



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 5180:2-17-04 "Step Up To Quality" (SUTQ): changes, renewals, removals, or requests to withdraw a SUTQ rating.

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(A) How does a program request a rating change from bronze, silver, or gold?

The program is to:

(1) Log onto <https://oclqs.my.site.com> to complete an ongoing rating registration.

(2) Electronically submit the registration.

(B) When can a rating be reduced or removed?

(1) For centers and family child care providers:

(a) The rating is to be removed if the program receives a letter of intent to revoke a license .

(b) The rating may be reduced or removed if it is determined that the program has an accumulation of twenty-four moderate and/or serious risk non-compliance points or a six-point serious risk non-compliance within the previous twelve months as 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.

(2) For preschool and school child programs , the rating may be reduced or removed if it is determined that the program has a six-point serious risk non-compliance as shown in rule 3301-37-02 of the Administrative Code and rule 3301-32-11 of the Administrative Code .

(3) The rating may be reduced or removed if the Ohio department of children and youth (DCY) or the county agency determines the program is not meeting any of the standards outlined in appendix A to rule 5101:2-17-01 of the Administrative Code.



(C) What are the requirements following a rating reduction pursuant to paragraph (B) of this rule?

(1) The program is not to be awarded a rating for six months after the new rating begin date; this includes a reduction to a zero rating.

(2) Paragraph (C)(5) of rule 5101:2-17-02 of the Administrative Code is to only apply to inspections completed after the effective date of the reduction of a rating.

(D) What are the requirements following a rating removal pursuant to paragraph (B) of this rule?

(1) The program is to not be awarded a rating for twelve months from the date of removal.

(2) Paragraph (C)(5) of rule 5101:2-17-02 of the Administrative Code is to only apply to inspections completed after the effective date of the removal of a rating.

(E) How can a program with an agreement to provide publicly funded child care (PFCC) avoid a gap in PFCC services when its SUTQ exemption pursuant to Chapter 5101:2-16 of the Administrative Code is expiring or no longer exists?

(1) If a program is currently meeting a time-limited exemption pursuant to Chapter 5101:2-16 of the Administrative Code and does not submit a registration for SUTQ between one hundred eighty days and ninety days prior to the expiration of the exemption, the program may have a gap in PFCC services. Time-limited exemptions are a reduction or removal pursuant to paragraph (B) of this rule as well as a program at the end of its provisional license period.

(2) If a program no longer meets any of the other exemptions pursuant to Chapter 5101:2-16 of the Administrative Code and does not submit a registration for SUTQ within thirty days of no longer meeting the exemption criteria, the program may have a gap in PFCC services.

(F) How does a program withdraw from SUTQ ?

A program that has submitted a registration for SUTQ or that has a current SUTQ rating may withdraw from SUTQ by requesting a withdrawal at <https://oclqs.my.site.com>.