

Scale and individual question rankings

All individual questions and scales included on this tool meet the following minimum standard. They are all:

ACTION-FOCUSED

It is clear what needs to be done to improve outcomes associated with the question or scale

IMPORTANT

The data from the question or scale will provide information central to program improvement

OPERATIONAL

The question or scale must be quantifiable, with clear definitions and reference standards

FEASIBLE

It is feasible to collect the data required for the question or scale

SIMPLE AND VALUED

The people who deliver the associated services understand and value the question or scale

OPEN ACCESS

The question or scale is freely available to use and share across organizations

The questions and scales have been ranked based on a method developed with an international working group of evaluation and metadata experts. When the screener suggests more than one question or scale, the ranking determines the order in which the scales or questions are presented to you.

Each question or scale is assessed against the following four questions. Each question is scored as either a 0 (not completed or unclear), or 1 (completed). The maximum score a question or scale can receive is 4.

- 1 •Has the question or scale actually **been used in evaluating programs**?
- 2 •Has the question or scale undergone **cognitive and usability testing** with users from the targeted respondent groups?
- 3 •Is the question or scale associated with a **feasible program theory** (e.g. financial well-being, financial literacy, etc.)?
- 4 •Is there **evidence of construct validity** through an acceptable research methodology?



If you would like to learn more about the scoring breakdown for each instrument including on this tool, you can contact us at info@prospercanada.org and we will be happy to provide you with that information.