)

Reasons for forming a partnership

- 1. Increased capital
- 2. Reduce competition
- 3. Combine capital and technical expertise (intellectual property or skills)
- 4. Retain skills and expertise

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LEGAL ASPECTS OF A PARTNERSHIP

Legal overview

- No specific legislation in South Africa
 - refer to common law principles
- No legal entity (juristic person) for a partnership
- Partners are held JOINTLY & SEVERALLY LIABLE for obligations of the partnership
- Not a separate tax entity
 - Partners pay tax in their personal names on their share of the profits from the partnership

Establishment of a Partnership

Two principle ways of establishing a partnership:

1. ACTION

- Tacit agreement
- Implied by conduct (actions) of the partners

2. AGREEMENT

- People agree in words (verbal or written)
- Only requires agreement on general requirements:
 - Contribution of money / assets / labour
 - Intention to make a profit and how to divide the profit

The Partnership Agreement

- Not a legal requirement, but recommended that the agreement be in writing.
- Where the agreement is silent, common law principles apply.
- Common law (unless the agreement says otherwise):
 - Partners have equal rights in management of the partnership;
 - Ownership of partnership in same ratio as they share profits or losses
 - Profits will be shared in the same ratio as their capital contributions

Essential matters to include in the agreement (READ only)

- Name, purpose, nature and scope of partnership
- Address where business will be conducted
- Names of the partners entering into agreement
- Date of commencement
- Duration of agreement
- Contribution of each partner
- Rights, powers and duties of each partner
- Date of financial year end
- Who is responsible for keeping financial records
- Profit or loss distribution ratio
- Interest rate on current account / capital account etc
- Salaries and bonuses due to partners for services rendered
- Process for retirement / admission / death of partners
- Insurance (key man and life insurance)
- Process and formula for valuation of assets including Goodwill

Dissolution (Termination)

Partnership has a limited lifespan as it is not a juristic person. Dissolution of a partnership can be caused by the following:

- Mutual agreement
- Fulfillment of purpose for which partnership was formed
- Passage of time (when formed for a specific time period)
- Change in partners (business continues but with new partners)
 - Death
 - Retirement
 - Admission of new partner
- Insolvency (partnership or one of the partners)
- Unilateral action of one partner (may be liable for breach of contract)
- Unlawful actions of a partner
- Number of partners exceeds 20 (automatic dissolution)

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CAPITAL ACCOUNT VS CURRENT ACCOUNT VS LOAN ACCOUNT



Current Account

Capital Account

EQUITY

LOAN ACCOUNT

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RECORDING OF EQUITY CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

Capital Account Journals

Partner Capital Contributions	Partner Capital Withdrawals

General Ledger – Capital Account

Debit	Capital Accoun	t – Partner A	Credit
Bank (Withdrawal)	X	Bank (Contribution)	X
		Building (PPE) (Contribution) X
Balance	X		,
	XX		XX
		Closing Balance	X

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RECORDING OF EQUITY CURRENT ACCOUNTS

Appropriation Account

- Will be dealt with again for closing entries
- New account not seen in FAC1502 for Sole Proprietors
- Appropriation Account:
 - Final account used to "appropriate" the profits of the partnership at the end of the year
 - Remember that Partners remuneration (interest, salaries, bonuses etc) do not go to normal profit or loss account but to the appropriation account

Current Account Journals

Interest on capital account

(Balance X given %)
Capital account = credit balance

Interest on Capital (Appropriation)

Current Account: A

X

Interest on drawings account

(Balance X given %)
Drawings account = debit balance

Current Account: A

Interest on Drawings (Appropriation)

X

Current Account Journals

Interest on current account

(Balance X given %)

Current account = debit OR credit balance

If Credit Balance:

Interest on Current Account (Appropriation) X (expense)

Current Account: A X

If Debit Balance:

Current Account: A X
Interest on Current Account (Appropriation) X (income)

Current Account Journals Salaries and Bonuses

Partner salaries – ignore the cash payment and refer to the agreement

Partner A Salaries (Appropriation) X

Current Account: A X

Partner bonus / commission or other remuneration - ignore cash

Partner A Bonus (Appropriation) X

Current Account: A X

General Ledger – Current Account CREDIT BALANCE

Debit	Current Ac	coun	t – Partner A Cre	edit
			Opening Balance	X
Interest on Drawi	ings (Appropriation)	X	Interest on Capital (Appropriation)	X
			Interest on Curr Acc (Appropriation)	Χ
			Partner A Salaries (Appropriation)	X
			Partner A Bonus (Appropriation)	X
Balance		X	_	
		XX		XX
			Closing Balance	X

General Ledger – Current Account DEBIT BALANCE

Debit	Current Accou	nt – Partner A C	redit
Opening Balance Interest on Drawin Interest on Curr Ac		Interest on Capital (Appropriation)	X
		Partner A Salaries (Appropriation)	X
		Partner A Bonus (Appropriation)	X
		Balance	X
	XX		XX
Closing Balance	e X		

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RECORDING OF EQUITY DRAWINGS ACCOUNT

Drawings Journals

Whatever the Partner draws (takes out) from the business

Doesn't matter if it is cash, assets such as inventory, or expenses of the partner paid by the partnership

INTEREST ON LOAN ACCOUNTS IS NOT INCLUDED IN DRAWINGS

Drawings: A	X
Bank	X
Inventory	X
Assets	X
Entertainment expense	X
Stationery expense	X

General Ledger – Drawings Account

Debit I	Drawings Accoun	t – Partner A	Credit
Bank	X		
Inventory	X		
Assets	X		
Entertainment exp	ense X		
Stationery expens	e X	Balance	X
	XX		XX
Closing Balance	X		

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RECORDING OF LOAN ACCOUNTS

What are loan accounts?

- Sometimes partners loan money to the partnership or borrow money from the partnership
- This is separate from the current or capital accounts
- Loan will usually have repayment terms
 - Fixed payment period (principle and interest)
 - Interest rate
 - Interest expense / income (not part of appropriation account)

Journals - Liability

Partner grants loan to Partnership (obligation = liability)

Bank X
Liability: Loan from Partner A X

Interest expense on loan (part of finance cost in profit or loss)

Interest expense (finance cost) X

Liability: Accrued interest / Bank X

Journals - Liability

Payment of accrued interest

Liability: Accrued interest (if interest not paid) X

Bank X

Settlement of loan by Partnership (repayment of principle)

Liability: Loan from Partner A X

Bank X

General Ledger – Loan Account

PARTNERSHIP LIABILITY

Debit	Liability Lo	an Accou	nt – Partner A	Credit
Bank (loan r	epaid)	X	Bank (loan granted)	X
Balance		X		
		XX		XX
			Closing Balance	X
Debit	Liability Inte	erest Acc	rual – Partner A	Credit
Bank (Intere	st paid)	X	Interest expense (finance of	cost) X
Balance		X		
		XX		XX
			Closing Balance	X

Journals - Asset

Partnership grants loan to Partner (receivable = benefit = asset)

Asset: Loan to Partner B X

Bank X

Interest income on loan (part of finance cost in profit or loss

Asset: Interest receivable / Bank X
Interest income (other income) X

Journals - Asset

Interest received by Partnership from Partner

Bank
Asset: Interest receivable (if interest not paid)
X

Receipt of principle by Partnership from Partner

Bank
Asset: Loan to Partner B
X

General Ledger – Loan Account

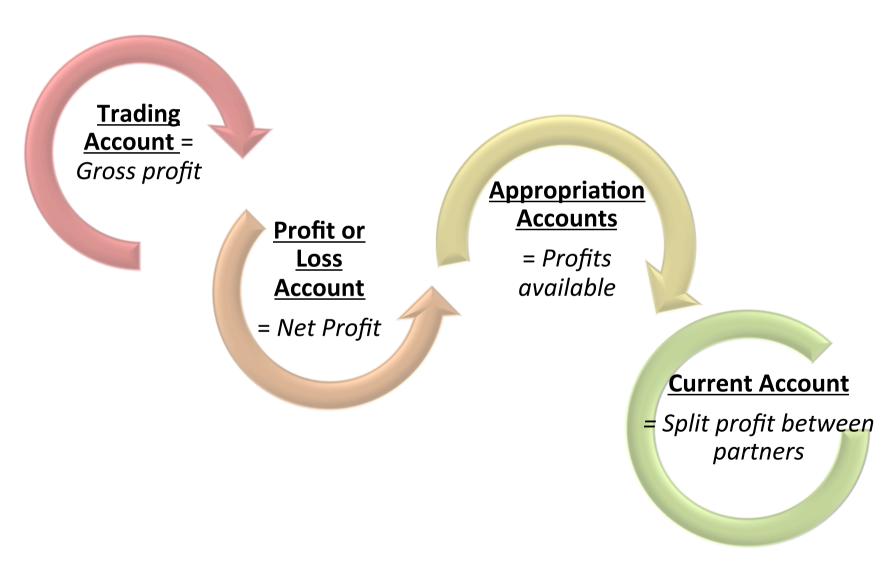
PARTNERSHIP ASSET

Debit	Asset Loan A	ccount	t – Partner B	Credit
Bank (loan g	granted)	X	Bank (loan repaid)	X
			Balance	X
		XX		XX
Closing Bala	ance	Χ		
Debit	Asset Interest	Receiv	vable – Partner B	Credit
	Asset Interest		vable – Partner B Bank (Interest received)	Credit X
			Bank (Interest received)	X

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Year end closing entries and transfers OVERVIEW

Year end closing transfers



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Year end closing entries and transfers TRADING ACCOUNT

Trading Account - refresher

- Trading account is used at year end to close out gross profit to the "Profit or Loss Account"
 - Remember Gross Profit = Sales Cost of Sales
- Close out sales (revenue) and cost of sales accounts arising from transactions during the year.
- Remember, the cost of sales is different depending on the type of inventory accounting system being used (Periodic vs Perpetual)

Trading Account Closing Journals

Transfer Sales (revenue) account to Trading Account

Sales X

Settlement / cash / volume discount given X

Sales returns X

Trading account (sales – discounts – returns) X

Note: You do not have to do the journal in the exam, you can take directly to the general ledger of financial statements.

The journal is used to teach you how to think about one component or step at a time and to give you a structure to work with.

Trading Account Closing Journals

PERIODIC INVENTORY SYSTEM

Transfer Cost of Sales (Purchases and Inventory Accounts O/B & C/B) to Trading Account

Trading account (purchases + delivery – discounts – returns) Purchases Transport and delivery expenses	X	~
Settlement / cash / volume discount received	X	
Purchases returns	X	
Inventory (Closing balance)	X	
Trading account	>	\
Trading account	X	
Inventory (Opening balance)		X

Trading Account Closing Journals

PERPETUAL INVENTORY SYSTEM

Transfer Cost of Sales to Trading Account

Trading account (cost of sales – discounts)	X	
Cost of Sales		X
Settlement / cash / volume discount received	X	

Note:

Under the perpetual system there is no separate account for purchases, delivery costs etc. They all form part of the cost of sales account

General Ledger – Trading Account

PERIODIC INVENTORY SYSTEM

Debit TRADING A	ccou	NT (Periodic)	Credit
Settlement discount given	X	Sales	X
Sales returns	X		
Purchases	X	Settlement discount received	X k
Transport / delivery expenses	X	Purchases returns	X
Inventory (Opening balance)	X	Inventory (Closing balance)	X
Profit or loss account	X		
(Balance = Gross Profit)	XX		XX
-		Closing Balance	R Nil

General Ledger – Trading Account

PERPETUAL INVENTORY SYSTEM

Debit T	RADING ACC	OU	NT (Perpetual)	redit
Settlement discour	nt given	X	Sales	X
Sales returns	>	X		
Cost of Sales	>	K	Settlement discount received	I X
Profit or loss accou (Balance = Gross I		X		
	X	X		XX
			Closing Balance	R Nil

Trading Account Closing Transfer

CLOSE OFF (TRANSFER) THE BALANCE ON THE TRADING ACCOUNT (= GROSS PROFIT) TO PROFIT OR LOSS ACCOUNT

Trading account X

Profit or Loss Account X

Note:

This journal closes of the balance on the Trading Account to the Profit or Loss Account.

The balance on the trading account is equal to the Gross Profit (Sales – Cost of Sales)

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Year end closing entries and transfers PROFIT OR LOSS ACCOUNT

Profit or Loss Account - refresher

- Profit or Loss Account is used at year end to close out profit (or potentially loss) to the Appropriation Account (different to Sole Proprietors)
 - Remember we have already closed out the Trading Account (Gross Profit) to the Profit or Loss Account
- Close out all other income accounts to Profit or Loss Account
 - (rental income, interest income on loan receivables, commission income etc)
- Close out all selling, distribution, administration and other expenses to the Profit or Loss Account
 - Rental expense, entertainment expense, water and electricity,
 stationery, salaries (non partners)

Remember GP transferred...

CLOSE OFF GROSS PROFIT TO PROFIT OR LOSS ACCOUNT

We have already done this journal as part of the closing off procedure for the Trading account (just here for revision)

Trading account	X	
Profit or Loss Account		X

P/L Account Closing Journals

Transfer Other Income accounts to P/L Account

Rental income	X	
Interest income on loans	X	
Other income account 1, 2 etc	X	
Profit or Loss Account		X

P/L Account Closing Journals

Transfer Selling, Distribution, Administration and Other Expenses accounts to P/L Account

Profit or Loss Account	Χ
Rental expense	X
Salary (non partner) expense	X
Interest expense on loan (finance co	sts) X
Other expense 1, 2 ,etc	X

General Ledger – Profit or Loss Account

Debit PROFIT	OR LO	OSS ACCOUNT C	Credit
Rental expense	X	Rental income	X
Salary (non partner) expense	X	Interest income on loans	X
Interest expense on loan Other expense 1, 2 ,etc	X	Other income account 1, 2 etc	X
•		Trading Account (Gross Pro	fit) X
Appropriation Account	X		
(Balance = Net Profit)	XX		XX
		Closing Balance	R Nil

P/L Account Closing Transfer

CLOSE OFF (TRANSFER) THE BALANCE ON THE PROFIT OR LOSS ACCOUNT(= NET PROFIT) TO THE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT

Profit or Loss Account X

Appropriation Account

Note:

This journal closes of the balance on the Profit or Loss Account to the Appropriation Account.

The balance on the Profit or Loss Account being transferred is equal to the Net Profit (if profit then a Credit balance and you must debit in order to close off and transfer). Remember that the Profit or Loss Account (Net Profit) may be in a Debit balance if there is a Net Loss.

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Year end closing entries and transfers APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT

Appropriation Account - New

- We use the Appropriation Account to Collect all the transactions with partners and transfers to other reserves,
- We then transfer the balance for the year to each partners Current Account.
- The Appropriation Account is only shown in the Statement of Changes in Equity and will always balance to a R Nil balance at the end of the year as any balance must be transferred to the respective Current Accounts.
 - The Appropriation Account is a clearing account to close off at the end of the year and therefore must balance to Zero.

Appropriation Account P/L Account Closing Transfer

Journal repeated from last section

CLOSE OFF (TRANSFER) THE BALANCE ON THE PROFIT OR LOSS ACCOUNT(= NET PROFIT) TO THE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT

Profit or Loss Account X

Appropriation Account X

Note:

Repeat of the same journal from the Profit or Loss Account section Included for completeness sake only and does not need to be journalised a second time.

CLOSE OFF (TRANSFER) ACCOUNTS TO THE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT

Refer to the journals under the current account for initial reference

Closing transfer - Interest on capital account

Appropriation Account X
Interest on Capital Account (Appropriation) X

Closing transfer - Interest on drawings account

Interest on Drawings (Appropriation) X
Appropriation Account X

Closing transfer - Interest on current account (if credit balance)

Appropriation Account X
Interest on Current Account (Appropriation) X

OR

Closing transfer - Interest on current account (if debit balance)

Interest on Current Account (Appropriation) X
Appropriation Account X

Closing transfer – Partner Salaries

Appropriation Account X
Partner A Salaries (Appropriation) X

Closing transfer – Partner Bonus

Appropriation Account X
Partner A Bonus (Appropriation) X

Transfers to other reserve accounts (most common = Asset Replacement Reserve

Appropriation Account X
Asset Replacement Reserve X

Appropriation Account X
Reserve 1 X

General Ledger – Appropriation Account

Debit	APPRO	PRIAT	ION ACCOUNT Cre	edit
			P/L Account (Net Profit)	X
Interest on Capital	Account	X	Interest on Drawings Account	X
Interest on Current (if current acc was		X	Interest on Current Account (if current acc was a debit bal)	X
Partner A Salaries		X		
Partner B Salaries		X		
Partner A Bonus		X		
Asset Replacemen	t Reserve	X		
Balance		X		
-Current Account:	Partner A	X		
-Current Account:	Partner B	X	_	
	-	XX		XX

Closing Balance

Appropriation Account Current Account Closing Transfer

CLOSE OFF (TRANSFER) THE BALANCE ON THE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT TO EACH OF THE PARTNERS CURRENT ACCOUNTS

Appropriation Account X

Current Account: Partner A

Current Account: Partner B

X

Note:

The ratio of this split will be governed by the Partnership Agreement, or if that is silent it will be done in the ratio of capital contribution by each partner.

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Year end closing entries and transfers DRAWINGS ACCOUNT

General Ledger – Drawings Account

Debit	Drawings Accoun	t – Partner A	Credit
Bank	X		
Inventory	X		
Assets	X		
Entertainment exp	pense X		
Stationery expens	se X	Balance	X
	XX		XX
Closing Balance	X		

General Ledger – Drawings Account

<i>Debit</i> Drawin	gs Accoun	t - Partner A	Credit
Bank	X		_
Inventory	X		
Assets	X		
Entertainment expense	X		
Stationery expense	X	Current Account: A	X
	XX		XX
Closing Balance	R Nil		

Close off the Drawings Account

Close off the Drawings Accounts by transferring to the Current Account

Current Account: Partner A X

Drawings Account: Partner A X

Current Account: Partner B X

Drawings Account: Partner B X

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Year end closing entries and transfers CURRENT ACCOUNT REVIEW

Quick review of what has happened.....

A review of where we left the Current Accounts before doing year end closing and transfers

General Ledger – Current Account CREDIT BALANCE

Debit Current A	Accour	it – Partner A Cre	edit
		Opening Balance	X
Interest on Drawings (Appropriation	n) X	Interest on Capital (Appropriation)	X
		Interest on Curr Acc (Appropriation)	X
		Partner A Salaries (Appropriation)	X
		Partner A Bonus (Appropriation)	X
Balance	X		
	XX		XX
		Closing Balance	X

General Ledger – Current Account DEBIT BALANCE

Debit Current A	ccour	nt – Partner A	Credit
Opening Balance Interest on Drawings (Appropriation) Interest on Curr Acc (Appropriation)	X X X	Interest on Capital (Appropriation) Partner A Salaries (Appropriation) Partner A Bonus (Appropriation)	
		Balance	X
	XX	-	XX
Closing Balance	X		

Closing transfers.....

Partners incomes before profit shares: - Interest on Capital Account

- Less interest on Drawings Account-Partner salaries / bonus

-Interest on Current Account

Trading Account (Gross Profit) to Profit or Loss Account (Net Profit) to...

Appropriation Account

Drawings Account

Current Account

Appropriation Account Current Account Closing Transfer

CLOSE OFF (TRANSFER) THE BALANCE ON THE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT TO EACH OF THE PARTNERS CURRENT ACCOUNTS

Appropriation Account	X	
Current Account: Partner A		X
Current Account: Partner B		X

Note:

The ratio of this split will be governed by the Partnership Agreement, or if that is silent it will be done in the ratio of capital contribution by each partner.

Close off the Drawings Account

Close off the Drawings Accounts by transferring to the Current Account

Current Account: Partner A X

Drawings Account: Partner A X

Current Account: Partner B X

Drawings Account: Partner B X

General Ledger – Current Account CREDIT BALANCE

Debit Current A	ccoun	it – Partner A Cro	edit
		Opening Balance b/d	X
Interest on Drawings (Appropriation)	X	Interest on Capital (Appropriation)	X
		Interest on Curr Acc (Appropriation)	X
		Partner A Salaries (Appropriation)	X
		Partner A Bonus (Appropriation)	X
Drawings Account: Partner A	X	Appropriation Account (share of available profit)	X
Balance c/d	X	_	
	XX		XX
		Balance b/d	X

General Ledger – Current Account DEBIT BALANCE

Debit Current A	ccoun	t – Partner B C	redit
Opening Balance b/d Interest on Drawings (Appropriation) Interest on Curr Acc (Appropriation)	X X X	Interest on Capital (Appropriation) Partner A Salaries (Appropriation) Partner A Bonus (Appropriation)	X X X
Drawings Account: Partner B	X	Appropriation Account (share of available profit)	X
_		Balance c/d	X
_	XX		XX
Balance b/d	X		