Capital Quality Rating Calculation Webinar

Infant and Toddler Only Facilities with Only One Year of Valid Observation Data

June 21, 2021
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Timeline for 2020-21 Capital Quality Rating and Designation Process
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July 2021
• OSSE notifies owners/administrators of facilities with only one year of valid observation data that their facilities will be rated in fall 2021.

August 2021
• OSSE sends facility owners/administrators information on the validation process, during which they can review their facility’s rating calculation and designation.

September 2021
• Facility owners/administrators complete the validation process. Completing the validation process is not required.

Oct. 1, 2021
• The facility’s designation takes effect for tiered subsidy reimbursement. Reimbursement for the month of October 2021 is received in November 2021.
Capital Quality Rating and Designation Overview
Capital Quality Rating and Designation Definitions

Framework
• The Capital Quality category based on the type of setting (home or center) and the age groups of children served (birth to 5). The framework is then used in combination with the metric and informs the way in which the rating is calculated to determine a Capital Quality designation.

Metric
• Instruments or indicators used to assess performance in each area defined, commonly known as measures.

Floor
• The minimum value for which any points are earned (for all metrics), indicating the minimum level of performance acceptable for a facility to receive points in the Capital Quality rating system.

Target
• The value at which the maximum points for a metric are earned, indicating the desired level of performance in achieving the stated outcome in the Capital Quality rating system.
Capital Quality Rating and Designation Definitions

Rating
• Refers to the numeric score (0-100) earned each year upon calculating the facility’s scores from each of their metrics according to the formula for their framework.

Designation
• A facility’s level of quality based on points earned – Developing, Progressing, Quality or High-Quality.
Capital Quality Metrics

Environment Rating Scales (ERS)
• Infant/Toddler Environment Rating Scale, Third Edition (ITERS-3)\(^1\)
• Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale, Third Edition (FCCERS-3)\(^2\)

Classroom Assessment Scoring System Pre-K (CLASS Pre-K)
• Floors and targets for each metric are research-based.

\(^1\) Note: The Infant/Toddler Environment Rating Scale-Revised (ITERS-R) was used to conduct observations from 2016 through 2020. The ITERS-3, the latest edition of the metric, is now used in place of the ITERS-R. Valid observation data collected using the ITERS-R (i.e. program-level ITERS-R scores) will be used in the Capital Quality rating calculation until facilities have sufficient, valid observation data collected using the ITERS-3.

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Capital Quality Frameworks and Metrics

- **Infant and Toddler Only**
  - Infant/Toddler Environment Rating Scale, Third Edition (ITERS-3)

- **Preschool Age/Pre-K Only**
  - Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) Pre-K

- **Birth-to-Five**
  - Infant/Toddler Environment Rating Scale, Third Edition (ITERS-3)
  - Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) Pre-K

- **Child Development Homes/Child Development Expanded Homes**
  - Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale, Third Edition (FCCERS-3)
ERS Overview

- ITERS-3 and FCCERS-3 items measure the extent to which early care and education environments promote children’s health and safety and stimulate children through language, activities and warm, supportive interactions with adults. These items are organized into six subscales:
  - Space and Furnishings;
  - Personal Care Routines;
  - Language and Books;
  - Activities;
  - Interaction; and
  - Program Structure.

- Each item is scored on a scale of 1 to 7 with higher scores indicating higher quality.
## What do the ERS floors and targets represent?

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<th>What Does the Floor Score Represent?</th>
<th>What Does the Target Score Represent?</th>
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<td>ITERS-3</td>
<td>Score: 3</td>
<td>Score: 6</td>
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<td>Designed for use in infant and toddler classrooms</td>
<td>Indicated <em>minimal</em> quality</td>
<td>Indicated <em>good to excellent quality</em></td>
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<td>• Books are in good repair</td>
<td>• Books are set-up for independent and shared use</td>
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<td>• Occasional smiling, talking, affection with children</td>
<td>• Frequent interaction that is responsive to child’s mood and needs</td>
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<td>• Schedule meets the needs of most of the children</td>
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<td>• Attention is on caregiving</td>
<td>• Supervision is individualized</td>
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<td>• Moderate amount of talking</td>
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In general, when calculating a Capital Quality rating, 70 percent of the score is based on each metric from the current year and 30 percent of the score is based on each metric from the previous year.

In some cases, the current year’s scores and the previous year’s scores will be the two most recent program years for which OSSE has valid observation data. This means the previous year’s score and the current year’s score used in the rating calculation may not be consecutive program years (e.g., program year 2016-17 score used for previous year’s score and program year 2018-19 score used for current year’s score in rating calculation).
The Capital Quality rating for the Infant and Toddler Only framework is determined using the total ITERS-3 (or ITERS-R) score for the current year (70 percent) and previous year (30 percent) relative to the target and the floor.

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\text{Total Points} = 70 \times \left( \frac{\text{Current Year Score} - \text{Floor}}{\text{Target} - \text{Floor}} \right) + 30 \times \left( \frac{\text{Previous Year Score} - \text{Floor}}{\text{Target} - \text{Floor}} \right)
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Policies for Facilities with Only One Year of Valid Observation Data (i.e. Facilities Initially Designated Preliminary)
Facilities with Only One Year of Valid Observation Data

- OSSE will calculate the Capital Quality rating and designation using one year of valid observation data from the most recent year in which valid observation data were collected for the facility prior to the public health emergency.

- For facilities with one year of valid observation data, this one year of valid observation data will be “weighted” 100 percent in the rating calculation.

- This rating will result in a change in a facility’s designation (to Developing, Progressing, Quality or High-quality) based on one year of data. The rating and designation using one year of valid observation data will be in effect until facilities have two years of valid observation data, at which point OSSE will calculate the rating and designation using the two most recent years of valid observation data.
Due to the public health emergency, OSSE canceled 2019-20 ERS and CLASS Pre-K observations and offered voluntary 2020-21 CLASS Pre-K observations. No 2019-20 or 2020-21 observation data will be used in rating calculations; only valid observation data collected prior to the public health emergency will be used in rating calculations.

### Valid Observation Data Eligible for Use in Rating Calculations

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Capital Quality Rating Calculation Using One Year of Valid Observation Data
Rating Calculation

• The Capital Quality rating for infant and toddler only facilities with only one year of valid observation data is calculated using the total ITERS-3 (or ITERS-R) score relative to the target and floor.

• Using an example facility, the following slides demonstrate how the ITERS-3 (or ITERS-R) score is used to calculate a Capital Quality rating which translates into a Capital Quality designation.
Rating Calculation

In this example, this Infant and Toddler Only facility earned a score of 5.5 on ITERS-3. For ITERS-3, the floor is a 3 and the target is a 6.

**ITERS-3 score: 5.5**

**Target:** 6  
**Floor:** 3

The following formula is used to calculate the framework’s Capital Quality rating using one year of data:

**Framework Points Earned**

\[
100 \times \left( \frac{\text{Score} - \text{Floor}}{\text{Target} - \text{Floor}} \right)
\]
Rating Calculation

Insert the ITERS-3 score (5.5), floor (3) and target (6) into the equation. Then, calculate.

\[
100 \times \left( \frac{\text{Score} - \text{Floor}}{\text{Target} - \text{Floor}} \right)
\]

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100 \times \left( \frac{5.5 - 3}{6 - 3} \right)
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100 \times \left( \frac{2.5}{3} \right) = 83.33
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This rating of 83.33 points translates to a High-Quality designation, meaning this facility would earn a Capital Quality designation of High-Quality.

**Capital Quality Designation: High-Quality**
Rating Calculation

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• A recording of this webinar will be posted on the OSSE website at https://osse.dc.gov/page/capital-quality-qris.

• Available Technical Assistance: Office Hours

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• Expect email communication in August 2021 for the program year 2020-21 validation process.

• Email CapitalQuality@dc.gov with any questions after today’s webinar.
Thank you!