

Scoring System for Environment Rating Scales

When scoring, consider:

- Scores are based on the current, observed situation or reported by staff, not on future plans.
- In the absence of observable information on which to base ratings, answers given by staff during the questions period will be used to assign scores.
- Requirements in the scale apply to **all** children in the group being observed, unless an exception is noted in an item.
- Score will always start from 1 (inadequate) and progress upward until the correct quality score is reached.

Ratings are assigned as follows:

Rating	Condition
1	A rating of 1 must be given if any indicator under 1 is scored “yes”.
2	All indicators under 1 are scored “no” and at least half of the indicators under 3 are scored “yes”
3	All indicators under 1 are scored “no” and all indicators under 3 are scored “yes”
4	All indicators under 1 are scored “no” and all indicators under 3 are scored “yes” and at least half of the indicators under 5 are scored “yes”
5	All indicators under 1 are scored “no” and all indicators under 3 and 5 are scored “yes”
6	All indicators under 1 are scored “no” and all indicators under 3 and 5 are scored “yes”, and at least half of the indicators under 7 are scored “yes”
7	All indicators under 1 are scored “no” and all indicators under 3, 5 and 7 are scored “yes”