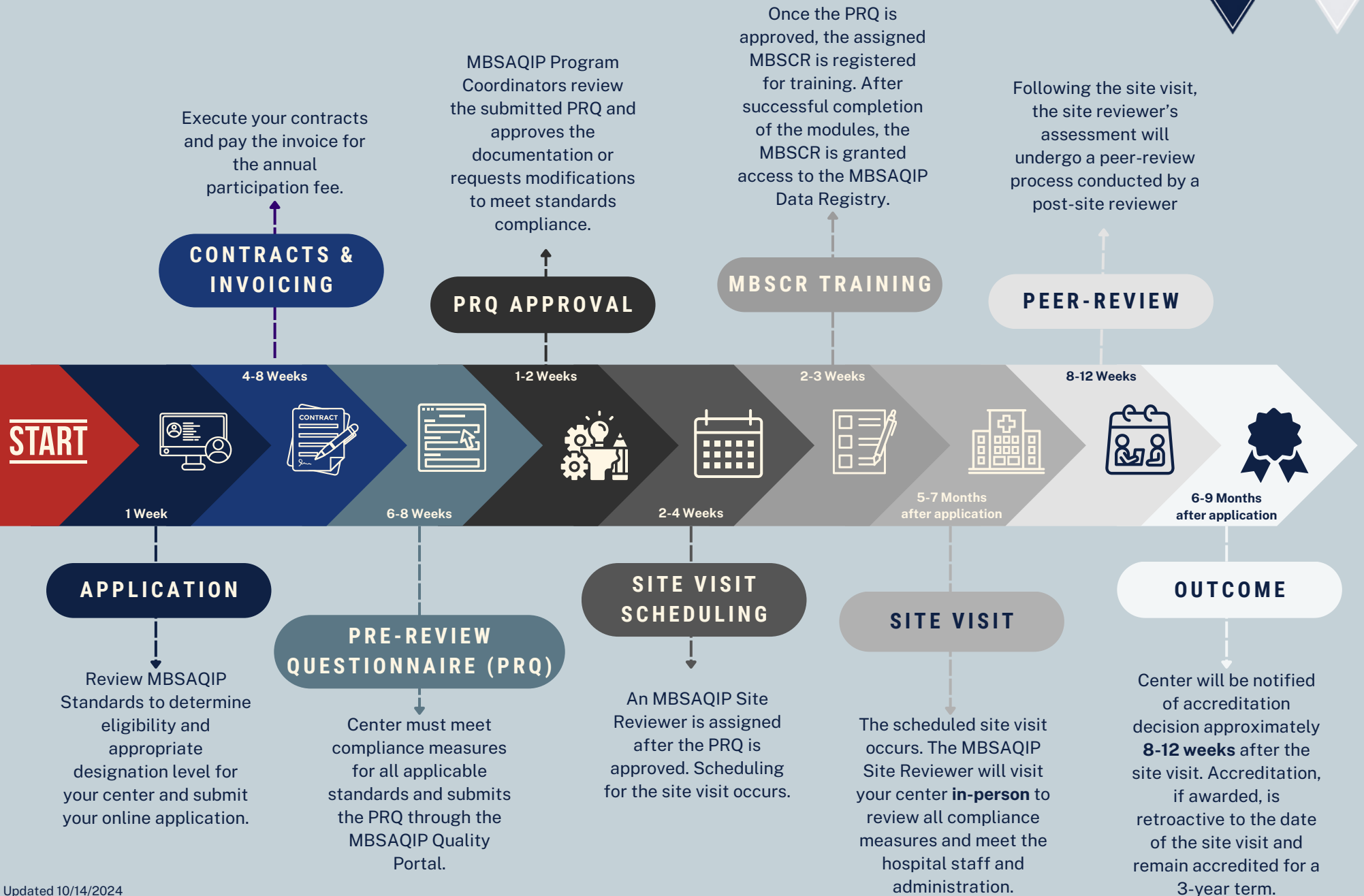


# MBSAQIP ACCREDITATION PROCESS FOR INITIAL CENTERS



# Frequently Asked Questions

TOPIC	QUESTION	ANSWER
Application	When can we apply for accreditation?	When your center has all elements of compliance in place and has met the required volume for the designation level desired, then your center may apply for accreditation!
Site Visit	Will my site visit be virtual or in-person?	All new or “initial” centers will have an IN-PERSON site visit at this time. This includes sites that have previously withdrawn and are returning with an active application.
Data Registry	When does our MBSCR receive access to the registry?	Your MBSCR will receive the training modules to certify once the center’s PRQ is approved. They must pass the course with a 90% or higher. At that time, they’ll receive access to the data registry. If your MBSCR is already certified, they’ll receive access upon approval of the PRQ.
General	How long does the accreditation process take?	The timeline process to obtain accreditation can be varied depending on circumstances, but overall takes approximately 6-9 months from when the application was first received. The center will be notified of the accreditation decision and receive their accreditation report approximately 8-12 weeks after site visit.
Compliance	Why do we need to have compliance measures in place prior to application? Can’t we put those processes in after accreditation is granted?	We have very rigorous evaluations that are measured at the time of application and throughout the process of applying for accreditation. The requirement is to ensure that your center has already implemented these nationally recognized standards at the local level.

# MBSAQIP RESOURCES

## Elevate your accreditation to the next level

Whether your center is beginning the accreditation process, maintaining your accreditation, or renewing your accreditation, MBSAQIP has developed rich and valuable resources to help guide you in your center's journey.

These guides and documents will help your center implement the standards at your center, provide best practices to adopt, and allow you to maintain your accreditation once it has been awarded. New tools and resources are consistently being developed for release by the MBSAQIP Accreditation Team.



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### STANDARDS

Effective October 2022, the updated and revised standards has been released to all centers seeking MBSAQIP accreditation. The standards have two supporting documents to help guide your center's journey: [Revision Log](#) and [Interactive FAQ Library](#).



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### SITE VISIT RESOURCES

To help prepare you for your upcoming site visit, we have prepared a very detailed [Site Visit Agenda](#) that outlines how the day will be structured. We have also provided the required [Complication List](#) for the chart review in an easy to use Excel spreadsheet.



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### QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

We have many resources available to guide your quality improvement projects, including a [QI Process Worksheet](#) and the newly released [ACS Quality Framework](#), a comprehensive tool designed to help your team execute your QI projects.



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### WEBINARS & VIDEOS

We have an extensive archive of [ASK MBSAQIP Webinars](#) to view that covers an array of different topics and compliance questions. ASK Webinars are now conducted on an "as-needed" basis and cover topics of interest and quality improvement initiatives.

# Are You Ready to Apply?

If your center has these elements in place,  
we invite you to apply to become an MBSAQIP Accredited Center!



## VOLUME

Your center has met the required volume for the designation level your center is applying for



## “THE BIG THREE”

Your center has an MBS Director, MBS Coordinator, and MBSCR identified and in place



## ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITMENT

Your center has the commitment of your administration to fully support your bariatric program



## MBS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Your center has been conducting the required MBS Committee meetings internally



## STANDARDS IMPLEMENTATION

Your center has implemented all the standards for your bariatric program



If you're not quite ready, that's okay!  
Please contact us if you have any questions about the program.

# Who To Contact

## [MBSAQIP@FACS.ORG](mailto:MBSAQIP@FACS.ORG)

Questions about accreditation, standards compliance, site visit scheduling, PRQs, Annual Compliance Reports, conferences, general information

## [CLINICALSUPPORT@MBSAQIP.ORG](mailto:CLINICALSUPPORT@MBSAQIP.ORG)

MBSAQIP Data Registry, MBSCR Training and Exams, clinical scenarios, data abstraction, long term follow-up, case forms, registry reports

## [MBSAQIPQUALITY@FACS.ORG](mailto:MBSAQIPQUALITY@FACS.ORG)

National Quality Improvement collaboratives (BSTOP 1.0, BSTOP-D), Semi-Annual Risk Adjusted Reports (SAR), EPROM, PROMs,

## [MBSAQIPACCESS@FACS.ORG](mailto:MBSAQIPACCESS@FACS.ORG)

Contact Management, Quality Portal access or issues, Data Registry access

## [ACSQUALITYFRAMEWORK@FACS.ORG](mailto:ACSQUALITYFRAMEWORK@FACS.ORG)

Quality Improvement project questions, ACS Quality Framework, Framework toolkit, New Center Inquiries

## [SQP@FACS.ORG](mailto:SQP@FACS.ORG)

Surgical Quality Partner, SQP Diamonds, Power of Quality Campaign, SQP Marketing Resources