Rubrics

What is it?
A rubric is a table identifying criteria and standards to support an assessment. The UQ policy and procedures library provides guidance on the use of criteria and standards.

What could you do?
At UQ, some schools have set practices to support fair practices across course and make assessment more uniform for students. Other schools have more diverse assessment practices reflected with diverse criteria and standards.
Blackboard provides online rubric tools, which can be used in to support assessment of discussion boards, blogs, journals, wikis and submitted assignments. Blackboard rubrics could also be added to a column in the grade centre and used to support assessment and feedback on activities outside Blackboard (for example: orals, video assignments, multimedia assignments).

Tips?
All electronic marking tools have limitations. Check that any tool you choose to use supports the structure of criteria and standards you want to use. It may be worth being flexible. For example, Blackboard assignments do not allow half marks – you would need to double what the criteria is out of and only use whole marks.

What have people done?
15 assessment rubrics produced by the VALUE project

Staff development courses
Writing Assessment Criteria & Standards.

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