

# The AI Readiness Scorecard

A 10-minute self-assessment for technology leaders across the UAE and KSA.

Most enterprises in the UAE and KSA now have an AI strategy. Far fewer have the governed data, model accountability, and operating model to run AI safely in production. That gap is where projects stall.

With KSA naming 2026 the Year of AI, the SDAIA AI Adoption Framework setting a governance baseline, and ISO 42001 moving into procurement, readiness has become a compliance question as much as a technical one.

This scorecard maps your organisation against **five dimensions of AI readiness**. Score each one, find your band, and see where the real work sits.

**1**

Score each of the five dimensions from 1 to 5, using the maturity key on the next page.

**2**

Add the five scores and divide by five to find your readiness band.

**3**

Read what your band means and the suggested next step on the final page.

**30+ years**

in the UAE and KSA

**Top 1% NPS**

for service quality across the region

**Thousands**

of specialists deployed for our clients

# Score your organisation

1 2 3 4 5

- 1 Data Foundation**  
Is there a governed data layer with the quality and lineage to run AI in production, not just pilots? 1 2 3 4 5
- 2 Governance and Accountability**  
Are there clear model owners, oversight, documentation, and decision rights for AI? 1 2 3 4 5
- 3 Compliance and Risk Posture**  
PDPL alignment, sector regulator readiness (for KSA, SAMA and NCA where relevant), and a working AI risk process? 1 2 3 4 5
- 4 Operating Model and Skills**  
The capability to build, run, and support AI in production: delivery model, MLOps, skills, and support? 1 2 3 4 5
- 5 Use-Case Readiness and Value**  
Are use cases prioritised, value defined and measurable, and genuinely deployable? 1 2 3 4 5

**TOTAL**  
sum of five scores

**YOUR BAND**  
**total ÷ 5**

## Maturity key

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| <b>1 Initial</b>    | Ad hoc. No governed data layer or AI governance. Experimental and undocumented.                    |
| <b>2 Developing</b> | Foundations exist in pockets. Inconsistent across the organisation. Heavy reliance on individuals. |
| <b>3 Defined</b>    | Standards and ownership documented and understood, but not consistently enforced or measured.      |
| <b>4 Managed</b>    | Governed, measured, repeatable. AI can move to production with oversight and acceptable risk.      |
| <b>5 Optimised</b>  | Continuously improved. Data, governance, and delivery are mature and feed back into strategy.      |

# What your score means

## 1.0 – 2.4 Foundational

**The groundwork is not yet in place.** Data is fragmented and AI governance is informal. Start by establishing a governed data layer and clear ownership before scaling any AI work. Suggested next step: a governed data foundations review.

## 2.5 – 3.4 Progressing

**Foundations are forming, but gaps block safe production.** You have momentum and some standards, yet accountability or delivery capacity is uneven. Suggested next step: prioritise the two or three gaps holding back production and close them with managed delivery.

## 3.5 – 5.0 Production-Ready

**You can deploy AI with oversight and acceptable risk.** The priority shifts to scaling well: extending governance across more use cases and keeping delivery accountable. Suggested next step: a scaling and assurance plan.

COMPLIMENTARY AI READINESS ASSESSMENT

## Turn your score into a prioritised plan.

In a 45-minute session, a TASC consultant works through your scorecard with you, confirms where the real gaps sit, and gives you a short readiness summary with one clear next step. No cost, and no obligation to go further.

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Or reach us at [tascoutsourcing.com](https://tascoutsourcing.com). TASC closes the people side of the AI readiness gap – the skills, operating model, and flexible specialist talent to run AI in production across the UAE and KSA.

This scorecard is a self-assessment that reports readiness against the spirit of the SDAIA AI Adoption Framework, ISO 42001, and the PDPL. It is not a compliance certification.