### Module 4 - Types of Receivables

- Accounts Receivable
  - Amounts owed by customers on account that generally are collected within 30-60 days
- Notes Receivable
  - Formal instruments of credit that normally require interest as well as principle payments. Term of payment can be 90 days or longer.
- Other Receivables
  - Non-trade receivables such as loans to officers, interest receivable, and advances to employees



- Valuing Accounts Receivable
   Direct Write Off
   Allowance Method

   Aging
   Percent of Accounts Receivable
  - Percentage of Sales



Direct Write Off – not GAAP



- When an account is determined uncollectible the loss is charged to Bad Debts Expense
- For example The Company learns that J.Earl Highland's balance of \$200 will be uncollectible and writes it off on April 11<sup>th</sup>
- 4/11 Bad Debt Expense\$200Accts Receivable\$200

Write off J. Earl Highlands account as uncollectible



#### Allowance Method – GAAP

- Requires estimation of bad debt at the end of the accounting cycle
- Follows the matching principle by matching estimated bad debt expense with revenue from the period
- Ensures that Accounts receivable is reported at net realizable value on the Balance Sheet
- Two methodologies for estimation
  - Percentage of accounts receivable
  - Aging schedule of accounts receivable





The Company Balance Sheet 12/31/2004



Cash

Accounts Receivable Less Allowance for Uncollectibles Inventory \$100,000 80,000 (10,000) 70,000 110,000



The Company Balance Sheet 12/31/2004



Cash

Accounts Receivable Net Inventory \$100,000 70,000 110,000



Allowance Method – GAAP
 Percentage of outstanding receivables
 Estimates bad debt from a historical percentage relationship between bad debt expense to the amount of accounts receivable





#### Allowance Method – GAAP

- Percentage of outstanding receivable
- For example, Dream Catcher Inc estimates its bad debt to be 2% of accounts receivable. The accounts receivable account is valued at \$80,000. The balance in the allowance for uncollectibles account is \$700
  - 1. Calculate the estimated bad debt
  - 2. Prepare journal entries to record the bad debt expense
  - Jake Williams account of \$550 is determined to be uncollectible. Prepare a journal entry to record the write off on April 2nd



# Allowance method solution 1

\$80,000 X 2% equals \$1600 – this is the ending balance

Allowance for Uncollectibles

\$700 beg bal
\$900 bad debt exp
\$1,600 end bal

12/31 Bad Debt Expense \$900
 Allowance for Uncollectibles \$900
 Note: adjusting entry for bad debt expense

 4/2 Allowance for uncollectibles \$550
 Accounts receivable \$550
 Note: write off of Jake Williams account

- Allowance Method GAAP
  - □ Aging schedule



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Customer	Total	Not Yet Due	1-30 days	31-60 days	61-90 days	Over 90 days
James Brown	\$2,300		\$2,300			
Ellie Mae Jones	690			\$690		
Virginia Banks	1,250				\$1,000	\$250
Lex Luther Jr.	920	\$920				
Estimated percentage uncollectible		1%	2%	5%	10%	25%



#### Allowance Method – GAAP

- Aging schedule
  - Calculate the estimated bad debt from the schedule
  - Prepare Journal entries to record the bad debt expense assuming an allowance for uncollectible beg balance of \$ 150



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Ellie Mae Jones	690			\$690		
Virginia Banks	1,250				\$1,000	\$250
Lex Luther Jr.	920	\$920				
Estimated percentage uncollectible		1%	2%	5%	10%	25%

## Allowance method solution 2

- \$920 X 0.01 equals \$ 9.20
- \$2,300 X 0.02 equals \$ 46.00
- \$690 X 0.05 equals \$ 34.50
- \$1000 X 0.10 equals \$ 100.00
- \$250 X 0.25 equals \$ 62.50
- Total estimate \$ 252.20



Beginning balance for Allowance for Uncollectibles is \$150.00 thus bad debt expense for the year is \$252.20 minus \$150.00 for a total of \$102.20

#### 12/31 Bad Debt Expense \$102.20 Allowance for Uncollectibles \$102.20



Percentage of Sales Method



- Estimates bad debt from a historical percentage relationship between bad debt expense to the amount of sales for the period
- For example, Wired Inc estimates 0.8% bad debt expense as a percentage of the \$1,453,200 Sales made during the year. The beginning balance for Allowance for Uncollectibles is \$42,000
  - 1. Calculate the estimated bad debt expense
  - 2. Prepare journal entries to record the bad debt expense and indicate the ending balance for Allowance for Uncollectibles



% of sales method solution \$1,453,200 X 0.008 equals \$11,626

12/31 Bad Debt Expense \$11, 626 Allowance for Uncollectibles \$11,626

Ending balance for Allowance for Uncollectibles is \$42,000 + \$11,626 for a total of \$53,626.

42,000 BB 11,626
53,626 EB

