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Guide to Preparing your Environment Rating Scales

The following set of directions will explain how to keep your copies of the Environment Rating Scales up to date with the newest clarifications from Delaware Stars and additional notes from the Environment Rating Scales Institute (ERSi), as well as procedures and guidelines from Delaware Stars. It is not necessary for you to prepare your books in exactly this way, but it is important that you be knowledgeable of the newest clarifications, ERSi Additional Notes, and other resources. By following these steps you will have the most current information at your fingertips in your copy of the scale. *Reminder: Use pencil when you write in your notes as clarifications change occasionally and be sure to leave room to attach your ERSi printed notes. Check the Delaware Stars and the ERSi websites periodically to look for changes in clarifications and additional notes.*

1. Visit the Delaware Institute for Excellence in Early Childhood's website

(<http://www.delawarestars.udel.edu/clarifications/>) to print or view the **Delaware Stars Clarifications** for each scale you will be using.

You will need to write abbreviations of these notes in your ERS book under the appropriate item. These requirements could include information from Delaware Rules, additional notes that provide information identified by Delaware Stars to be included in assessments not already identified by Delaware or the ERS. In cases where Delaware Rules go beyond what the scales require, Delaware Stars will defer to Delaware Rules. If Delaware Stars clarifications and the author's notes differ, Delaware Stars clarifications shall be followed.

2. Visit the Environment Rating Scales Institute website (www.ersi.info/index.html) to print the **Additional Notes** for each scale you will be using. There are additional notes for the **ECERS-R**, **ITERS-R**, **FCCERS-R**, & **SACERS-Updated**.

Carefully cut out the clarifications and tape them into your ERS book under the appropriate item. Reference the Delaware Stars Clarifications when looking at the ERSi notes as certain items are not scored and some clarifications are not implemented.

3. Visit the DIEEC website (<http://www.delawarestars.udel.edu/ers-procedures-practices/>) to print or view and carefully read the following **additional resources**. These will help your understanding of what the ERS requires.

- ✓ Playground Guidelines
- ✓ Common Safety Hazards