



# NPQH Consultation

## Proposals to introduce a mandatory requirement for first-time headteachers to hold the National Professional Qualification for Headship (NPQH)

### Response Form

**The closing date for this consultation is 28 June 2002.**

The Department may, in accordance with the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information, make available, on public request, individual consultation responses. This will extend to your comments unless you inform us that you wish them to remain confidential.

**Please tick if you want us to keep your response confidential**

Contact name: .....

Name of organisation: .....

Address and postcode: .....

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Telephone number: .....

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**Are you responding as an individual or representing an organisation or group of people?**

- Individual  Organisation

**If you are responding as an individual, please tick the relevant box. I am...**

- a headteacher  a head of year/faculty/department  
 a deputy head  a classroom teacher  
 an assistant head  a non-teaching staff member/classroom assistant  
 a school governor  a parent  
 an NPQH tutor  
 Other (please specify) .....

**If you work in a school please indicate which age group attend the school:**

- under 5  5-11  11-16  11-18  
 middle (please specify age range) .....  Other (please specify): .....

**And the type of school:**

- maintained school  non-maintained special school  
 an independent school  maintained special school

**Responding on behalf of an organisation or group, I represent...**

- a Diocesan body  a faith group  
 a governing body  a Professional Association/Trades Union  
 a Local Education Authority  a Teacher Training Institution  
 a City Technology College  a Higher Education Institution  
 a Pupil Referral Unit (PRU)  a Further Education College/Institution  
 a Young Offenders Institution  an Adult Education Centre  
 an NPQH provider  Other (please specify): .....

**Please indicate which part of the UK you currently live and work in:**

- London  East Midlands  East  
 South East  West Midlands  Yorkshire and Humberside  
 South West  North  North West  
 South Central (Oxfordshire, Hampshire, Southampton, Portsmouth, etc)  
 Other (please specify): .....

**Do you currently hold the NPQH?**  Yes  No

**Are you on the NPQH programme at the moment?**  Yes  No

**PROPOSAL 1:**

***The NPQH will be mandatory for all those appointed to their first headship post in the LEA-maintained sector and in non-maintained special schools from 1 April 2004.***

Do you agree with our proposal?

**YES**

**NO**

Comments:

**PROPOSAL 2:**

***If governing bodies are appointing a first-time head after 1 April 2004, that head must hold, or be working towards, NPQH.***

Do you agree with our proposal?

**YES**

**NO**

Comments:

**PROPOSAL 3:**

***“Working towards NPQH” means that appointees must have successfully applied for a place on the NPQH prior to their headship appointment. Once in post, they must gain the award within four years of their appointment.***

Do you agree with our proposal?

**YES**       **NO**

Comments:

**PROPOSAL 4:**

***The requirement will not apply to someone who is currently serving, or has previously served, as a headteacher in the maintained sector, nor to those appointed as acting headteachers.***

Do you agree with our proposal?

**YES**       **NO**

Comments:

**PROPOSAL 5:**

***Arrangements will be put in place for holders of headship qualifications or standards in the other countries of the UK to be recognised as being equivalent to the NPQH in England.***

Do you agree with our proposal?

**YES**

**NO**

Comments:

**PROPOSAL 6:**

***Arrangements will be put in place for serving headteachers and aspiring headteachers working outside of the UK to be treated in a consistent way to those in the UK.***

Do you agree with our proposal?

**YES**

**NO**

Comments:

**PROPOSAL 7:**

***Nursery Schools In principle, we would prefer to include maintained nursery schools in the mandatory requirement.***

Do you agree with our proposal?

**YES**       **NO**

Comments:

**PROPOSAL 8:**

***Phased Implementation We believe that setting a firm date of April 2004 for all phases is clearer for all concerned, and keeps all phases on an equal footing.***

Do you agree with our proposal?

**YES**       **NO**

Comments:

**We hope that this consultation document sets out what you need to know about mandatory NPQH. If you feel that there is an issue which we have not addressed, or you have further comments to make, please give details below.**

General comments:

Thank you for taking the time to let us have your views. We do not intend to acknowledge individual responses unless you tick the box below.

Please acknowledge this reply

### What Next?

We are proposing to publish the outcome of the consultation by Autumn 2002. A summary of the findings will be available on request. In addition, the conclusions will also be published on our website ([www.dfes.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.dfes.gov.uk/consultations)) and uk online website ( [www.ukonline.gov.uk/CitizenSpace/CSConsultationList/](http://www.ukonline.gov.uk/CitizenSpace/CSConsultationList/)).

To be sent a summary of findings, please tick this box

If you have any queries regarding this consultation, please contact Jackie Bellfield by:

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### **Please return completed forms by Friday 28 June 2002 to:**

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Should you prefer to complete the form online, the consultation document and online response form are on the DfES website at [www.dfes.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.dfes.gov.uk/consultations)

**Your opinions are valuable to us.**

**Thank you for taking the time to complete this document.**