



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 5180:2-17-02 "Step Up To Quality" (SUTQ): eligibility for registration.

Effective: July 7, 2024

(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 inspection is to be considered.