Financial Vocabulary



Financial Balance sheet and income statements provided in a loan application which

Statements are used in credit analysis

Associated with Income Statements

Income Statement An accrual-adjusted financial document that keeps track of revenue, expenses

and profit

Revenue What an operation earns

Expenses What and operation spends

Net Profit Total revenue minus total expenses minus depreciation (pre-tax number)

Net Income Same as net profit (pre-tax number)

EBITDA Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization; a form of stating

profitability

Operating expenses

or COGS The cost of producing the goods sold

Gross Income Total revenue before expenses

Gross Margin Total revenue minus operating expenses

Earning Statement A hybrid between an accrual-adjusted income statement and schedule F

from federal income tax filing 1040

Associated with Balance Sheets

Balance Sheet A financial statement that keeps track of assets, liabilities and owners'

equity and retained earnings

Equity Ownership in a company

Debt Amount owed to a creditor; can be short term (less than one year) or long term

Principal Sum of money owed as a debt, upon which interest is calculated.

Accounts Payable Money owed for products and services already received

Accounts Receivable Money owed to a business for products/services already delivered

Asset Something owned that has value

Liability Something owed for; same thing as debt

Market Value Method to value an asset if it were put on the market to sell

Cost Value Method to value an asset by accounting procedures

Depreciation Reduction in value over time

Depreciating Asset Something owned that is going down in value from use and wear

Appreciation Increase in value over time

Appreciating Asset Something owned that is going up in value

Owners' Equity Value of what the shareholders/owners have in a company

Retained Earnings Value of what owners have added to net worth through operation of the business

Net Worth For purposes of this course, same thing as owner equity

Associated with Cash Flow

Cash Flow The in-and-out of money to/from a business

Cash Flow Budget Spending plan

Cash Flow Statement A historical financial document that keeps track of all the money that went

in and out of a business by classification of sources of income and uses of

money

Financial Ratios

Financial Ratios Twenty one ratios establishing financial standards for areas of liquidity,

solvency, profitability, repayment capacity and financial efficiencies

Liquidity Ease in converting an asset into cash without a decrease in value; the

ability of a business to meet its cash or short-term obligations when due without disrupting the normal operation of the business. Cash Flow related

Working Capital Working capital is a measure of liquidity; the ability of the business to

meet financial obligations as they come due. Short-term operating capital

from within the business. Determined from balance sheet

Solvency A longer-run concept relating to capital structure and ability of a business

to pay off all financial obligations if assets are liquidated. Determined from

balance sheet

Debt to Asset Ratio A measure of solvency showing owners' debt-free portion of assets. Determined

from balance sheet

Repayment Capacity Shows borrower's ability to repay term debt