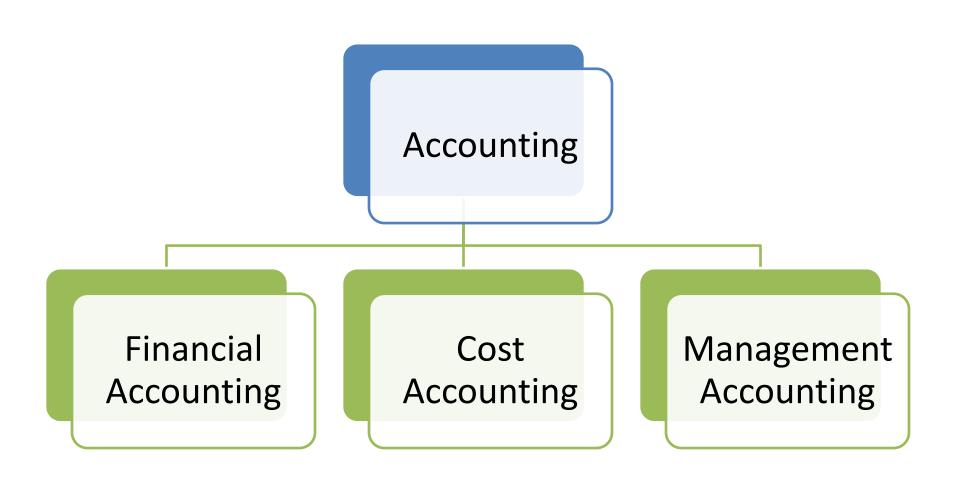
CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION TO MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTING

MEANING OF ACCOUNTING:

Accounting is a part of information system of an enterprise, such information is provided to people who have interest in the organisation.

Such as share holders, managers, ceditors, debenture holders, bankers, tax authorities, and others

Classification Of Accounting



- Financial accounting: It is mainly concerned with recording business transactions in the books of accounts for the purpose of presenting final accounts.
- The information supplied by financial accounting is summarized by:
- profit and loss account(showing the net profit or loss during the period), balance sheet(showing the financial position of the firm at a point of time)

 The objective of financial accounting is to provide information to external parties such as share holders, creditors, potential investors, government agencies etc.

- Management accounting: Management accounting provides information which enables a business to be conducted more efficiently
- According to Institute Of Chartered Accountants
 Of India:" Management accounting is any form of
 accounting which enables the business to be
 conducted more efficiently"

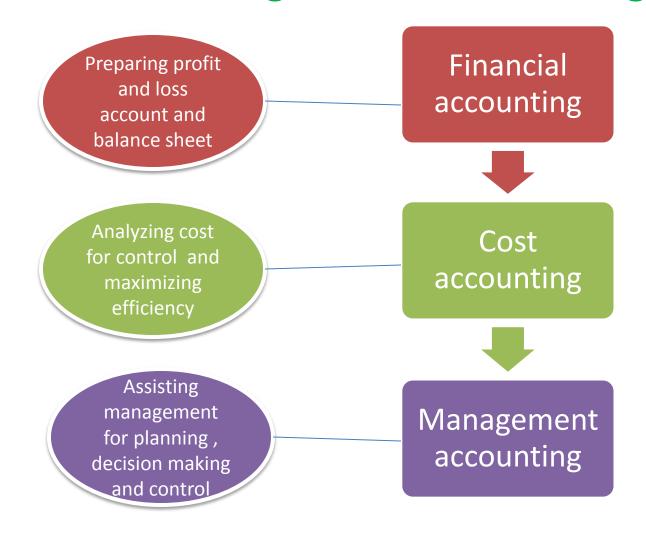
- Management accounting is an integral part of management concerned with identifying, presenting and interpreting information used for:
- Formulation of strategy
- Planning and controlling activities
- Decision making
- Optimising the use of resources
- Disclosure to share holders and other external entity
- Disclosure to employees
- Safeguarding assets

RELATIONSHIP OF MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTING TO COST ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING

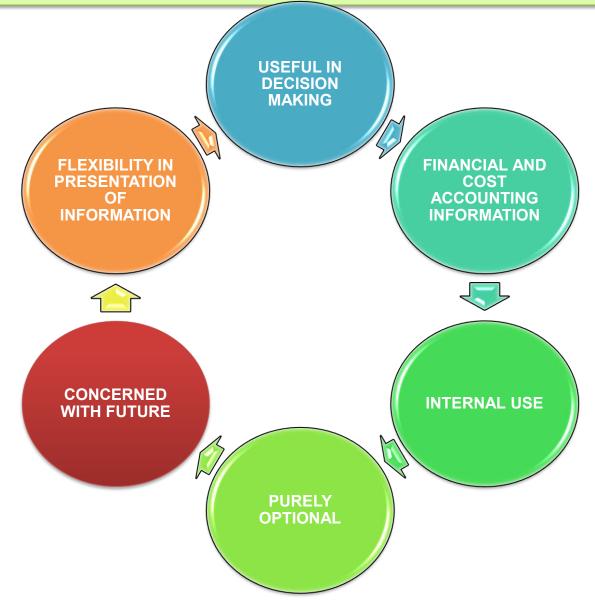
- Financial accounting, cost accounting and management accounting are closely related
- The management accounting uses the principles and practices of financial accounting and cost accounting
- Eg: profit and loss account prepared in financial accounting acts as a basis for calculation of ratio analysis and comparative statements in management accounting

- Cost accounting is a more detailed application of financial accounting and provides detailed cost information about products, services, departments
- This information is used by management accounting for planning, controlling and decision making process

Relationship of management accounting with financial accounting and cost accounting



CHARACTERISTICS OR NATURE OF MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTING



SCOPE OF MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTING

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- Financial accounting
- Cost accounting
- Budgeting and forecasting
- Tax planning
- Reporting to management
- Cost control procedures
- Statistical tools
- Internal control and internal audit
- Financial analysis and interpretation
- Office services

Functions/Objectives Of Management Accounting

Planning
Coordinating
Controlling
Communication
Financial analysis and Interpretation
Qualitative information
Tax policies

TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES USED IN MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTING

- Budgeting
- Standard costing and variance analysis
- Marginal costing and cost
 volume profit analysis
- Ratio analysis
- Comparative financial statements
- Differential cost analysis
- Fund flow statements
- Cash flow statements

- Responsibility accounting
- Accounting for price level changes
- Discounted cash flows
- Risk analysis
- Learning curve
- Value analysis
- Work study
- Statistical and graphical techniques

COMPARISON BETWEEN FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING AND MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTING

Financial accounting

- It provides information to external users like investors, share holders, creditors, government authorities etc.
- It is based on double entry system for recording business transactions
- It is compulsory to prepare financial accounts as per the company law

Management accounting

It is only for internal purpose i.e management

- It is not based on double entry system
- It is not mandatory/compulsory

Financial accounting

- It shows the entire profit/loss position. It does not show the cost or profits for individual products, departments
- It is concerned with recording the transactions which is already taken place
- Financial reports are prepared once in a year

Management accounting

- It provides detailed information about individual products, plants, departments
- It is future oriented, it uses past data for future projections
- It is prepared weekly, monthly or when it is required

Financial accounting

- Companies are required to prepare financial accounts as per the accounting standards issued by institute of chartered accountants of India
- Financial accounts prepares general purpose statements such as profit and loss account and balance sheet which are used by external users
- It provides information only in terms of money

Management accounting

- Management accounting are not bound by any such standards
- In management accounting special purpose reports are prepared Eg. Performance reports of sales manager or any other department
- It can be in monetary or non-monetary terms