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Introduction

This document highlights changes to CDP's scoring methodology for the Cities questionnaire. The document indicates the main changes that have occurred between 2024 and 2025 in the respective scoring bands. In 2025, few changes have been made and mainly center around improving methodology clarity and updating year requirements, rather than increasing ambition. A summary of the rationale for these changes is provided.

Disclaimer

This scoring methodology changes document is intended to provide guidance to cities in relation to how their response will be scored in 2025. In common with other scoring processes of this type, we expect to make future adjustments, during the disclosure cycle, to optimise the clarity of the scoring methodology in context of responses received. Adjustments to the scoring methodology should have minimal impact on your response planning/resource allocation.

CDP therefore reserves the right to amend or alter scoring criteria displayed in the scoring methodology at any time during the disclosure cycle. Such adjustments will be made without obligation to give advance notice, but any adjustments made from time to time will be listed and displayed prominently. Please refer to the Version Control to view updates notifying you of adjustments.

Notwithstanding that CDP reserves the right to amend or alter its scoring criteria during the disclosure cycle, CDP commits to use best endeavours to only make adjustments where essential to ensure that our scoring methodology remains robust and effective for the purpose of assessing progress towards environmental stewardship.

Essential Criteria Changes

Question Level	Scoring Level	Change	Rationale
5.1.1	Leadership	'Target year of goal' reported is 2025 or later	Year update
6.1.1	Leadership	'Target year' reported is 2025 or later	Year update

Question-Level Changes

Question Level	Scoring Level	Change	Rationale
2.2	Leadership	Response in column 'Describe the impacts on vulnerable populations and sectors' describes the following - 1 point: - How the climate hazard impacts AT LEAST ONE vulnerable population disclosed in column 'Vulnerable Populations' AND - How the climate hazard impacts AT LEAST ONE sector listed in column 'Sectors most exposed'	Improved clarity

Question Level	Scoring Level	Change	Rationale
3.1.1	Awareness	'Year covered by main inventory' reported is 2019 or later	Year update
3.1.1	Management	'Year covered by main inventory' reported is 2020 or later	Year update
3.1.1	Leadership	'Year covered by main inventory' reported is 2021 or later	Year update

Question Level	Scoring Level	Change	Rationale
4.5	Management	'Year passenger mode share data applies to' reported is 2020 or later	Year update

4.5	Leadership	'Year passenger mode share data applies to' reported is 2020 or later	Year update
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Question Level	Scoring Level	Change	Rationale
5.1.1	Awareness	'Base year of goal (or year goal was established if no base year)' reported is 2025 or later	Year update
5.1.1	Awareness	'Target year of goal' reported is 2025 or later	Year update
5.1.1	Leadership	At least one goal reported within both of the following year periods in column 'Target year of goal' - 1 point: - '2026'-'2030' - '2031-2050'	Year update

5.1.1	Leadership	Response in column 'Description of metric/indicator used to track goal and evidence of implementation' provides the following - 1 point: - The target metric AND - Evidence that monitoring and evaluation is in place to track progress towards the goal	Improved clarity
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Question Level	Scoring Level	Change	Rationale
9.2	Awareness	'Start year or action' reported is 2025 or later	Year update
