

SECURITY RATING SCORE

Security Rating Score Process (Effective 1 Oct 2024)

DCSA will begin issuing security ratings using the refined scoring process on October 1, 2024. These refinements were developed in collaboration with Industry and Government partners to minimize subjectivity and increase consistency, quality, and transparency. The refinements do not impact any other aspect of the security review process.

The security rating process begins when the DCSA team analyzes security review results to determine general conformity status. As a compliance-first process, critical vulnerabilities, systemic vulnerabilities, or serious security issues will result in a contractor not being in general conformity. Historically, less than 1% of security reviews result in a non-conformity security rating of unsatisfactory or marginal.

Contractors operating in a state of general conformity will receive at least a satisfactory security rating. These contractors may also be considered for a security rating of commendable or superior based on their achieved level of effectiveness.

Refinement Highlights

- ❑ Consolidates the commendable and superior lists of criteria into a single list known as the “gold standard.”
- ❑ Adds additional guidance for each criterion which creates a common understanding of requirements and expectations.
- ❑ Adds a numeric score component which decouples the final security rating from individual category ratings which are no longer used.
- ❑ Replaces the security rating sheet with the Security Review Rating Scorecard which provides granular feedback to Industry on how the score was calculated.



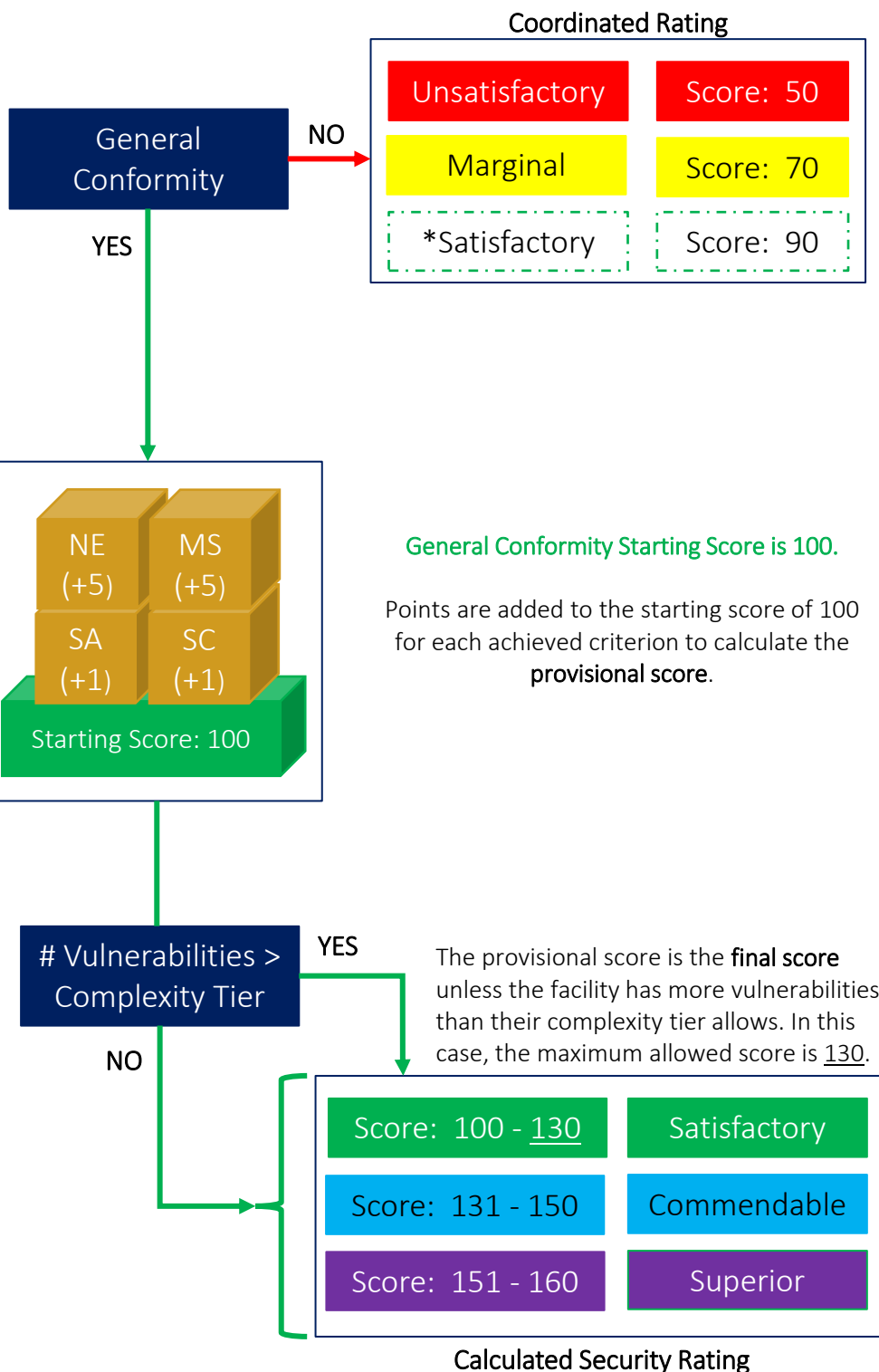
For more information on the refined security rating score process, visit the DCSA website at <https://www.dcsa.mil/mc/isd/srrp/>, or scan the QR code.





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Security Rating Score Process Flow



Terms and Definitions

General conformity means the facility had no critical vulnerabilities, systemic vulnerabilities, or serious security issues identified during the security review.

The **provisional score** is the raw score prior to considering serious (isolated) vulnerabilities and the facility's complexity tier.

For rating purposes only, a facility's **complexity tier** is based on their approved safeguarding and classified information systems (IS) status. Specifically:

- Tier 0: No Safeguarding
- Tier 1: Safeguarding
- Tier 2: Classified IS

The complexity tier number indicates the number of serious (isolated) vulnerabilities allowed before the **maximum allowed score** drops from 160 to 130.

The **final score** is calculated after considering the facility's maximum allowed score.

*Under rare circumstances, a satisfactory security rating may be coordinated for a non-conformity result based on facility size, extent of classified activity, and inherent nature of identified issues.

