Journalize entries to record allowance for doubtful accounts using two different bases.

(LO 2)

**E9-3** The ledger of Costello Company at the end of the current year shows Accounts Receivable \$110,000, Sales Revenue \$840,000, and Sales Returns and Allowances \$20,000.

## Instructions

- (a) If Costello uses the direct write-off method to account for uncollectible accounts, journalize the adjusting entry at December 31, assuming Costello determines that L. Dole's \$1,400 balance is uncollectible.
- (b) If Allowance for Doubtful Accounts has a credit balance of \$2,100 in the trial balance, journalize the adjusting entry at December 31, assuming bad debts are expected to be (1) 1% of net sales, and (2) 10% of accounts receivable.
- (c) If Allowance for Doubtful Accounts has a debit balance of \$200 in the trial balance, journalize the adjusting entry at December 31, assuming bad debts are expected to be (1) 0.75% of net sales and (2) 6% of accounts receivable.

Journalize write-off and recovery.

(LO 2)

**E9-5** At December 31, 2016, Finzelberg Company had a credit balance of \$15,000 in Allowance for Doubtful Accounts. During 2017, Finzelberg wrote off accounts totaling \$11,000. One of those accounts (\$1,800) was later collected. At December 31, 2017, an aging schedule indicated that the balance in Allowance for Doubtful Accounts should be \$19,000.

## Instructions

Prepare journal entries to record the 2017 transactions of Finzelberg Company.

Journalize percentage of sales basis, write-off, recovery.

(LO 2)

**E9-6** On December 31, 2017, Ling Co. estimated that 2% of its net sales of \$450,000 will become uncollectible. The company recorded this amount as an addition to Allowance for Doubtful Accounts. On May 11, 2018, Ling Co. determined that the Jeff Shoemaker account was uncollectible and wrote off \$1,100. On June 12, 2018, Shoemaker paid the amount previously written off.

## Instructions

Prepare the journal entries on December 31, 2017, May 11, 2018, and June 12, 2018.

Compute bad debt amounts.

(LO 2)

**P9-2A** Information related to Mingenback Company for 2017 is summarized below.

Total credit sales \$2,500,000 Accounts receivable at December 31 875,000 Bad debts written off 33,000

## Instructions

- (a) What amount of bad debt expense will Mingenback Company report if it uses the direct write-off method of accounting for bad debts?
- (b) Assume that Mingenback Company estimates its bad debt expense to be 2% of credit sales. What amount of bad debt expense will Mingenback record if it has an Allowance for Doubtful Accounts credit balance of \$4,000?
- (c) Assume that Mingenback Company estimates its bad debt expense based on 6% of accounts receivable. What amount of bad debt expense will Mingenback record if it has an Allowance for Doubtful Accounts credit balance of \$3,000?
- (d) Assume the same facts as in (c), except that there is a \$3,000 debit balance in Allowance for Doubtful Accounts. What amount of bad debt expense will Mingenback record?
- (e) What is the weakness of the direct write-off method of reporting bad debt expense?