



Entry Level Designation Timeline for Child Care Programs

Child care programs that provide Child Care Services (CCS) will be required to participate in the Texas Workforce Commission Texas Rising Star certification program via an Entry Level Designation. This timeline is for providers that have a current CCS agreement with their Workforce Solutions Board (Board) as of 10.03.22. Timeframes for new CCS providers are the same but deadlines will shift accordingly. CCS programs can be screened as needed or warranted for Texas Rising Star initial certification eligibility at any time between 10.03.22 – 09.30.24.

By October 3, 2022

Determine Entry Level Designation Eligibility

- Your Board will evaluate your program to determine eligibility for Entry Level Designation and assign a mentor to support your program.
- Eligible > Begin working toward your Texas Rising Star certification. Certification Deadline: 09.30.24.
- Not eligible > You will receive an allowance to provide CCS for an interim timeframe. Re-evaluation Deadline: 03.31.23.

By March 31, 2023

Re-Evaluate Entry Level Designation Eligibility (as applicable)

- Your Board will re-evaluate your program for Entry Level Designation eligibility.
- Eligible > Begin working toward your Texas Rising Star certification. Certification Deadline: 09.30.24.
- Not Eligible > Your CCS provider agreement will be terminated. Children in care will be transferred to an eligible provider.

By September 30, 2023

Evaluate Texas Rising Star Certification Eligibility

- Your Board will evaluate your program for Texas Rising Star certification eligibility.
- Eligible > The Board will acknowledge certification eligibility and schedule an assessment prior to 09.30.24.
- Not Eligible > Your program will have six months to meet eligibility. Re-evaluation Deadline: 03.31.24.

By March 31, 2024

Re-Evaluate Texas Rising Star Certification Eligibility

- Your Board will re-evaluate your program for Texas Rising Star certification eligibility.
- Eligible > The Board will conduct a Texas Rising Star assessment to award certification prior to 09.30.24.
- Not Eligible > Your program will have six months to meet eligibility. You may NOT receive new family referrals during this time. Re-evaluation Deadline: 09.30.24.

By September 30, 2024

Establish Texas Rising Star Certification

- Your Board will re-evaluate your program for Texas Rising Star certification eligibility.
- Eligible > The Board will conduct a Texas Rising Star assessment to award certification. Certification Deadline: within three months, by 12.30.24.
- Not Eligible > Your CCS provider agreement will be terminated. Children in care will be transferred to an eligible provider.