

ADS Cheat Card 4

Compliance Scoring Scale

0–5 Compliance Scoring

Score	Level	What it means
0	Not Addressed	No evidence for this area
1	Acknowledged	Concern recognised, no design or evidence
2	Partial	Some requirements met, significant gaps
3	Mostly Addressed	Most requirements met, minor gaps (passing grade)
4	Fully Addressed	All requirements met with evidence
5	Exemplary	Reference-quality — best practice

Overall score

The overall score is the **lowest individual section score**, not an average. A solution with 5 in Performance but 1 in Security is a “1”, not a “3” — the Security gap is the concern.

What to score

14 sections: 1, 3.1–3.6, 4.1–4.5, 5, 6 (Executive Summary, the six Views, the five Quality Attributes, Lifecycle, Decision Making).

Organisation thresholds (suggested defaults)

- All sections ≥ 3 -> production approval
- All sections ≥ 4 -> Tier 1/2 critical systems
- Section = 0 or 1 -> remediation plan required