

National Professional Qualifications

As we all know, excellent school leaders – from the outstanding middle leader in a standalone primary school to the high-performing CEO of a large multi-academy trust – are critical to ensuring that every child and young person can achieve their full potential.

To support the development of the next generation of strong school and system leaders, the Department for Education recently announced that 42 leading providers will be delivering new and improved National Professional Qualifications (NPQs) from this academic year.

Designed in partnership with the leading sector experts, the new, gold standard NPQs offer high quality training opportunities to aspirant and serving leaders at all levels of leadership.

Alongside enhanced National Professional Qualifications for Middle Leadership (NPQML), Senior Leadership (NPQSL), and Headship (NPQH), the reformed suite of NPQs includes, for the very first time, a National Professional Qualification for Executive Leadership (NPQEL) for MAT leaders and executive headteachers.

[Read more about the new NPQs](#), including information on £10 million of funding to support the take-up of NPQs in Opportunity Areas and Category 5 and 6 areas.