



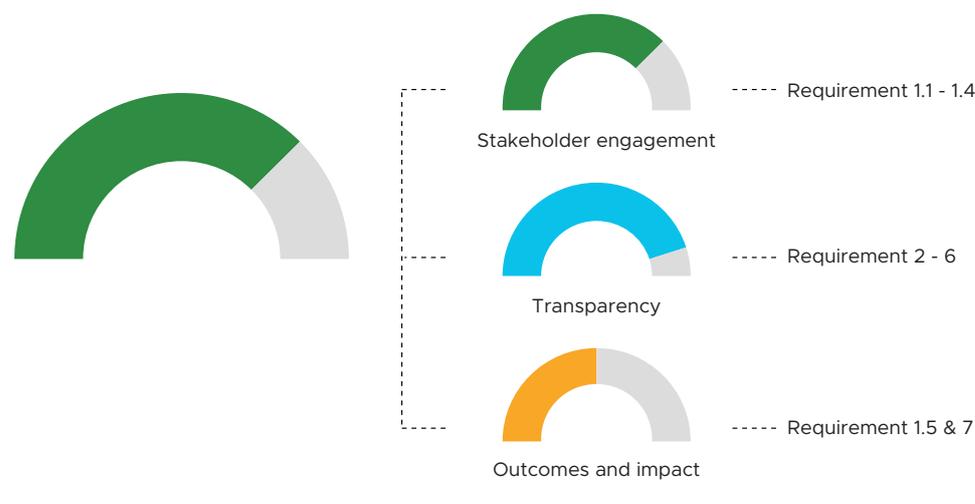
Changes to EITI Validation

To better support relevant, sustainable and impactful EITI implementation, the EITI Board has introduced a new Validation model.

The new approach maintains the rigour of the Validation process while also accommodating the diverse challenges and priorities of implementing countries. It supports regular oversight of disclosures by multi-stakeholder groups. It also seeks to engage stakeholders throughout the process and ensure that intended outcomes of EITI implementation are being met.

New approach to assessing progress

A country's overall assessment in Validation will take into account three components – “Transparency”, “Stakeholder engagement” and “Outcomes and impact”. Each EITI Requirement will be assessed under one of these three components.



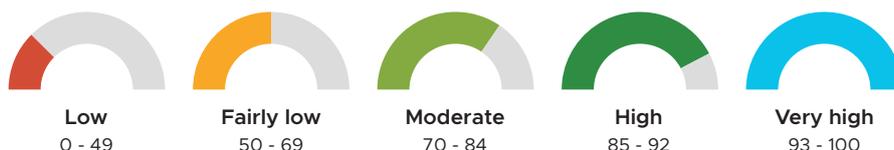
Overall score

Components

Requirements of the EITI Standard

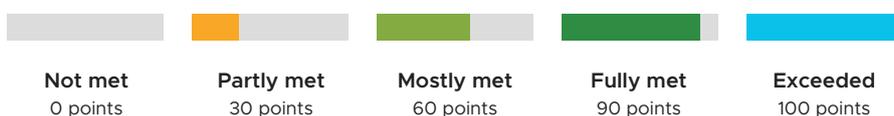
Component and overall score

The three components of EITI Validation – “Transparency”, “Stakeholder engagement” and “Outcomes and impact” – each receive a score out of 100. The overall score represents an average of the component scores.



Assessment of EITI Requirements

Validation assesses the extent to which each EITI Requirement is met, using five categories. The component score is an average of the points awarded for each requirement that falls within the component.



How will the changes affect countries?

Validations under the new approach will commence on **1 April 2021**. The [Validation schedule](#) has been revised to allow a transition to the new Validation model.

The [2021 Validation Guide](#) provides guidance to the EITI Board and stakeholders on assessing the EITI provisions. The [2021 Validation procedure](#) outlines how Validation is carried out.

When preparing for Validation, multi-stakeholder groups should use Board-approved [templates](#) to provide evidence of progress in the three components of Validation. These must be submitted to the EITI International Secretariat by the commencement of Validation.

KEY CHANGES

Validation will continue to assess the progress made by countries in implementing the [2019 EITI Standard](#).

2016 to March 2021	April 2021 onwards
OUTCOMES AND IMPACT	
Some outcomes and impact of EITI implementation are documented, but there is no mechanism for rewarding impact.	Impactful EITI implementation is rewarded according to five indicators that assess effectiveness and sustainability.
ASSESSMENT	
The outcome of Validation is an overall assessment ranging from “Satisfactory Progress” to “No Progress”.	The outcome of Validation is a numerical score from zero to 100, with a corresponding indicator ranging from “Low” to “Very high”. This results in a more nuanced measurement of progress that is easier to communicate to stakeholders.
TIMEFRAME	
Countries that do not fully implement all EITI Requirements by their third Validation are suspended.	Countries are expected to make progress between Validations but will not be sanctioned for not meeting all EITI Requirements within a certain timeframe.
The maximum period for addressing corrective actions is 18 months.	The timeframe for addressing corrective actions is more flexible, with a maximum of 24 months.
ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES	
The International Secretariat collates documentation for Validation, requesting information from national secretariats and multi-stakeholder groups (MSGs) on an ad hoc basis.	The MSG is responsible for ensuring that necessary data and documentation demonstrating progress is collated and submitted to the International Secretariat ahead of Validation.
The International Secretariat prepares the assessment. In first Validations this is reviewed by an Independent Validator. The International Secretariat’s Validation team usually includes members of the country team, who also provide implementation support.	Validation does not involve an Independent Validator, but the EITI Board may consult external experts. The roles of International Secretariat staff undertaking Validation and supporting implementation are clearly distinguished.
STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT	
The International Secretariat consults key stakeholders, but there is no mechanism for public consultation on EITI implementation.	Both the assessment of stakeholder engagement and the transparency of Validation are strengthened through a public consultation ahead of Validation.

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