



Alabama Quality STARS: Summary of Changes to Guidelines

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The Alabama Quality STARS Guidelines have recently been updated. Throughout the document, language has been clarified and simplified wherever possible. It is recommended that you read the document in full to understand all updates and clarifications. A summary of major changes that may impact how programs interact with the system is detailed below.

6.00 Eligibility

- Programs must now be licensed for at least one year in order to participate in any model of Alabama Quality STARS.
- In order to participate in the Enhancement model, programs must first complete a formal Assessment. (The assessment must have occurred since the revised criteria were published – 2022 or later.)

10.00 Application

- Once a program completes a technical assistance model (Guided Support or Enhancement), the program must wait to apply for Assessment for a minimum of three (3) months.

11.00 Maintaining a STAR Level

- STAR rated programs that are seeking a higher STAR rating must wait one year from their most recent Assessment date to apply.

15.00 Guided Support Model and 16.00 Enhancement Model

- Programs that have completed a technical assistance model must apply for Assessment for a STAR rating before they will be considered for participation in another technical assistance model.