

Frequently Asked Questions
about the 2007 "Tweaked" ACC9S (Self Calculating Excel version with journals)
(April 2007)

Q: Why "tweak" the ACC9 and what are the benefits?

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

Q: What use and why this 'Self-calculating Excel ACC9S version with journals'?

A: It is a tailored, self-contained substitute for commercial spreadsheet programs and reports such as Quick Books. It is designed to satisfy our own ACL financial reporting needs.

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

A: It's quite intuitive and simple. The ACC9S itself contains instructions and the HELP GUIDE ('S') provides a tutorial and makes it easy to use. Anyone who can maintain a chequebook balance should rather easily get used to this version of the ACC9 (ACC9S). The PC Financial Compliance Officer should be ready to coach and answer.

HELP GUIDE 'S' is found on the ACL website alongside the corresponding ACC9S.

Q: Are there additional advantages to the ACC9S version?

A: Using this ACCS self-calculating version with journals encourages the 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.

NB: You should note that before mid-summer 2007, an additional and last version of the ACC9, ACC9M, with Help Guide ('M'), will be placed on the ACL web site for the further convenience of SSCs. It will be a self-calculating Excel ACC9 with journals, for SSCs operating with multiple (two or more) bank accounts.

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 gives lots of 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.