
TEXAS RISING STAR: ENTRY LEVEL DESIGNATION OVERVIEW

CHILD CARE AND EARLY LEARNING DIVISION



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- Rule Timeline
- Entry Level Designation
 - Basic Requirements and Points Threshold
 - New Providers
 - Current Provider Allowance
 - Initial 24 months
 - Frequently Asked Questions
 - Waivers
 - Suspension Status
- Questions

AGENDA



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RULE TIMELINE



- August 2022: Drafting Final Rules
- 9/13/2022: Commission Action
- 10/03/2022: Rule Effective/Implementation begins

ENTRY LEVEL DESIGNATION



- Basic Requirements and Points Threshold
- New CCS Providers and Examples
- Allowance for Current CCS Providers
- Initial 24 months
- Goals and Tips
- Waivers
- Suspension Status
- Non-compliance

BASIC REQUIREMENTS AND POINTS THRESHOLD

- Licensed Center or Home or Registered Home
- Cannot be on CCR corrective action



- Cannot exceed 75 total points within most recent 12-months
- High = 5 points
Medium-high = 3 points



NEW CCS PROVIDERS

- Must meet basic requirements *prior* to signing a CCS provider agreement
 - Licensed or Registered by CCR
 - Not on Corrective Action with CCR
 - Have 75 or fewer total points when CCR history is reviewed
- If meets basic requirements, has up to 24-months to obtain Two-Star or higher certification
- If does not meet basic requirements, cannot sign a CCS provider agreement

New Provider #1

- Has Initial Permit issued from CCR on June 1, 2022
- CCR history reviewed on October 1, 2022 shows 4 months of CCR history
- There are 12 deficiencies total
 - 3 High Deficiencies (3 X 5 points each = 15 points)
 - 2 Medium-High Deficiencies (2 X 3 points each = 6 points)
 - 5 Medium deficiencies (5 X 0 points each = 0 points)
 - 2 Low deficiencies (2 X 0 points each = 0 points)
- That's a total of 21 points (15 + 6)
- They **are** Entry Level Designated

EXAMPLE #1



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New Provider #2

- Has Full Permit issued from CCR on June 1, 2001
- CCR history reviewed on October 1, 2022 shows most recent 5 years of CCR history
- There are 6 deficiencies total from October 1, 2021 to October 1, 2022 (most recent 12-months)
 - 1 High Deficiencies (1 X 5 points each = 5 points)
 - 2 Medium-High Deficiencies (2 X 3 points each = 6 points)
 - 3 Low deficiencies (3 X 0 points each = 0 points)
- That's a total of 11 points (5 + 6)
- They are Entry Level Designated

EXAMPLE #2

New Provider #3

- Has a Renewed Initial Permit issued from CCR on June 1, 2022
- CCR history reviewed on October 1, 2022 shows 10 months of CCR history
- There are 46 deficiencies total
 - 10 High Deficiencies (10 X 5 points each = 50 points)
 - 12 Medium-High Deficiencies (12 X 3 points each = 36 points)
 - 15 Medium deficiencies (15 X 0 points each = 0 points)
 - 6 Medium-Low Deficiencies (6 X 0 points each = 0 points)
 - 3 Low deficiencies (3 X 0 points each = 0 points)
- That's a total of 86 points (50 + 36)
- They are **NOT** Entry Level Designated

EXAMPLE #3



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ALLOWANCES

CURRENT CHILD CARE SERVICES PROVIDERS



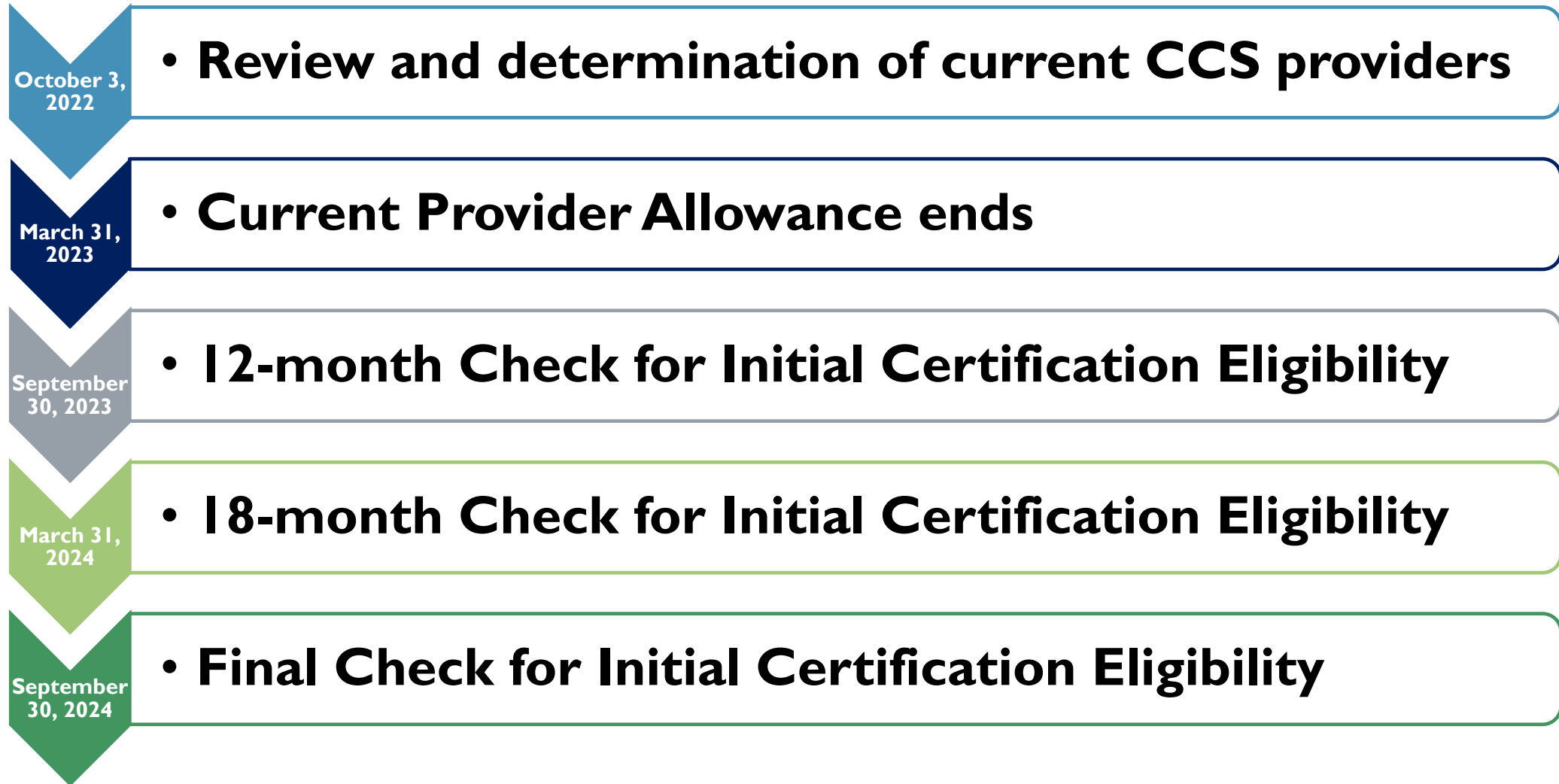
For any current CCS provider, if they do not meet the points threshold upon effective date (10/03/2022), they have up to 6 months to achieve compliance.

Have until March 31, 2023, to comply.

INITIAL 24-MONTHS



■ Steps and Timeline



INITIAL 24-MONTHS: FIRST DEADLINE



**October 3,
2022**

- **Local Workforce Solutions Board will officially review the Child Care Regulation history to determine if the program meets Entry Level Designation (ELD)**
- **If the program meets ELD it will be given a deadline of September 30, 2024, to be certified as at least Two-Star.**
- **If the program does not meet ELD, the Board will provide a mentor to support as applicable and given a deadline of March 31, 2023, for compliance of ELD**

INITIAL 24-MONTHS: SECOND DEADLINE



**March 31,
2023**

- If the program was given an allowance to provide CCS while not meeting ELD, and the program is now in compliance with ELD, it will be given a deadline of September 30, 2024, to be certified as at least Two-Star.
- If the program was given an allowance to provide CCS while not meeting ELD, and the program still does not meet ELD, the CCS provider agreement will be terminated and any CCS children in care will be transferred to another provider within 2 weeks of this deadline.

INITIAL 24-MONTHS:THIRD DEADLINE



**September
30, 2023**

- **Local Workforce Solutions Board will conduct an initial certification screening form for the program to determine if it meets initial certification eligibility for Texas Rising Star; if so, an assessment will be scheduled to occur prior to September 30, 2024.**
- **If not, the program will be given 6-months to comply (it can still receive new CCS referrals during this timeframe) with a deadline of March 31, 2024.**

INITIAL 24-MONTHS: FOURTH DEADLINE



**March 31,
2024**

- If the program did not meet initial certification eligibility at the first 12-month check, the Board will conduct another initial certification screening form for the program to determine if it meets initial certification eligibility for Texas Rising Star; if so, a Texas Rising Star initial assessment will be scheduled to occur prior to September 30, 2024.
- If not, the program has only 6-months to comply and it may NOT receive new CCS family referrals during this timeframe, with a deadline of September 30, 2024.

INITIAL 24-MONTHS: FIFTH DEADLINE



**September
30, 2024**

- If the program was given the full 24-month timeframe to comply with initial certification eligibility, the Board will conduct another initial certification screening form for the program to determine if it meets initial certification eligibility for Texas Rising Star; if so, a Texas Rising Star initial assessment will be scheduled within the next 3 months.
- If not, the CCS provider agreement will be terminated and any CCS children in care will be transferred to another provider within 2 weeks of this deadline.

REFLECTIVE QUESTIONS



- What is my program's ELD score, and do I currently meet ELD points threshold or not?
- If my program does not meet the points threshold, will any of these citations “fall off” prior to October 3, 2022, causing us to now meet the points threshold?
- If my program is close to not meeting ELD points threshold, what might we try to work on with our mentor to support us in CCR compliance?
- Does my board have any orientation or overview sessions on ELD that I can attend to learn more?
- What are the initial eligibility requirements of Texas Rising Star and does my program already meet them?

- What happens if our program exceeds the points threshold within our 24-months while working towards Texas Rising Star certification?
- Can our program be screened for Texas Rising Star initial certification sooner than September 30, 2023?
- Is there a waiver for special situations?

WAIVERS

Extension Waiver

- Located in a Child Care Desert or serving an underserved population



Extension Waiver

- Declared emergency or disaster



Extension Waiver

- Out of provider's control



SUSPENSION STATUS

CURRENT TEXAS RISING STAR PROVIDERS



- Current Texas Rising Star provider falling below Two-Star certification level are placed in Suspension Status for a minimum of 6 months (up to 15-months)
- Must meet initial certification eligibility by 15 months to retain CCS provider agreement and CC Rule indicating no new high/medium-high deficiencies for 6 consecutive months
- Not eligible for Entry Level Designation
- Must continue to meet points threshold

NON-COMPLIANCE WITH SUSPENSION STATUS



End of 12-months Suspension Status:

- Failure to retain certification status →
 - Cannot be eligible for Entry Level Designation and its 24-months timeframe
 - CCS Provider agreement is ended
 - Must come back as Texas Rising Star-certified

QUESTIONS



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www.TexasRisingStar.org/contact-us