

COUNTDOWN TO THE NEW EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM QUALITY ASSESSMENT & ACCREDITATION

DAYS

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SOON

MARCH 3,
2025

ELP Accreditation Updates

The countdown is on!

Get ready for NAEYC's re-envisioned Early Learning Program Quality Assessment and Accreditation that will launch on **Monday, March 3, 2025!**

****ATTENTION ANY PROGRAM IN APPLICANT STATUS****

Programs that are currently in "Applicant" status and want to be assessed under the current system must declare Candidacy by **February 15** within the current Accreditation Portal. If a program is unable to meet this timeline, they will need to come in under the new system after launch by applying for Recognition.

*****DISCOUNT FOR PROGRAMS IN APPLICANT & ENROLLED STATUS*****

Programs at "Enrolled" or "Applicant" status at time of launch will receive a discount of a free Recognition Application - for 1 year following launch, **through February 28, 2026.**

To help Early Learning Programs prepare for the new Quality Assessment and Accreditation, we have several resources available on our [Planned Changes webpage](#).

- Overview of new system [English](#) | [Spanish](#)
- [New system revised assessment items](#)
- [New system required assessment items](#)
- Assessment Tools
 - [Recognition Application Tool](#)
 - [Accreditation Application Tool](#)
 - [Accreditation Observation Tool](#)
- [New fee structure](#)
- Recorded Webinar: An Overview of NAEYC's New Quality Assessment and Accreditation System [English](#) | [Spanish](#)

We encourage you to visit our [Planned Changes webpage](#) for more information on the new tiered system, including several frequently asked questions (FAQs).

New System | FAQ Highlights

My program is in Applicant status. How long do we have to get to Candidacy if we want to be assessed under the current system?

Programs that are in “Applicant” status **must declare Candidacy by February 15** within the current Accreditation Portal, to be assessed under the current system OR they need to come in under the new system after launch.

When will my program be able to apply for Recognition in the new system?

The new Early Learning Program Quality Assessment and Accreditation will be launched on Monday, March 3, 2025. A new NAEYC Portal will be live that day, and program administrators will be able to navigate to the “Early Learning Hub” to engage with the new system, including starting an application for Recognition.

Are there still required items that must be met in the new system?

Yes, there are still required items that must be met by programs in order to earn NAEYC Recognition or Accreditation tier. You can view them [here](#).

For more FAQs, visit our [Planned Changes](#) webpage.

Planned Changes FAQs

Do you have feedback?

We are excited to launch this new and innovative system, and we are looking forward to your feedback on how we can make it even stronger. The new NAEYC Quality Assessment System is set to launch in Spring 2025, and changes are currently in the pilot phase. While we are getting feedback on the updated content, process and tools from the pilot sites, we also welcome engagement from all individuals and organizations within the ECE field, particularly those who may be most impacted by these changes, and whose expertise, partnership, and importance we tremendously value and respect. To share your feedback with us, **please complete [this survey](#)**.

As we move forward, we are continuously challenging ourselves to think innovatively and to hold ourselves accountable to our own stated values around accessibility, equity, diversity, and inclusion. We thank you for all the support you have given NAEYC early learning program accreditation over the years, and for your support and engagement on the journey to launch the system into the future!

Share Your Feedback



For Families

We've moved! You can now find great articles and resources for families on NAEYC.org. **Check it out!**



Stay in touch!

Connect with us on social media, and NAEYC members can **share ideas on Hello.**

We Love to Hear From you!

Additional questions? Feedback? Contact NAEYC ELP Accreditation staff today by emailing accreditation.information@naeyc.org. You may also reach us by telephone at **800-424-2460** option 3, for Accreditation of Early Learning Programs.



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