

Measurement (IAS 2)

- ✓ **Measurement rule:** lower of cost and NRV
- ✓ **NRV** = estimated selling price – cost of completion – selling costs
- ✓ **Cost of sales** = opening inventory + purchases – purchase returns + carriage in – closing inventory

What cost includes

Included in cost	Excluded from cost (expense immediately)
Purchase price	Abnormal waste of materials or labour
Import duties and non-recoverable taxes	Storage costs (unless required for the production process)
Transport and handling costs	Administrative overheads
Less: trade discounts and rebates	Selling costs
Direct labour (conversion costs)	
Factory/production overheads	

Cost formulas

IAS 2 permits **FIFO** and **AVCO** only; **LIFO is prohibited**

Method	Assumption	Effect of rising prices
FIFO (first in, first out)	Oldest inventory sold first; closing inventory at recent cost	Higher profit, higher closing inventory value
Periodic AVCO	One average cost calculated at period end: $\frac{\text{opening inventory cost} + \text{purchases cost}}{\text{opening inventory units} + \text{purchased units}}$	Smooths price fluctuations
Continuous AVCO	Average recalculated after <i>each</i> purchase	More accurate but complex