

Sponsor information

It is essential that you have appropriate support from your leadership team when undertaking a National Professional Qualification (NPQ) programme. You will require sufficient time to participate in the programme and carry out any related assignments or activities.

A sponsor is someone who knows that you are applying to undertake a NPQ and supports your reasons for doing so. They are likely to be your Headteacher or Line Manager. If you are a Headteacher applying for the National Professional Qualification for Executive Leadership (NPQEL), then it will be either your Chair of Governors or Chair of Trustees.

Your sponsors will be sent a sponsorship form to sign confirming that they are aware you are registering for a NPQ and the school's commitment to support you. We would urge you to discuss the details of the programme with your sponsor in advance of applying for a NPQ to ensure they are fully aligned with the commitment required. If the signed sponsor form is not returned in time, it may delay your start on the NPQ programme.

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