

Early Learning Programs

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NAEYC Accreditation Fee Worksheet

Please use this NAEYC Accreditation Fee Worksheet to help estimate your accreditation fees throughout the process of pursuing and maintaining NAEYC Accreditation. All fees are based on the number of children enrolled in your program at the time each fee is due. If your program increases or decreases in enrollment level, your fees will change accordingly.

Pursuing Accreditation

Programs seeking their initial accreditation begin a four-step process and pay three separate fees during the process.

Step 1: Enrollment

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Level	Number of Children	Fee	
1	1-60 Children	\$495	
2	61-120 Children	\$595	
3	121-240 Children	\$795	
4	241-360 Children	\$895	
Add \$100 for every additional 120 Children			

This fee covers the initial cost of entering the accreditation system and gives you access to all self-study and self-assessment materials needed to prepare your program for the accreditation process.

Step 2: Application and Self-Assessment

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Level	Number of Children	Fee	
1	1-60 Children	\$250	
2	61-120 Children	\$325	
3	121-240 Children	\$400	
4	241-360 Children	\$475	
Add \$75 for every additional 120 Children			

This fee is submitted when your program has reviewed all enrollment materials and is ready to commit to the NAEYC Accreditation process and enter into a formal timeline to complete all preparations, candidacy materials, and required evaluations.

Steps 3 & 4: Candidacy and Site Visit

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Level	Number of Children	Fee	
1	1-60 Children	\$825	
2	61-120 Children	\$1,025	
3	121-240 Children	\$1,225	
4	241-360 Children	\$1,425	
Add \$200 for every additional 120 Children			

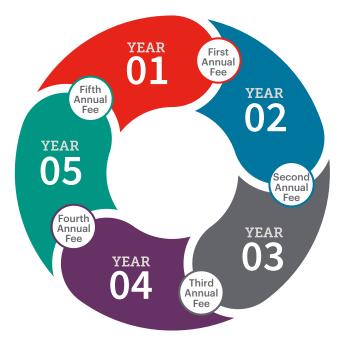
This fee is due when submitting candidacy materials that present your program's eligibility for accreditation. Following the approval of all candidacy materials, NAEYC Accreditation will conduct a site visit—the final step in applying for accreditation.

Maintaining Accreditation

NAEYC Accreditation is awarded for a 5-year term. Once you receive your notice of successful accreditation, your program is required to pay an Annual Accreditation Fee **at the end** of each year—that is, on or before your anniversary date—as part of maintaining NAEYC Accreditation. You will pay a consistent fee each year, unless your program increases or decreases in enrollment level, in which case your fee will change accordingly.

*For programs that immediately renew their accreditation for another 5-year term and meet all submission deadlines, there are no additional fees for pursuing re-accreditation or submitting renewal materials. Following your successful re-accreditation, you will enter into a new 5-year cycle, requiring standard annual fee payment as a part of maintaining your accreditation.

Annual Fee	Number of Children	
\$550	1-60 Children	
\$650	61-120 Children	
\$775	121-240 Children	
\$885	241-360 Children	
Add \$150 for every additional 120 Children		



Annual Fee, Year 1	\$
Annual Fee, Year 2	\$
Annual Fee, Year 3	\$
Annual Fee, Year 4	\$
Annual Fee, Year 5	\$

Add all fees from both the Pursuing Accreditation and Maintaining Accreditation phases and this is your Total Estimated Accreditation Cost through the first cycle of NAEYC Accreditation. Note that this total does not include late fees, postponement fees, or other additional fees requiring review or verification by NAEYC. For a comprehensive list of additional fees, visit NAEYC.org/academy/content/accreditation-fees.

TOTAL Estimated Accreditation Cost