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## Notes to the Accounts

1. Statement of Accounting Policies-

The general accounting principles as recommended by the New Zealand Society of Accountants for the measurement and reporting of results and financial position have been followed in the preparation of these financial statements.
-the measurement base adopted is that of historical cost
-accrual accounting is used to match expenses and revenues
The following particular accounting policies which significantly affect the measurement of the Bank's profit and financial position have been applied on a basis consistent with previous years.

Depreciation-Depreciable fixed assets are depreciated on a straight line basis at rates estimated to write off the cost, less residual value, over the useful life of each class of asset. The principal rates in use are:


New Zealand Government Stock-
New Zealand Government stock is recorded at par value less discount on acquisition which is amortised over the term of the investment on a straight line basis.

The stock is regarded as long-term investment and under normal circumstances is held to maturity and redeemed at face value. Periodically the stock is sold to improve interest yield. The realisable value of the stock fluctuates with movement in the rate of interest and it is customary for such fluctuations to be disregarded in the accounts of the long-term institutional investor.
2. Term Investment Accounts-


