

Key facts: National Professional Qualification for Headship

for British International Schools in partnership with FOBISSEA

The National Professional Qualification for Headship (NPQH) is the first choice qualification for anyone aspiring to be a headteacher or principal. The redesigned programme is set to produce an outstanding generation of school and academy leaders.

1. NPQH is for those who are highly motivated to be a headteacher/principal and – with support – will be ready for headship in 12–18 months.
2. The programme will develop talented leaders from all backgrounds who can deliver educational excellence in a self-improving system, and high quality outcomes for pupils and students.
3. The application form requires you to draw out your evidence against the competencies within the NPQH assessment framework. You will require the endorsement of your line manager or sponsor.
4. To achieve the NPQH qualification you'll need to successfully complete three essential and two elective modules (which the group will select from the list below). Other elective modules will be available online for individual self study.



Essential modules

- Leading and improving teaching
- Leading an effective school
- Succeeding in headship

Elective modules

- Curriculum development
- Leading inclusion: achievement for all
- Closing the gap
- Using data and evidence to improve performance
- Leading staff and effective teams
- Leading change for improvement
- Leadership in diverse contexts
- School improvement through effective partnerships

5. New programme features include:
 - longer in-school placements combining a whole-school strategic leadership task, as well as an opportunity to work with experienced headteachers in a different context
 - access to peer learning and optional coaching to extend and maximise learning throughout the whole programme
 - a credible, valid and reliable final assessment and programme report will be available to support governing body interview panels

Costs

- £5,950 per person.
- The programme can be paid for in instalments as follows.
 - Initial online application - No charge
 - One day gateway assessment centre - £750. Payment due February 2013.
 - NPQH development stage. Two instalments of £2,225. The first payment due April 2013, the second payment due in September 2013.
 - Graduation and final assessment fee - £750. Payment due March 2013.

Please note a small administrative charge may have to be made depending on where candidates undertake their school placement.

Timeline

1 November 2012	Application round opens. (Telephone support is available if required)
29 January 2013	Application round closes
Early March 2013	One day gateway assessment centre (venue: South East Asia tbc)
April–December 2013	<p>Upon successful completion of the gateway assessment, trainees are invited to complete the full NPQH programme. Two, three day face-to-face workshops will be scheduled during this time at a location in South East Asia.</p> <p>There will also be opportunities for online study and online coaching and mentoring.</p> <p>During this time trainees will also undertake a six to nine day in-school placement, either within their own region or in the UK.</p>
February-March 2014	Final assessment and graduation via video conference.

How to apply

You will be required to complete an online application form matching your skills and experience against the competencies within the NPQH assessment framework. Your sponsor (usually your line manager) will need to endorse your application form to confirm your suitability and readiness for headship and NPQH.

If your application form provides sufficient evidence that you meet the competency requirements for NPQH, you will be invited to attend the second stage of the application process: a one-day assessment event.

Find out more

If you have a specific question about the programme, email us at International.team@nationalcollege.gsi.gov.uk

NPQH Model

