



## Ohio Administrative Code

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

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(A) Who may register to participate in SUTQ, Ohio's tiered quality rating and improvement system?

Any licensed program as referenced in paragraph (A)(8) of rule 5101:2-17-01 of the Administrative Code..

(B) Which programs are not eligible to register for a bronze, silver, or gold rating?

(1) A licensed program with a license in the revocation process.

(2) A licensed program with a currently suspended license.

(3) A licensed program with an active enforcement status.

(C) What are the requirements for a licensed program to be eligible for a bronze, silver, or gold rating?

The program is to do all of the following:

(1) Log onto the Ohio child licensing and quality system (OCLQS) at <https://oclqs.my.site.com> to electronically submit the rating registration.

(2) Comply with the desk review, including documents returned for revision, and with any on-site verification visit.

(3) Have children for whom the program is receiving compensation enrolled and attending the program at time of the on-site verification visit.



(4) Meet all of the program standards for the registered rating as listed in appendix A to rule 5101:2-17-01 of the Administrative Code including:

(a) Ensure that the administrators, lead teachers and assistant teachers complete and have verified their education and professional development through the Ohio professional registry (OPR) at <https://www.occrra.org>.

(b) Ensure the administrator on-site or family child care provider meets the educational requirements for professional development.

(c) Ensure staff roles, schedules and hire dates are accurate and that the staff are linked to the program prior to the registration and maintained in the OPR.

(d) Not falsifying any documentation required to meet the standards. Falsified documentation is to be cited in accordance with Chapters 5101:2-12, 5101:2-13, 3301-32 and 3301-37 of the Administrative Code.

(5) The center or family child care program is not to have an accumulation of twenty-four moderate and/or serious risk non-compliance points within the previous twelve months or for a preschool or school child program a six-point serious risk non-compliance .

(a) 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.

(b) Serious risk non-compliances are listed in rule 3301-37-02 of the Administrative Code for preschools and rule 3301-32-11 of the Administrative Code for school child programs.

(c) The accumulation of points are not to be within the previous twelve months prior to the registration date and between the registration date and the rating effective date.

(d) If a licensing inspection has not occurred within twelve months, the most recent licensing



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inspectionis to be considered.