

How Are Blended Program Reports Different from Other Program Reports?

How many assessments does the submission include?	Reports include 6-8 assessments to align with NAEYC standards.	Reports include 6-12 assessments to align with NAEYC and CEC standards. Some programs may include 6 assessments that align with NAEYC standards and 6 that align with CEC standards (12 assessments total). Other programs might include some assessments designed to meet both sets of standards (fewer than 12 assessments total).
What is required for national recognition?	To achieve national recognition, the program needs to demonstrate that it meets all NAEYC standards.	To achieve national recognition, the program needs to demonstrate that it meets NAEYC and CEC standards. (All NAEYC standards must be met; CEC has recently revised its policies in this area.)
Who is on the review team?	Review teams include 2-3 reviewers trained in NAEYC standards.	Review teams include a lead reviewer trained in NAEYC standards, an additional reviewer trained in NAEYC standards, and a reviewer trained in CEC standards.
Who is on the audit team?	Based on the decision reached by the review team and other contributing factors, most reports are then examined by an NAEYC auditor.	Reports are examined by a CEC auditor. Based on the decision reached by the review team and other contributing factors, most reports are then examined by an NAEYC auditor.
What is the reviewers'/auditors' role?	Reviewers/auditors determine whether the information provided supports that the program meets NAEYC standards.	NAEYC reviewers/auditors determine whether the information provided supports that the program meets NAEYC standards. CEC reviewers/auditors determine whether the information provided supports that the program meets CEC standards.
How are decisions reached?	The team reaches consensus on the national recognition decision and checks the report for internal consistency.	As with other reports, the team reaches consensus on the national recognition decision and checks the report for internal consistency.
What types of reports may be submitted?	Reports may be Option A, Option B, or Option C (if the program was previously accredited using the same set of SPA standards). Reports may be for initial or advanced programs and may be first-time submissions, revised reports, or response-to-condition reports.	As with other reports, blended reports may be Option A, Option B, or Option C (if the program was previously accredited using the same set of both NAEYC and CEC standards). Reports may be for initial or advanced programs and may be first-time submissions, revised reports, or response-to-condition reports.