The IES 6 Seven-Principle Scorecard

This toolkit is for lecturers and programme leaders. The scorecard and these notes are both meant for you, not for students.

WHAT IT IS FOR

You score one assessment against the seven IES 6 principles and choose one change to make before the paper goes out. This sheet is for lecturers, not students.

HOW TO USE IT (ABOUT 20 MINUTES FOR ONE ASSESSMENT, OUR ESTIMATE)

1. **Name one assessment.** Use a real one that is about to run, such as next month's receivables test. Score it alone or with a colleague who has seen the paper and marking guide.
2. **Score each principle from 1 to 5** and write one note. Our suggestion: 1 means hardly met, 5 means you could show a colleague the evidence. Score from what exists on paper, not what you intend.
3. **Tick the AI rule** that students have actually been told.
4. **Pick the weakest principle** and write one change you can make before printing the paper.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- **The lowest score, not the average.** The principles carry equal weight in IES 6, so a total can hide one weak principle.
- **Transparency and Reliability.** Our suggestion: start here, because both can change without redesigning the task. Share the format and rubric, and ask a colleague to check the wording.
- **Integrity.** If no AI rule has been announced to students, write one before the assessment.

An illustrative completed row (invented, for the June receivables test): **Transparency, 2.** "Students have not seen the format or the rubric. Past questions are not shared." **Change:** post the rubric and last year's paper a week before the test.

EVIDENCE BASIS

Professional standard (the article's label). The prompts paraphrase the examples in IFAC's International Education Standard 6 (Revised, 2025), effective 1 July 2026. A standard tells you what is required or recommended. It is not research evidence that the scorecard improves assessments. The scorecard itself is an editorial tool, not part of the standard. IES 6 is addressed to IFAC member organisations and covers formal assessment during initial professional development. Using its principles to review one module test is our use of it. The timings, steps and notes under "What to look for" are ours, not part of IES 6.

IFAC (2025). International Education Standard 6 (Revised). education.ifac.org/part/ies-6