



# National Professional Qualifications

National Professional Qualifications (NPQs) are trusted, transferable qualifications accredited by the Department for Education.

We're investing **£184 million of new funding** for NPQs, meaning all **teachers and leaders employed in state funded schools and state funded organisations that offer 16-19 places in England can access the qualifications at no cost.**

From Autumn 2021, we'll be introducing a **reformed suite of NPQs**, informed by the latest and best evidence of what works, to ensure they continue to offer the best possible support to teachers and leaders.

## The reformed suite:

<b>Leading Teacher Development (NPQLTD)</b>	for teachers who have, or are aspiring to have, responsibilities for leading the development of other teachers in their school
<b>Leading Teaching (NPQLT)</b>	for teachers who have, or are aspiring to have, responsibilities for leading teaching in a subject, year group, key stage or phase
<b>Leading Behaviour and Culture (NPQBC)</b>	for teachers who have, or are aspiring to have, responsibilities for leading behaviour and/or supporting pupil wellbeing in their school
<b>Senior Leadership (NPQSL)</b>	for school leaders who are, or are aspiring to be, a senior leader with cross-school responsibilities
<b>Headship (NPQH)</b>	for school leaders who are, or are aspiring to be, a headteacher or head of school with responsibility for leading a school. DfE is also introducing a targeted support package for teachers new to the role of headship
<b>Executive Leadership (NPQEL)</b>	for school leaders who are, or are aspiring to be, an executive headteacher or have a school trust CEO role with responsibility for leading several schools

## Am I eligible for NPQ scholarship funding?

**Teachers and leaders employed in state funded schools and state funded organisations that offer 16-19 places in England will be able to access a fully funded NPQ from Autumn 2021**, to support teachers and pupils following the disruption to learning faced as a result of COVID-19.

Access to funding remains conditional on successful validation of participants' registration information against Teaching Regulation Agency records, so you must ensure that the information supplied to your NPQ provider matches your teacher record. You can check and update your record at <https://teacherservices.education.gov.uk/SelfService/Login>

If you are not eligible for scholarship funding, you can still undertake an NPQ and should contact your local teaching school hub, lead provider or other delivery partners directly.

## What to do next

If you are interested in a particular NPQ programme, your first step will be to sign up with a provider. The easiest way to do this is to contact your local teaching school hub – you can find them at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/teaching-school-hubs>. You can also contact Lead Providers, or other known delivery partners, directly.

Once you have selected your course and provider, you will need to register for your programme using the DfE's Online service: <https://register-national-professional-qualifications.education.gov.uk/>.

For more information, search 'NPQs' on [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk).

## Coming soon...

To ensure national professional qualifications continue to offer the best possible support to teachers and leaders wanting to expand their knowledge and skills, we are introducing two additional NPQs which will be available from autumn 2022.

- **National Professional Qualification for Leading Literacy (NPQLL)** – for teachers who have, or are aspiring to have, responsibilities for leading literacy across a school, year group, key stage or phase.
- **National Professional Qualification for Early Years Leadership (NPQEYL)** – for leaders qualified to at least Level 3 with a full and relevant qualification who are, or are aspiring to be, managers of Private, Voluntary and Independent nurseries, headteachers of school-based or maintained nurseries, or childminders with leadership responsibilities.

Search 'NPQs 2021' on [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) to access the content frameworks for the new NPQs.