Lesson 7 - Accounting for Current Assets - Fixed Deposits

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7.1 What is Current Asset

- Current assets are all the assets of a company that are expected to be sold or used because of standard business operations over the next year.
- They have short period of life span usually less than one year.
- The value change frequently and are readily to convert into cash.
- Current assets are important to businesses because they can be used to fund day-to-day business operations and to pay for the ongoing operating expenses.

7.2 Type of Current Asset

There are five main kinds of current assets:

- a) Cash and Bank Balances
- b) Fixed Deposits
- c) Trade receivable.
- d) Other Receivable
- e) Inventories.

7.3 Fixed Deposit

Fixed Deposits are one of the most popular ways to save money.

In a Fixed Deposit, you put a lump sum in your bank for a fixed tenure at an agreed rate of interest.

At the end of the tenure, you receive the amount you have invested plus compound interest. FDs are also called term deposits.

7.4 Fixed Deposit Recording

A business may use its extra cash to put into Fixed Deposit to earn interest income

When a business transfers its money from the company bank account to fixed deposit. Transaction may recorded as follow.

Dr Fixed Deposit

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Fixed Deposit will normally be classified under current assets as:

- It can convert into liquid cash immediately
- Common practice, fixed deposit will have 1 year tenure

7.5 Fixed Deposit Interest

Fixed Deposit interest is interest income earned on Fixed Deposit put into bank.

It is a form of Other Income to the company because Fixed Deposit placement is not a principal business activity to the company.

Fixed Deposit Interest will be paid by bank on Fixed Deposit Maturity.

For example, placement of Fixed Deposit of RM1,000,000 on 12/03/2018 for one year at interest rate of 3.5% per annum.

This FD will expire on 11/03/2019. On 11/03/2019, bank will pay the interest earned of RMRM35,000 to the company (RM1,000,000 x 3.5%)

The FD Interest may either choose to:

- Credited into current account
- Capitalized (add on) into FD account

7.6 Application of Accrual Concept on Fixed Deposit Interest

Accrual Concept shall apply when Financial Year End come before Fixed Deposit Expiry Date.

For example:

placement of Fixed Deposit of RM1,000,000 on 12/03/2018 for one year at interest rate of 3.5% per annum.

Financial Year End of the company is on every 31st Dec.

In this case, Fixed Deposit period cover from 12/03/2018 – 11/03/2019

Financial Year End on 31st Dec 2018 and come before 11/03/2019

Interest earned from 12/03/2018 - 31/12/2018 shall be calculated as FD Interest Receivable. (RM1,000,000 x 3.5% x 295 days / 365 days) = RM28,287.67

Because, in this period the company already earned some interest is just this amount remain outstanding as bank will only pay upon expiry date which is on 11/03/2019.

This FD interest Receivables shall be classified under Current Asset in Balance Sheet.

7.7 Fixed Deposit Interest Income Recording

Double Entries shall differentiate among

- Fixed Deposit Interest Income received upon maturity and bank into current account
- Fixed Deposit Interest Income received upon maturity and capitalized into FD account
- Fixed Deposit Interest Income receivable before maturity date
- Fixed Deposit Interest Income receivable reversal upon maturity date

7.7.1 Fixed Deposit Interest Income received upon maturity and bank into current account

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7.7.2 Fixed Deposit Interest Income received upon maturity and capitalized into FD account

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7.7.3 Fixed Deposit Interest Income receivable before maturity date

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7.7.4 Fixed Deposit Interest Income receivable reversal upon maturity date

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