



Early Achievers Re-Rate Policy

WHAT: Free Re-Rate

WHO: Early Achievers participants that provide ECEAP, Head Start services or accept Working Connections Child Care, Homeless or Seasonal subsidies qualify for one free re-rate per three year rating cycle. Participants who do not provide ECEAP, Head Start or the above subsidies are not eligible for a free re-rate.

WHEN: Eligible Early Achievers participants can request their free re-rate up until the 24th month of the three year rating cycle.

WHERE: Participants will request their re-rate through the *Early Achievers Request for On-Site Evaluation*.

WHY: Accessing a free re-rate can help sites reach the rating mandate outlined in the Early Start Act for their program type. Going through a re-rate and achieving a higher rating also gives sites access to larger quality improvement awards and higher subsidy reimbursement rates.

Free re-rate options:

A. Early Achievers participants providing ECEAP services may select any combination of the following measures for their free re-rate:

- Environment Rating Scale
- Classroom Assessment Scoring System
- Records Review (only relevant to ECEAP providers on the licensed pathway)

B. Early Achievers participants that provide Head Start services or accept Working Connections Child Care, Homeless or Seasonal subsidies may select any combination of the following measures for their free re-rate:

- Environment Rating Scale
- Classroom Assessment Scoring System

NOTE: All re-rates will be based on current Quality Standards at the time of re-rating.

Steps to prepare for a re-rate

1. Work with the site coach to help prepare the facility for the re-rate. It is highly recommended that site staff work with the assigned coach to ensure the facility has made significant progress on its quality improvement goals.

2. If applicable, complete the *Interactive Rating Readiness Tool*, indicating which items in the Records Review to be assessed.

Process to request a re-rate:

- **Licensed pathway:** The Early Achievers contact will submit the request for re-rate using the *Early Achievers Request for On-Site Evaluation*
- **HS/ECEAP pathway or Hybrid pathway:** When the facility is ready to re-rate, the Facility/Site Designee will request a re-rate on the site’s behalf using the *Early Achievers Request for On-Site Evaluation*.

Other Re-Rate Options

WHAT: Paid Re-Rate

WHO: All participating sites may request a paid re-rate. Sites that have already used their free re-rate and did not have the desired outcome are eligible for a paid re-rate. Re-rate costs are based on facility size and selected components.

WHEN: Early Achievers participants can request a paid re-rate up until the 24th month of the three year rating cycle.

WHERE: Participants request their paid re-rate by submitting the *Early Achievers Request for On-Site Evaluation* and submitting their payment for their rating. Payments (checks or purchase orders) made payable to “CQEL” should be mailed to:

CQEL
Attention: Early Achievers Re-rate
5001 25th Ave NE, Suite 201E
Seattle, WA 98105

WHY: Participants may want to achieve a higher level of quality sooner than the three year rating cycle in order to access larger quality improvement awards, higher subsidy reimbursement rates. Sites may also still need to achieve their rating mandate after already using the free re-rate.

Paid Re-Rate Eligibility and Options

All Early Achievers participants are eligible for a paid re-rate and may select any combination of the following measures for their re-rate:

- Environment Rating Scale
- Classroom Assessment Scoring System
- Records Review (includes Quality Standards Checklist and Professional Development)

NOTE: for licensed pathway sites originally rated before 9/1/2017, the rating components will be calculated based on the Quality Standards Checklists that took effect on 7/1/2017.

Fees for Paid Re-Rate:

Number of Classrooms/Learning Environments	Facility's Portion of the Re-Rating Cost for 1 or 2 measures	Facility's Portion of Re-Rating Cost for all 3 measures (ERS, CLASS and Quality Standards)
1-2	\$750	\$1000
3-4	\$1500	\$2000
5-10	\$2500	\$3000
11 or more	\$3500	\$4000

Quality Improvement Awards

If a participant has already received their annual Quality Improvement Award for the year, they will receive a difference payment so their total annual award equals the amount for their current rated level. If they have not yet received their annual quality improvement award, they will receive the full amount for their current rated level. Annual Quality Improvement Award payments will not exceed the amount of the participant's highest rated level for that year. Beginning on July 1, 2016, only Early Achievers participants that serve at least 5% WCCC will be eligible for a quality improvement award.

Additional Information and Questions

- **Licensed Pathway Participants:** please address questions to the facility's Regional Coordinator at the local Child Care Aware of Washington office or via email to the QRIS Inbox (QRIS@del.wa.gov).
- **Head Start/ECEAP Pathway Participants:** please address questions to the site's Head Start Grantee or ECEAP Contractor or via email to the QRIS Inbox (QRIS@del.wa.gov).