

For FAQ:

How to convert the PEFA alphabetic scores into numerical values?

The evaluation of PEFA performance indicators is the most important part of all PEFA assessments. For each indicator, the score takes into account a number of dimensions, which are aggregated according to the used PEFA methodology. Each dimension is scored separately on a four-point ordinal scale: A, B, C or D, according to precise criteria established for each dimension, taking into account that every aspect specified in the scoring requirements should be fulfilled. Having in mind the complexity of the evaluation the alphabetic scores are considered most relevant and precise.

Recently more PEFA users are interested in summarizing and visualizing the scores, converting the alphabetic scores into numerical values. There are different approaches and PEFA Secretariat would like to recommend the following guidance to facilitate the comparison and visualization of all PEFA scores:

PEFA Scores	A	B+	B	C+	C	D+	D	D*, NR	NA, NU
Numerical value	4	3.5	3	2.5	2	1.5	1	1	Excluded

According PEFA 2011 Methodology:

NR: Not Scored, due to insufficient information

NA: Not Applicable

NU: Not Used i.e. not assessed

According PEFA 2016 Methodology:

NA: Not Applicable

NU: Not Used i.e. not assessed

D*: Not sufficient information at dimension level, scored as D

Using the same approach will help PEFA users to compare the results from variety of analyses and research papers.