

NAEYC Accreditation of Early Learning Programs

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Your Accreditation Timeline is in Your Hands

You spoke, we listened and made enhancements. You now are able to advance through the accreditation process at a pace that is right for you. No more complex cohort dates to calculate. Instead, you can advance <u>anytime within</u> the timeframe allotted for each step.

Please pay attention to the timelines as we transition to this more customer-centered method.

My Current Status	What Should I Be Doing Now?	When Can I Proceed To The Next Stage?
Interested in Accreditation	□ Registering for a free Program ID (include link)	Proceed to Stage 1 – Enrollment when your program is ready.
Stage 1. Enrollment	 □ Adding more details to your online profile in the Accreditation Portal □ Learning more about the accreditation standards and process □ Using resources (TORCH) in the Accreditation Portal □ Engaging your staff and others in your self-study 	Proceed to Stage 2 – Application anytime within 12 months. Your new 12 months deadline is in the Accreditation Portal.
Stage 2. Application	 □ Adding more details to your online profile in the Accreditation Portal □ Using resources (TORCH) in the Accreditation Portal □ Self-assessing your program's strengths and areas needing attention □ Making enhancements □ Documenting evidence of your program's quality 	Proceed to Stage 3 – Candidacy anytime within 12 months. Your new 12 months deadline is in the Accreditation Portal.
Stage 2. Application	Your <u>current status</u> is now Stage 3. Candidacy.	
AND My program has applied for Stage 3. Candidacy to meet the previous September 30, 2018 candidacy deadline.	 □ Adding site visit details to your online profile in the Accreditation Portal □ Preparing to host a site visit within the next 0-6 months □ Using the Site Visit Readiness Checklist in the Accreditation Portal (see TORCH) to prepare □ Communicating with your assigned assessor □ Making final enhancements 	Your current status is now Stage 3. Candidacy. Your site visit will occur within 0-6 from when your candidacy was approved.





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Stage 3. Candidacy	 □ Verifying that your program data in the Accreditation Portal is accurate; this data will drive your site visit □ Adding site visit details to your online profile in the Accreditation Portal □ Preparing to host a site visit within the next 0-6 months □ Using the Site Visit Readiness Checklist in the Accreditation Portal (see TORCH) to prepare □ Communicating with your assigned assessor □ Making final enhancements 	Your site visit will occur within 0-6 from when your candidacy was approved.
Stage 3. Candidacy AND My Site Visit has occurred; I am now waiting for a decision.	Stay tuned, your Accreditation Decision Report will be emailed and your status will be updated in the Accreditation Portal.	Stay tuned, your Accreditation Decision Report will be emailed and your status will be updated in the Accreditation Portal.
Stage 3. Candidacy AND I have been contacted by an assessor regarding my site visit.	We will use the forms and materials your program submitted (not the data in the Accreditation Portal) to plan your visit. Familiarizing yourself with the Accreditation Portal (the information in the Portal will not drive your visit) Using the Site Visit Readiness Checklist in the Accreditation Portal (see TORCH) to prepare Planning your site visit with your assigned assessor outside the Accreditation Portal	Continue to plan your visit with your assigned assessor <u>outside</u> the Accreditation Portal After your site visit, your Accreditation Decision Report will emailed and your status will be updated in the Accreditation Portal.





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Stage 4. Accredited	 □ Maintaining your online profile (include link) □ Continuing to assess your program's strengths and growth areas as they relate to the accreditation standards □ Continuing to make enhancements 	Your site visit will occur within the next 0-6 after you submit your Annual Report 4 and indicate your commitment to renewing your accreditation.
Stage 4. Accredited AND I have confirmation from NAEYC that my program's Renewal Materials have been received.	We will use the forms and materials your program submitted (not the data in the Accreditation Portal) to plan your visit. Familiarizing yourself with the Accreditation Portal (the information in the Portal will not drive your visit) Using the Site Visit Readiness Checklist in the Accreditation Portal (see TORCH) to prepare Planning your site visit with your assigned assessor in the Accreditation Portal	Your Renewal Materials were received and approved, therefore your site visit will occur within the next 0-6 months.
Stage 4. Accredited AND I have confirmation from NAEYC that my program's Annual Report 4 has been received.	 □ Verifying that your program data in the Accreditation Portal is accurate; this data will drive your site visit □ Adding site visit details to your online profile in the Accreditation Portal □ Preparing to host a site visit within the next 0-6 months or already hosted a site visit □ Using the Site Visit Readiness Checklist in the Accreditation Portal (see TORCH) □ Communicating with your assigned assessor □ Making final enhancements 	Your Annual Report 4 was received and approved as if it was submitted in January 2019. We assume you will commit to renewing your accreditation to prevent a lapse. Therefore, your site visit will occur within 0-6 months after January 2019.

