

Registering for a National Professional Qualification (NPQ)

All applicants for NPQs must complete the Department for Education (DfE) registration process, regardless of whether they are receiving scholarship funding. Completing the DfE registration ensures that, once participants complete the programme, they receive their NPQ certification.

Registration is only open for a limited period. We'll send reminders throughout the registration window to help ensure applicants don't miss the deadline.

Changes for Autumn 2026

For the Autumn 2026 NPQ recruitment, the DfE have moved NPQ registration to the Government's One Login system. This is the same platform used to deliver other services such as:

- > Managing your taxes
- > Accessing government support
- > Serving as a school governor
- > Using other GOV.UK online services

The move to One Login allows applicants to apply without a TRN, using a National Insurance number instead and ensures we have stronger data alignment to match registrations to the participants in our system. One Login requires applicants to prove their identity which for those without an existing account, has added some extra steps.

We have updated applicant guidance in line with the changes. [You can view this here.](#)

NPQ registration screenshots

Below are a series of screenshots to show what your applicants see when they register for their NPQ. Note it does not include the One Login service.

Are you starting a course in Autumn 2026?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No, I already started in Spring
DfE scholarship funding is not available

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Have you chosen an NPQ and provider?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

! If you enter your information incorrectly, it may result in you not being offered a funded place on an NPQ course.

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What setting do you work in?

Make sure the information you provide is correct, as your course provider will check your details. Register using your current workplace details, even if they will change soon.

- ☐ **Early years or childcare**
- ☒ **A school**
Includes:
- local authority maintained schools (some may provide hospital education, for example pupil referral units, alternative provision or special schools)
 - secure children's homes and secure training centres
- ☐ **An academy trust**
Some may provide hospital education (for example, alternative provision or academy special schools)
- ☐ **A 16 to 19 educational setting**
Includes:
- sixth form colleges
 - further education colleges
 - schools that also teach ages 16 to 19
- ☐ **Another setting**
For example:
- local authority (for staff in a direct teaching role, virtual school headteachers and staff in defined deputy headteacher roles)
 - initial teacher training (ITT) providers (for ITT lead mentors)
 - independent hospital education organisations
 - young offender institutions

or

- ☐ **Other**
Select 'Other' if you were referred by the Return to Teaching Advisory (RTTA) service, or if none of the above options apply to you, for example you're:
- self-employed
 - not working in an educational setting
 - an agency supply teacher
 - working in any other independent setting

Do you work in England?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

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Choose an NPQ

To register for an NPQ and the [Early headship coaching offer](#), submit 2 separate registrations.

Which NPQ do you want to do?

- ☐ Early years leadership
- ☐ Executive leadership
- ☐ Headship
- ☐ Leading behaviour and culture
- ☐ Leading literacy
- ☐ Leading primary mathematics
- ☒ Leading teaching
Lead teaching and learning for a subject, year group or phase
- ☐ Leading teacher development
Develop other teachers and support their professional growth
- ☐ Senior leadership
- ☐ Special educational needs co-ordinator (SENCO)
- or
- ☐ Early headship coaching offer
Networking and support if you're in your first 5 years of headship

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What is the name of your workplace?

Search by postcode, unique reference number (URN) or name. If you work for a trust, use the details of one of its schools.

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▼ [If you cannot find your workplace](#)

You can:

- use any combination of postcode, workplace name, URN or street name
- [check your workplace details \(opens in new tab\)](#) – including spelling

Funding Not eligible

You're not eligible for scholarship funding for the Leading teaching NPQ course as you do not work in England.

This means that you would need to pay for the course another way. For example, you could pay for the course fees yourself or ask your workplace or trust to:

- cover the full cost of the course
- share the cost of the course with you

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Funding Eligible

You're eligible for scholarship funding for the Leading teaching NPQ, but this does not guarantee a funded place is available.

Your provider must confirm they can offer you a funded place, after you apply to them.

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Select your provider

- ☒ Ambition Institute
- ☐ Best Practice Network
- ☐ Church of England
- ☐ LLSE
- ☐ National Institute of Teaching
- ☐ Teach First
- ☐ UCL Institute of Education

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Sharing your NPQ information

All the information you enter for your NPQ registration will be shared with external organisations including auditors, evaluators, relevant bodies and training providers – this allows your provider to register you onto their course.

For more information about who we share your data with read our [privacy notice](#).

If you do not agree to share your information you will not be able to progress with your NPQ.



Yes, I agree to share my information

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