**Reformed suite of National Professional Qualifications (NPQ)**

**Purpose**

The purpose of this Prior Information Notice (PIN) is to notify interested parties of the forthcoming National Professional Qualifications (NPQ) Provider Networking Events.

The Department for Education (DfE) has notified bidders of the outcome of the Framework Agreement for the delivery of the NPQs. The DfE are facilitating two online events on 7 and 19 of April 2021 respectively.

The objective of these events is to allow the newly appointed NPQ lead providers the opportunity to set out, to potential delivery partners, their programmes including how delivery partners could work with them to deliver the reformed suite of NPQs.

**Description**

The 2019 Teacher Recruitment and Retention Strategy set out a range of commitments intended to ensure that teaching remains an attractive, sustainable and rewarding career path.

The Department has revised the Initial Teacher Training Core Content Framework and, through the implementation of the Early Career Framework (ECF), will support teachers in the first years of their career with a structured two-year induction. Building on this, the Department’s priority is to help all teachers continuously develop their knowledge and skills throughout their careers. The reformed suite of National Professional Qualifications (NPQs) is designed to achieve this.

From starting Initial Teacher Training to becoming an established school leader, the package of reforms will create a golden thread of training and development, based on a consistent, evidence informed understanding of what works. The training and development programmes are underpinned by carefully aligned frameworks that build on one another as a teacher progresses and are delivered by experts in the system.

Together, these reforms will help all teachers feel more confident and in control of their careers, elevating the quality of teaching and school leadership across the country.

To successfully deliver to the desired scale, it is expected that lead providers will deliver their service in partnership with other high-quality organisations (delivery partners) including Teaching School Hubs and Multi-Academy Trusts. Delivery partners will play a key role in the delivery of the NPQs.

The specific parameters of the relationship between particular lead providers and each delivery partner will be agreed between those two parties.

To allow the formation of partnerships between successful lead providers and delivery partners the department will be hosting these two events at which each lead provider will make a 20-minute presentation followed by 10 minutes for prospective delivery partners to ask questions.

**Indicative Timeline**

There are two online events scheduled to take place on 7 and 19 April 2021 respectively and both are anticipated to last between 5 and 6 hours in total. Please note that a maximum of two people from each organisation should attend each event, unless presenting, and that prospective delivery partner organisations should not attend more than one of the events. For details on how to register for each event, please click on one of the links below.

* [7th April 2021](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/npq-network-event-tickets-148779630881)
* [19th April 2021](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/npq-network-event-tickets-148788356981)

**Other Information**

Please note: this notice is for expressions of interest from organisations interested in working as a delivery partner (subcontractor) for one of the awarded NPQ lead providers. The procurement for the lead providers has now closed.

DfE is facilitating the networking events only and will not be brokering relationships between parties or providing support to agree the terms of any individual relationships. It is the responsibility of the parties to progress any relationships and attendance at the event alone is not a guarantee of work.

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