



NATIONAL
QUALITY FORUM

Measure Ratification and Appeals Process - Summary of Proposed Changes

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Who ratifies measures?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Consensus Standards Approval Committee (CSAC) reviews the recommendations of Standing Committees on whether to endorse consensus standards (i.e., measures); the CSAC can grant or deny endorsement CSAC decisions are submitted to the Board of Directors for ratification; CSAC decisions can be affirmed or denied 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CSAC will make the final measure endorsement decision, without ratification by another body
Who decides appeals?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CSAC reviews all appeals and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors The Board of Directors decides whether to affirm or deny CSAC's decision on the appeal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A newly created Appeals Board will adjudicate appeals to measure endorsement decisions; a measure appeal will go directly to the Appeals Board without a re-review by the CSAC The Appeals Board will consist of five people appointed by the NQF Board: two current NQF Board members and the balance will consist of former CSAC or Standing Committee members with a preference for former chairs of CSAC or Standing Committees
What are the grounds for an appeal?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the endorsed standard directly and materially affects the appellant's interests in an adverse manner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Procedural errors reasonably likely to affect the outcome of the original endorsement decision, such as a failure to follow NQF's Consensus Development Process (CDP); OR New information or evidence, unavailable at the time the CSAC made its endorsement decision, that is reasonably likely to affect



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		the outcome of the original endorsement decision.
Will the Board have the power to overrule the Appeals Board's decision?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No, the decision of the Appeals Board is final
Who can appeal?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Any interested party	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Any interested party
What can be appealed?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A decision by the Board to endorse a measure, which the Standing Committee recommended for endorsement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A decision to endorse a measureA decision by the CSAC not to endorse a measure which the Standing Committee recommended for endorsement
Who decides if the grounds for an appeal are met?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">NQF staff reviews the appeal and makes a recommendation to the CSAC on whether the grounds for an appeal have been satisfied.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">NQF staff reviews the appeal and makes a recommendation to the Appeals Board on whether the grounds for an appeal have been satisfied.