



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 5101:2-17-02 "Step Up To Quality" (SUTQ): eligibility for registration.

Effective: December 31, 2016

- (A) A program licensed by the Ohio department of job and family services (ODJFS) or the Ohio department of education (ODE) may register to participate in step up to quality (SUTQ), a tiered quality rating and improvement system.
- (B) The following programs are not eligible to register to become star rated:
- (1) Child day camps as defined in Chapter 5101:2-18 of the Administrative Code.
 - (2) Certified in-home aides as defined in Chapter 5101:2-14 of the Administrative Code.
 - (3) Licensed programs who operate a summer only program as determined by ODJFS or ODE.
 - (4) Licensed programs who only operate during non-traditional hours as determined by ODJFS or ODE.
 - (5) Licensed programs within the first six months of their provisional license period.
 - (6) Border state child care providers serving children receiving publicly funded child care.
 - (7) Licensed programs whose license has a temporary closure status or is currently suspended.
- (C) A licensed program shall be eligible for a star rating during the provisional license period if the new program meets the requirements pursuant to paragraphs (K), (L), (M), and (O) of rule 5101:2-17-03 of the Administrative Code.
- (D) In order for a program to be considered for a star rating the child care program shall:
- (1) Not violate a licensing rule in Chapter 5101:2-12, 5101:2-13, 3301-32, or 3301-37 of the Administrative Code in order to meet a SUTQ standard.
 - (2) Register online at <https://oclqs.force.com>.
 - (3) Meet the program standards for the star rating registered for as listed in the appendices to rule 5101:2-17-01 of the Administrative Code.
 - (4) Complete and have verified a professional registry profile for all administrators, lead teachers, and assistant teachers through the Ohio professional registry at ocrra.org/opr for ODJFS and ODE licensed programs.



5101:2-17-02

2

- (5) Electronically submit the registration in preparation for the desk review and participation with the verification visit.
- (6) Be issued a regular license after the provisional licensing period has ended.
- (7) Have children enrolled and attending the program.
- (8) Not have received a letter of intent to revoke a license from ODJFS or ODE within the twenty-four months prior to registration and not have an active enforcement case.
- (9) For programs licensed by ODJFS:
 - (a) A star rating may be reduced or removed if ODJFS determines that the program has a six point serious risk non-compliance or an accumulation of eighteen moderate and/or serious risk non-compliance points within the previous twelve months.
 - (b) Moderate and serious risk non-compliances are listed in appendix A to rule 5101:2-12-03 of the Administrative Code for child care centers and appendix A to rule 5101:2-13-03 of the Administrative Code for family child care providers home.
 - (c) The accumulation of points shall not be within the previous twelve months prior to the registration date and between the registration date and the star rating effective date.
 - (d) If a licensing inspection has not occurred within twelve months, the most recent licensing inspection shall be considered.
- (10) For programs licensed by ODE, not having received a six point serious risk non-compliance as shown in rule 3301-37-02 of the Administrative Code for preschools and rule 3301-32-11 of the Administrative Code for school child programs.
- (E) If a program's star rating is discontinued, it shall wait six months from the date the star rating was discontinued to submit a new registration for a star rating.
- (F) If a program's star rating cannot be renewed, it shall wait six months from the date of expiration to submit a new registration for a star rating.