

WEBSITE EVALUATION RUBRIC - CARRDSS

	Valuable – 3 points	Helpful – 2 points	Useless – 1 point
Credibility	The website has a clearly identifiable author with appropriate qualifications. The author provides contact information and is not the same as the webmaster.	Upon careful review, the website has an identifiable author with appropriate qualifications. Contact information is provided to either the author or the webmaster.	Upon careful review, the website has an identifiable author with no appropriate qualifications or has no author. Contact information is not provided.
Accuracy	The website is published through a reputable domain for its purpose. Free from mistakes and errors. Facts can be verified.	The website is published through a domain that does not match its claimed purpose. Author listed is not relevant or appropriate to the subject covered.	The website is published through a private domain and the qualifications of the author are not listed.
Reliability	The purpose of the website is clear and suits the purpose for your research. The website is not particularly biased toward one side or another	The purpose of the website is not immediately identifiable but suits the purpose of your research. The website is biased, but can still be useful.	The website is strongly biased toward the personal views of the author and is not appropriate for research purposes. The website's bias distorts its accuracy.
Relevance	The website information directly supports the research and helps to answer your questions.	The website information indirectly supports the research and answers some of your questions.	The Website does not support the information needed for research. It answers none of your questions.
Date	The website was updated within the past year and has working links to appropriate related content.	The website was updated within the past three years and has mostly working links to appropriate related content.	The website was updated over 3 years ago and/or shows no updating and has many broken links or links unrelated content.
Source	The author has documented his or her sources and provides links and materials for further research.	The author has documented some of the sources he or she used, and provides a few links and some other materials for further research	The author provided no documented resources and provides no other links or materials for further research.
Scope & Purpose	The material can be easily read and understood. The content address the research need and it is comprehensive.	The material is somewhat difficult to understand, but there is some useful information that meets the needs of the research	The material is not easily understood and has no useful information relating to the research need.