

Event/Action	Date	Description
Examiner Applications Open	March 15 – April 15	Applications are available at www.wisquality.org or by emailing info@wisquality.org
Acceptance Notifications	By April 30	Individuals are appointed to serve for one full year (May 2024-May 2025).
Examiner Training	May 22-23 held at MetaStar. 2909 Landmark Place, Madison	All Examiners attend both days Depending on the number and type of applicants, teams may meet to begin evaluation of the applicant; otherwise will use a case study. A Team Leader and a Judge are designated for each team. The Team Leader sets future meeting dates, as well as due dates for key milestones and deliverables.
Examiner Independent Evaluation	July/August	<p>Pathway 1–New Award Criteria / Possible National Application Down the Line</p> <p>Option A: Challenger – Using New Baldrige Award Organizational Profile Option B: Application Using New Baldrige Award Criteria & Format</p> <p>Pathway 2– State Feedback – A Good Starting Point</p> <p>Option C: Fast Forward Using 2023-24 Baldrige Excellence Builder Option D: 50-page Narrative Using 2023-24 Baldrige Excellence Framework</p>
Examiner Team Consensus Event	Completed by October 1	<p>The Examiner team meets to come to confirm consensus on the applicant’s strengths and opportunities for improvement. The resulting post-consensus scorebook provides a basis either for the final feedback report or for site visit issues to be addressed during the applicant’s site visit.</p> <p>The consensus meeting is planned and led by the Team Leader and normally lasts 1 day with some telephone or electronic follow up.</p>
Site visits	Week of October 21 or 28	Site visits serve to clarify and verify the information received in the application and help the organization and examiner team gain deeper understanding. Additional Examiners may be added to teams conducting site visits. Site visit expenses are reimbursed by the applicant organization.
Feedback reports drafted	Within one week of the consensus event or within 2 weeks of the last day of site visit.	The Examiner team drafts a feedback report based upon the agreed-upon findings from the consensus review and, if applicable, the site visit. The Team Leader works together with the team’s Judge to ensure that the team’s report provides appropriate feedback to the organization that address its current level of achievement and the opportunities for improvement that address the gaps to the next level of achievement.
Panel of Judges convenes	November	The Panel of Judges, consisting of Judges assigned to all Examiner teams, meets to calibrate scores, comments, and feedback .Recognition levels for all 2024 applicants are confirmed in November.
Feedback reports to applicants	By December 1, 2024	Feedback reports will be completed by December 1, 2024 .
Recognition Levels Announced	December 2024	We recognize and celebrate Wisconsin Forward award applicants at a ceremony held in 2025

****Key deliverable dates are subject to change to meet the needs of the Examiner team and the applicant organizations.**