
CDP Scoring Methodology Changes: 2020 to 2021

CDP Water Security 2021



1. Introduction

Developments to our questionnaires reflect and drive best practice and improve both data quality and the disclosure experience. CDP has sought to stabilize the water security scoring methodologies for 2021 as much as possible.

This document includes a table indicating where the 2021 Water Security Scoring Methodology differs from the 2020 methodology, due to clarifications (no change to scoring criteria), minor change, modification in the scoring criteria or the addition of new criteria.

The 2021 Water Scoring Methodology, including sector-specific criteria and the Minimum Version of the scoring methodology can be viewed at <https://www.cdp.net/en/guidance/guidance-for-companies>.

2. 2020 to 2021 changes

This table indicates where the water scoring methodology has been revised based on the 2020 scoring methodology.

2021 Question no.	2021 Question text	Revisions from 2020	Details of revisions
n/a	n/a	Clarification A list criteria	Clarification on criteria about reporting significant exclusion to be eligible for the 2021 Water Security A list
W0 Introduction			
W0.6a	Please report the exclusions.	New criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Question is now scored at Disclosure, Awareness level and Leadership levels
W1 Current state			
W1.2h	Provide total water withdrawal data by source	Clarification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Management criteria edited for clarity
W1.2i	Provide total water discharge data by destination	Clarification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Management criteria edited for clarity
W1.2j	Within your direct operations, indicate the highest level(s) to which you treat your discharge.	New criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New question scored at Disclosure and Awareness level only
W1.4	Do you engage with your value chain on water-related issues?	Point allocation change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incentivise selection of "Yes" options at Awareness level Partial points for selecting "No, not currently but we intend to within the next two years"
W1.4a	What proportion of suppliers do you request to report on their water use, risks and/or management information and what proportion of your procurement spend does this represent?	Minor change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removal of 'company specific' request at Management level
W2 Business impacts			
W2.2b	Provide details for all significant fines, enforcement orders, and/or penalties for water-related regulatory violations in the reporting year, and your plans for resolving them.	Clarification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Management criteria edited to clarify proportional scoring
W3 Procedures			
W-CH3.1/W-EU3.1/ W-MM3.1/W-OG3.1	How does your organisation identify and classify potential water pollutants associated with its activities in the chemical sector that could have a detrimental impact on water ecosystems or human health?	Clarification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minor change to criteria at management level for clarity
W-MM3.2a	Do you evaluate and classify the tailings dams under your control according to the consequences of their failure to human health and ecosystems?	Minor change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awareness criteria amended to reflect modified column behaviour in question
W-MM3.2c	To manage the potential impacts to human health or water ecosystems associated with the tailings dams in your control, what procedures are in place for all of your dams?	Clarification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minor change to criteria at Management level for clarity

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n/a	n/a	Clarification A list criteria	Clarification on criteria about reporting significant exclusion to be eligible for the 2021 Water Security A list
W3.3a	Select the options that best describe your procedures for identifying and assessing water-related risks.	Minor change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alignment criteria removed at Management and Leadership level • Leadership criteria edited for clarity
W3.3b	Which of the following contextual issues are considered in your organization's water-related risk assessments?	Clarification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management criteria edited for clarity • Leadership criteria reordered for clarity
W3.3c	Which of the following stakeholders are considered in your organization's water-related risk assessments?	Clarification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership criteria reordered for clarity
W4 Risks and opportunities			
W4.2	Provide details of identified risks in your direct operations with the potential to have a substantive financial or strategic impact on your business, and your response to those risks.	Minor change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criteria modified at Awareness level • Rephrasing and rewording of Leadership criteria for clarity
W4.2a	Provide details of risks identified within your value chain (beyond direct operations) with the potential to have a substantive financial or strategic impact on your business, and your response to those risks.	Minor change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criteria modified at Awareness level • Rephrasing and rewording of Leadership criteria for clarity
W4.2b	Why does your organization not consider itself exposed to water risks in its direct operations with the potential to have a substantive financial or strategic impact?	Clarification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reordering of criteria at Management level
W4.2c	Why does your organization not consider itself exposed to water risks in its value chain (beyond direct operations) with the potential to have a substantive financial or strategic impact?	Clarification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reordering of criteria at Management level
W4.3a	Provide details of opportunities currently being realized that could have a substantive financial or strategic impact on your business.	Minor change Clarification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of request for a case study at Management level • Minor change to wording of Awareness criteria for clarity
W6 Governance			
W6.1	Does your organization have a water policy?	Point allocation change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incentivise a publicly available water policy by reallocating points at Awareness level
W6.2a	Identify the position(s) (do not include any names) of the individual(s) on the board with responsibility for water-related issues.	Clarification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criteria edited at Leadership to clarify that first row is scored only
W6.2b	Provide further details on the board's oversight of water-related issues.	Major change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criteria removed at Management level

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n/a	n/a	Clarification A list criteria	Clarification on criteria about reporting significant exclusion to be eligible for the 2021 Water Security A list
W6.3	Provide the highest-level management position(s) or committee(s) with responsibility for water-related issues (do not include the names of individuals).	Minor change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criteria modified at Leadership level
W6.4	Do you provide incentives to C-suite employees or board members for the management of water-related issues?	Point allocation change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reallocation of points at Awareness to incentivize C-suite employees incentives
W6.4a	What incentives are provided to C-suite employees or board members for the management of water-related issues (do not include the names of individuals)?	Clarification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minor edit to criteria at Leadership level for clarity
W6.6	Did your organization include information about its response to water-related risks in its most recent mainstream financial report?	Point allocation change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reallocation of points at Awareness level to incentivize water-related information in financial reports
W7 Business strategy			
W7.1	Are water-related issues integrated into any aspects of your long-term strategic business plan, and if so how?	Clarification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minor rewording of criteria at Management level for clarity
W7.2	What is the trend in your organization's water-related capital expenditure (CAPEX) and operating expenditure (OPEX) for the reporting year, and the anticipated trend for the next reporting year?	Minor change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change to eligibility criteria at Leadership level
W7.3	Does your organization use climate-related scenario analysis to inform its business strategy?	Point allocation change Minor change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reallocation of points at Awareness level to incentivize the use of scenario analysis Change to criteria at Management level Change to criteria at Leadership level
W7.4	Does your company use an internal price on water?	Point allocation change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reallocation of points at Awareness level to incentivize the use of internal price on water
W8 Targets			
W8.1a	Provide details of your water targets that are monitored at the corporate level, and the progress made.	Clarification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minor change to wording of criteria at Management level for clarity
W8.1b	Provide details of your water goal(s) that are monitored at the corporate level and the progress made.	Clarification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minor change to wording of criteria at Management level for clarity

