

Frequently Asked Questions
about the 2007 "Tweaked" ACC9M (Self Calculating Excel version with journals)
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Q: Why "tweak" the ACC9 and what are the benefits?

A: Refer to the FAQ Sheet for ACC9P for an explanation.

Q: Why are there three versions of the "tweaked" ACC9, namely the ACC9P, the ACC9S and the ACC9M?

A: The **ACC9P** is the old standby "On Paper" report. It has no journals and the Excel self-calculation features are limited. It is the form to be used totally manually for someone without a computer. The **ACC9S** is a 'self-calculating Excel version with journals' for SSCs that operate with a single bank account only. It also accommodates the use of a 'Petty cash float'. The **ACC-9M** is a 'self-calculating Excel version with journals' for SSCs that operate with two or more bank accounts, usually mandated by government(s) or their agencies. It also accommodates the use of a 'Petty cash float'.

Q: What use and why 'Self-calculating Excel ACC9S and ACC9M versions with journals'?

A: They are tailored, self-contained substitutes for commercial spreadsheet programs and reports such as Quick Books. They are designed to satisfy our own ACL financial reporting needs.

Q: Is the new ACC9M version difficult to use? What if I need help?

A: The ACC9M is quite intuitive and well adapted to your/our needs. The ACC9M itself contains instructions and the HELP GUIDE ('M') provides a tutorial. Anyone who has to maintain the SSC books with a multi-account mandate should find the ACC9M a useful tool. Your Provincial Committee Financial Compliance Officer should be ready to coach and answer questions. HELP GUIDE 'M' is found on the ACL website alongside the corresponding ACC9M.

Q: Are there additional advantages to the ACC9M version?

A: Using this ACC9M self-calculating version with journals encourages SSC treasurers to 'keep the books' as they go along in the fiscal year and always have available the current state of their finances. At the end of the FY, the ACC9 is immediately available to print and submit, or even submit electronically if the PC and its Financial Compliance Officer so direct/accept.

Q: May these 2007 'Tweaked' ACC9s (ACC9P, ACC9S and ACC9M) be used to report the 2006-07 FY financial statements?

A: Yes, it won't add significantly to the mix of ACC9 forms now being used and such is encouraged. But, there is no obligation to use it until the next fiscal year (2007-08) that starts on 1 September 2007 and ends on 31 August 2008.

Q: When do I need to start using one of these new (tweaked) versions of the ACC9?

A: The 2007 version of your choice will need to be utilized by all SSCs with the Fiscal Year starting 1 September 2007. That start date gives time for all concerned to prepare for it.

Q: What if the SSC treasurer really finds the ACC9S too hard to use?

A: The ACC9P 'paper' version is there for that.

We trust that the self-calculating ACC9S and ACC9M will find favour as a better tool all around.