



On **September 30, 2024**, Quality Rated will make available the cohort observation slots for 2025. When a program logs into their Quality Rated account, they will begin to see the available cohorts as follows:

Any program with a rating expiration date in 2025 will have first access to the available cohort slots, giving them the opportunity to secure their preferred cohort first. These programs will have **exclusive access from September 30 - October 21, 2024**. They will continue to have access after October 21, but they will not have exclusive access.

Programs expiring in 2026 will have a preferential sign-up period to request a slot and complete their reassessment before the QR system is revised. These programs will be granted **access to the available cohort slots beginning October 22, 2024**.

January 2, 2025, all remaining cohort slots will be available for any program to select. Any remaining cohort slots will be available for selection throughout 2025 until the start date of the portfolio submission window associated with the cohort.

Some essential information to note:

- No Quality Rated Program revisions are set to be implemented in 2025.
- Process Quality scores will be determined by assessing 1/3 of all operating Infant/Toddler classrooms and 1/3 of all operating Preschool classrooms.
- If a program’s playground has poured-in-place surfacing, it will be the program’s responsibility to include that information in the *Provider Comments* section of the Pre-Observation screens AND to have the ASTM documentation readily available at the time of the observation. If this information is not provided prior to the observation, it will not be considered for scoring or as part of any clarification considerations after a rating is issued.
- It is the provider’s responsibility to upload BOTH a current schedule and roster for each classroom noted in the Pre-Observation screens to ensure the most appropriate ERS instrument is used for each selected classroom observation.
- Per current policy, the children’s ages in the classroom on the day of the observation will determine the most appropriate Environment Rating Scale. It is important to have the most up-to-date roster for each classroom available when the Assessor arrives to confirm the appropriate ERS instrument.

Below are the 2025 Portfolio Submission and Observation Windows for each cohort:

2025 Cohort	Slot Availability	Portfolio Submission Window start date	Portfolio Submission Window end date	Observation Window start date	Observation window end date
1	CCLC Slots: 220 FCCLH Slots: 50	November 22, 2024 Midnight	December 6, 2024 Noon	January 6, 2025	March 31, 2025
2	CCLC Slots: 200 FCCLH Slots: 50	February 14, 2025 Midnight	February 28, 2025 Noon	April 1, 2025	June 30, 2025
3	CCLC Slots: 185 FCCLH Slots: 50	May 16, 2025 Midnight	May 30, 2025 Noon	July 1, 2025	September 30, 2025
4	CCLC Slots: 180 FCCLH Slots: 40	August 15, 2025 Midnight	August 29, 2025 Noon	October 1, 2025	December 31, 2025

We look forward to supporting your program’s continuous quality improvements in 2025.

Your Quality Rated Team

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