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CORE, GOLD, PLATINUM SCORING

There are three levels of AWS Standard certification that a site may achieve: Core, Gold and Platinum. **All core criteria must be met as a minimum requirement for certification.** Additional points are awarded for performance against the advanced criteria. The greater the number of points achieved the higher the level of water stewardship performance and AWS certification.

Advanced criteria and higher-level certification were introduced to recognize that good water stewards seek continual improvement and commit to ongoing action to respond to the ever-evolving nature of local water context. Some indicator scores show a range of possible points reflecting the degree of effort and accomplishment for the indicator. It is at the discretion of the Conformity Assessment Body, in consultation with the site, how many points to allocate towards the indicator score.

Gold and Platinum status are rewards / recognition of those sites that push their water stewardship performance to elite level. The points required for each certification level are all Core Indicators and Advanced Indicator points as follows:

AWS Core: 0 – 39 points

AWS Gold: 40 – 79 points

AWS Platinum: 80 or more points

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v2.0 Indicator	v2.0 Advanced Indicator Text	v2.0 Points	Notes
STEP ONE			
1.4.3	The embedded water use of primary inputs in catchment(s) of origin shall be <i>quantified</i>	7	
1.5.8	Efforts by the site to support and undertake catchment level water-related data collection shall be <i>identified</i>	4-7	<p>Must do the following(s) to obtain 4 points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a scheme of collecting catchment level data together with actual data collected; <p>In addition, to obtain additional points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two or more types of external water-related data are collected; (+1) • At least one type of data are collected with certified methods or by licensed testing institutions; (+1) • Sharing the data with stakeholders; (+1)
1.5.9	The adequacy of WASH provision within the catchments of origin of primary inputs shall be <i>identified</i>	4	
1.6.3	Future water issues shall be <i>identified</i> , including anticipated impacts and trends	3	

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1.6.4	Potential water-related social impacts from the site shall be <i>identified</i> , resulting in a social impact assessment with a particular focus on water	4	
STEP TWO			
2.1.2	A statement that explicitly covers all requirements set out in Indicator 2.1.1 and is signed by the organization's senior-most executive or governance body and publicly disclosed shall be <i>identified</i>	1	
2.3.3	The site's partnership/water stewardship activities with other sites within the same catchment (which may or may not be under the same organizational ownership) shall be <i>identified</i> and described	4	
2.3.4	The site's partnership/water stewardship activities with other sites in another catchment(s) (either under same corporate structure or with another corporate site) shall be <i>identified</i>	4	
2.3.5	Stakeholder consensus shall be sought on the site's water stewardship plan. Consensus should be achieved on at least one target. A list of targets that have consensus and which stakeholders are involved shall be <i>identified</i>	7	
2.4.2	A plan to mitigate or adapt to water risks associated with climate change projections developed in co-ordination with relevant public-sector and infrastructure agencies shall be <i>identified</i>	6	
STEP THREE			
3.1.3	Evidence of improvements in water governance capacity from a site-selected baseline date shall be <i>identified</i>	2	
3.1.4	Evidence from a representative range of stakeholders showing consensus that the site is seen as positively contributing to the good water governance of the catchment shall be <i>identified</i>	2	
3.3.4	The total volume of water voluntarily re-allocated (from site water savings) for social, cultural and environmental needs shall be <i>quantified</i>	6	

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3.5.2	Evidence of completed restoration of non-functioning or severely degraded Important Water-Related Areas including where appropriate cultural values from a site-selected baseline date shall be <i>identified</i> . Restored areas may be outside of the site, but within the catchment	6	
3.5.3	Evidence from a representative range of stakeholders showing consensus that the site is seen as positively contributing to the healthy status of Important Water-Related Areas in the catchment shall be <i>identified</i>	2	
3.6.3	A list of actions taken to support the provision to stakeholders in the catchment of access to safe drinking water, adequate sanitation and hygiene awareness shall be <i>identified</i>	5	
3.6.4	In catchments where WASH has been <i>identified</i> as a shared water challenge, evidence of efforts taken with relevant public-sector agencies to share information and to advocate for change to address access to safe drinking water and sanitation shall be <i>identified</i>	4	
3.7.3	Actions taken to address water related risks and challenges related to indirect water use outside the catchment shall be documented and <i>evaluated</i>	5-7	<p>Must do the following to obtain 5 points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A list of the site's actions taken with supporting evidence <p>In addition, to obtain additional points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of suppliers taking action as a result of the site's engagement; (+1) • Achievements of the actions are evaluated and quantified if applicable; (+1)

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3.9.6	Achievement of identified best practice related to targets in terms of good water governance shall be <i>quantified</i>	8	
3.9.7	Achievement of identified best practice related to targets in terms of sustainable water balance shall be <i>quantified</i>	8	
3.9.8	Achievement of identified best practices related to targets in terms of water quality shall be <i>quantified</i>	8	
3.9.9	Achievement of <i>identified</i> best practices related to targets in terms of the site's maintenance of Important Water-Related Areas have been implemented	8	
3.9.10	Achievement of identified best practice related to targets in terms of WASH shall be <i>quantified</i>	4	
3.9.11	A list of efforts to spread best practices shall be <i>identified</i>	3	
3.9.12	A list of collective action efforts, including the organizations involved, positions of responsible persons of other entities involved, and a description of the role played by the site shall be <i>identified</i>	8-14	<p>Must do the following to obtain 8 points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A list of collective actions with supporting evidence; <p>In addition, to obtain additional points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More than one action is taken, for every additional action; (+2, max 4) • Contribute to more than one AWS outcome area; (+2)
3.9.13	Evidence of the <i>quantified</i> improvement that has resulted from the collective action relative to a site-selected baseline date shall be	3-10	Must do the following to obtain 3 points:

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	<p><i>identified</i> and evidence from an appropriate range of stakeholders linked to the collective action (including both those implementing the action and those affected by the action) that the site is materially and positively contributing to the achievement of the collective action shall be <i>identified</i></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of quantified improvement from baseline date; • Confirmation of the site’s positive and material contribution from stakeholders participating in the actions and stakeholders affected by the actions; <p>In addition, to obtain additional points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More than one action, for every additional action; (+2, max 4) • Contribute to more than one AWS outcome area; (+2) <p>Results of the actions are validated by external experts or recognized by public authorities; (+1)</p>
STEP FOUR			
4.1.4	<p>A governance or executive-level review, including discussion of shared water challenges, water risks, and opportunities, and any water-related cost savings or benefits realized, and any relevant incidents shall be <i>identified</i></p>	3	

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4.3.2	The site's efforts to address shared water challenges shall be <i>evaluated</i> by stakeholders. This shall include stakeholder reviewing of the site's efforts across all five outcome areas, and their suggestions for continual improvement	6	
STEP FIVE			
5.3.2	The site's efforts to implement the AWS Standard shall be <i>disclosed</i> in the organization's annual report	1	v1.0 6.8 was replaced by v2.0 5.3.2 and 5.3.3
5.3.3	Benefits to the site and stakeholders from implementation of the AWS Standard shall be <i>quantified</i> in the organization's annual report	1	v1.0 6.8 was replaced by v2.0 5.3.2 and 5.3.3

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