

Eligible programs that are accredited through state or national accreditation systems or have standards set by agencies that may be equal to or exceed Better Beginnings are eligible for full or partial reciprocation and given certification at levels that are determined by the Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education. Below are examples of approved accreditation systems.

Accrediting agency	Level of Reciprocation	Due at renewal date	Partial reciprocation also requires
NAA	Full reciprocation at Level 6	Application Proof of accreditation dates	NA
NAFCC	Full reciprocation at Level 6	Application Proof of accreditation dates	NA
NAEYC	Full reciprocation at Level 6	Application Proof of accreditation dates	NA
ABC*	Full reciprocation at the appropriate level for ERS score	Application Most recent ERS reports (within last 24 months)	NA
Early Head Start*	Full reciprocation at the appropriate level for ITERS score	Application Most recent ITERS reports (within last 12 months)	NA
Head Start*	Full reciprocation at Level 4 Full reciprocation at Level 5, and 6 with **required CLASS scores	Application Most recent CLASS reports	NA
NAC	Full reciprocation at Level 4 Partial reciprocation at Level 5-6	Application Proof of accreditation dates	NA Ratios will be checked for Levels 5-6
COGNIA	Full reciprocation at Level 3 Partial reciprocation Levels 4-6	Application Proof of accreditation dates	NA Ratios will be checked for Levels 4-6
AMS	Full reciprocation at Level 3 Partial reciprocation at Level 4-6	Application Proof of accreditation dates	NA Ratios will be checked for Levels 4-6
ACA	Full reciprocation at Level 4 Partial Reciprocation at Levels 5-6	Application Proof of accreditation dates	ERS and ratios required at Levels 5-6
CARF	Full reciprocation at Level 3 Partial reciprocation at Levels 4-6	Application Proof of accreditation dates	All requirements (except PAS) for Levels 4-6
EIDT	Full Reciprocation at Level 2 Partial reciprocation at Levels 3-6	Application at Level 2	All requirements (except PAS) for Levels 3-6
school districts (non-ABC)	Partial reciprocation	Application	All requirements (except PAS) for Levels 2-6

*Classrooms under the same license that are not ABC, EHS, or HS are required to have ERS assessments. Submit an **Intent to Apply form** to request assessments.

**The following CLASS scores are required for Head Start Programs:

- Level 5: Emotional Support 6, Classroom Organization 6, Instructional Support 3.
- Level 6: Scores greater than those that are required for level 5.