

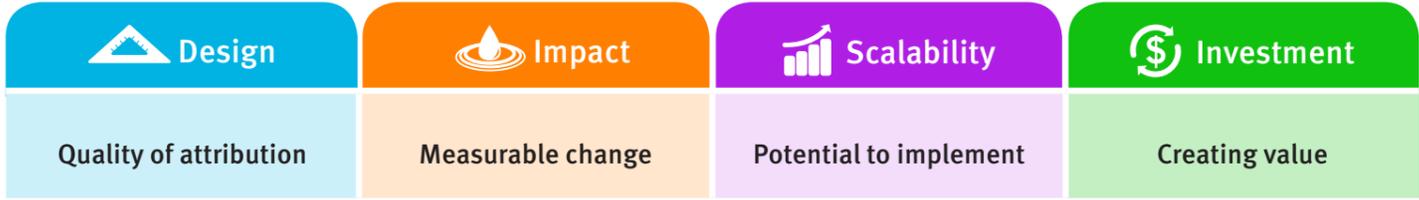
Standards of Evidence

What are the Standards of Evidence?

The Standards of Evidence underpin the department’s Evidence Framework. They provide a consistent way of assessing the evidence we use and generate.

What is in the standards?

The standards incorporate four dimensions to consider when we use and generate evidence – design, impact, scalability and investment.



Each dimension contains five levels that indicate the relative strength of evidence. Levels may differ across the dimensions. For example, an initiative may have very high (level five) evidence of impact but the scalability may be unknown (level one). Building better evidence is an incremental process and in some circumstances it may not be possible to progress to the highest levels of evidence strength.

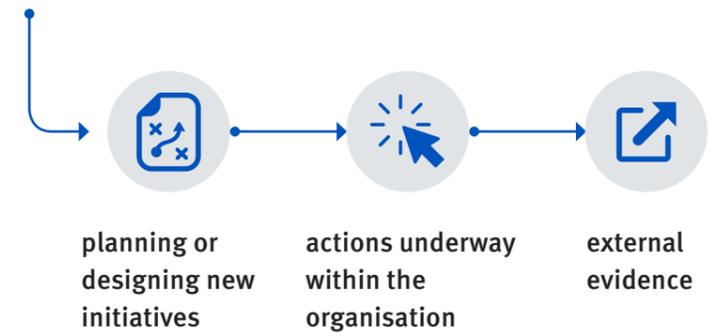
The standards recognise value in both qualitative and quantitative knowledge, acknowledging the benefits of using evidence from multiple sources and ensuring consistency in the collection of evidence.

When do the standards apply?

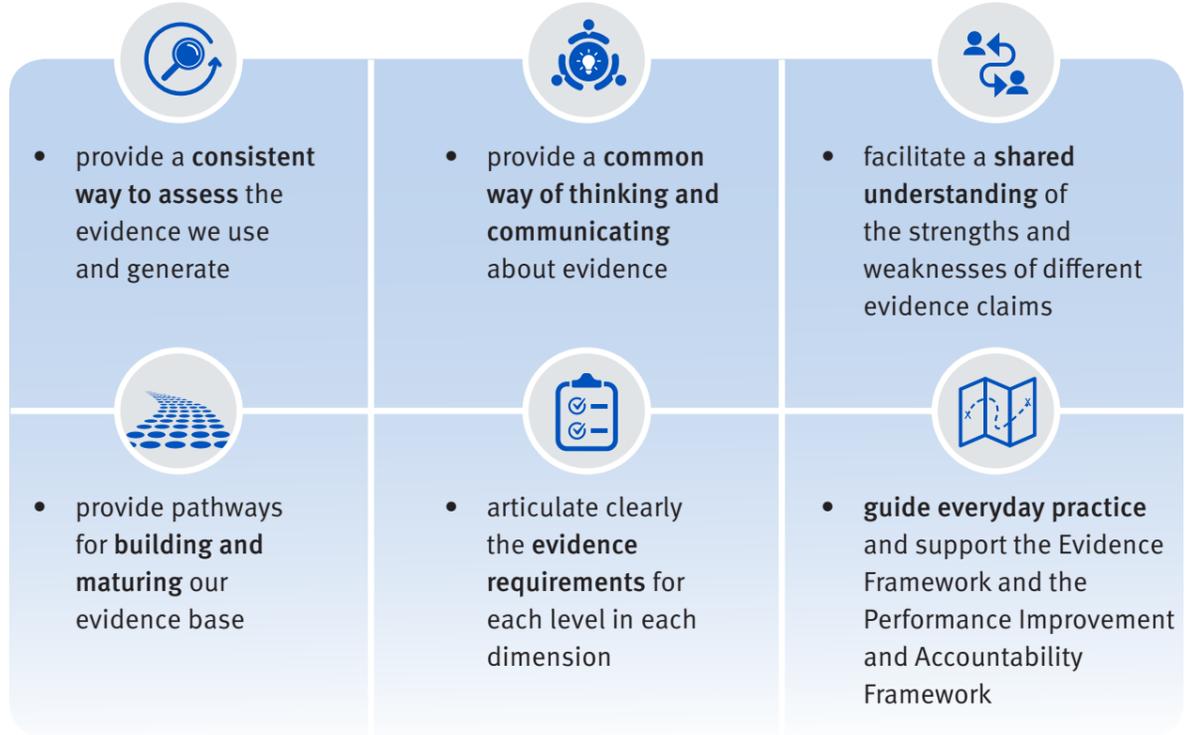
The standards are intended to help us gain a richer understanding of what is working, when, for whom and under what conditions.

The standards can be applied by all staff during the course of their work. For example, the standards could be used prospectively to design new initiatives and data collection processes that would enable better evidence generation with regard to attribution, impact, scale and cost. The standards could also be used to evaluate actions underway or to assess external evidence claims regarding impact.

Examples of when the standards apply:



Why do we have the standards?



More information

For more information about the Department of Education and Training’s commitment to building better evidence, please see <https://qed.qld.gov.au/publications/management-and-frameworks/evidence-framework/foundations-evidence/standards-evidence>

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Design

Quality of attribution

Impact

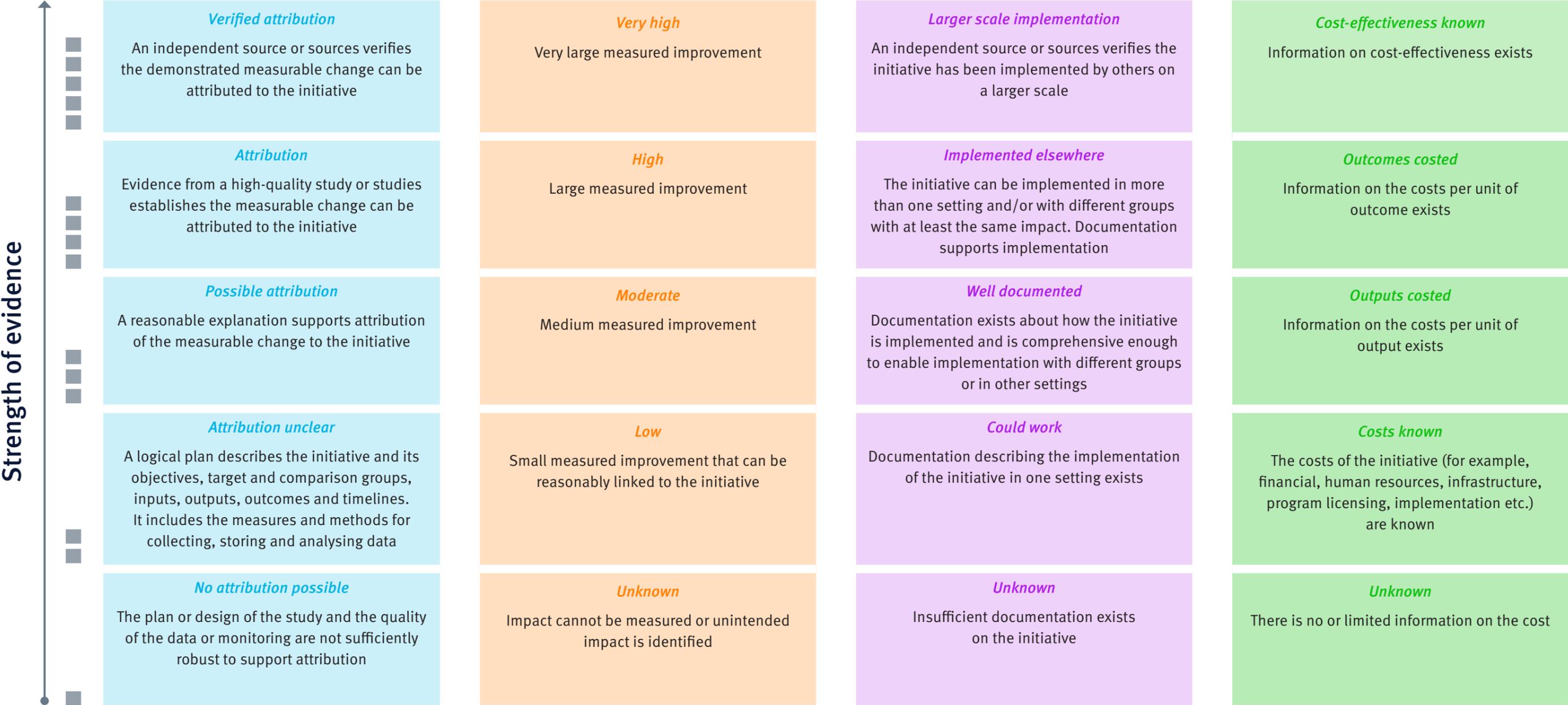
Measurable change

Scalability

Potential to implement

Investment

Creating value



Key: Strength of evidence ↑