



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 5180:2-5-04.1 Acceptance of accreditation in lieu of certification requirements.

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(A) The department may consider an agency to have met a certification requirement if the agency can document to the satisfaction of the Ohio department of children and youth (DCY) that it has met a comparable requirement to be accredited by a nationally recognized accreditation organization.

(B) The agency requesting such consideration is to submit a written request to the department's licensing specialist at the time of application for initial certification or at application for continuous certification, with the following documentation:

(1) A copy of the certificate, license or award letter of accreditation.

(2) A copy of the written accreditation report.

(3) A copy of any corrective action plans and the approval from the accreditation organization of these plans.

(4) Specific documentation on which certification requirements are met by accreditation, including a copy of the standards met.

(C) If the accreditation organization does not have a comparable standard to a certification requirement, the agency is to meet the certification requirement.

(D) The acceptance of accreditation in lieu of a certification requirement is restricted to the accreditation period or if the accreditation criteria changes, whichever occurs first. If DCY's requirements change regarding a previously approved criteria, the agency is to show how the change affects the previously approved criteria and if the criteria needs to be altered to comply with the new requirement.

(E) The acceptance of accreditation in lieu of a certification requirement rests solely at the discretion



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of DCY. The refusal of DCY to accept accreditation, in whole or in part, is to be final and is not to be construed as creating any rights to a hearing under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.