

New National Professional Qualification for SENCOs (NPQ SENCO)

Application Form – November 2026

SECTION 1: NPQ SENCO REGISTRATION: applicant details

(Please ensure ALL boxes are completed)

To be completed by applicant

Title	Choose an item.	Forenames	Click here to enter text.	Current Surname	Click here to enter text.
Surname (As stated on QTS Certificate if different)			Click here to enter text.		

Ethnic Group	Choose an item.	Gender	Choose an item.
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Date of Birth	Click here to enter a date.	Please select the cohort that you would like to apply for	November 2026 ☐
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Scholarship funded NPQ

Full scholarship funding is available for the NPQ SENCO for November 2026 for all state funded schools.

SENCOs new to post, without the previous NASENCO qualification, are required to complete the NPQ SENCO within 3 years. As a result, a proportion of scholarship funded places will be allocated to the NPQ SENCO to ensure that colleagues that require this qualification are able to access it.

We anticipate that the DfE has provided enough scholarship places to meet national demand; however, if the full allocation of scholarship-funded places has been taken, the order in which the applications are received and the requirement for the NPQ SENCO qualification will be considered.

Should the scholarship-funded places become over-subscribed, schools can self-fund the NPQ SENCO.

Please note that if there are several applications from one school, it may be the case that the Headteacher/Principal needs to allocate the NPQ places accordingly that come with scholarship funding attached.

Please indicate whether, in November 2026, you will be the named SENCO at your setting	I will hold the position of SENCO in November 2026: Yes ☐ No ☐
If yes, please indicate the date you started as SENCO at your setting	Click here to enter a date.
Please indicate whether you hold the existing NASENCO qualification	I have the existing NASENCO qualification: Yes ☐ No ☐

Do you consider yourself to have a disability?	Choose an item.
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(If YES please include information below. Our aim is to ensure everyone can perform their best and to make our process fair and inclusive for all. Please tell us if you have any individual requirements, we should know about.)

Click here to enter text.

Dietary Requirements (Include details of any allergies)
Click here to enter text.

Your Job Title and Subject taught	Click here to enter text.	Date of Appointment	Click here to enter a date.
Teacher Reference Number (This is essential for registration)	Click here to enter text.	School URN (This can be found on Gov.UK – Information about schools)	Click here to enter text.
Do you have QTS?	Click here to enter text.	Phase (Primary/secondary/through school/PRU etc)	Click here to enter text.

If you are in a MAT, please type the name of the MAT here	Click here to enter text.	Number of pupils on roll	Click here to enter text.
School % of FSM (This is essential if you wish to be considered for a scholarship)	Click here to enter text.	School contact number (Inc. extension)	Click here to enter text.
Full School / Organisation Name and Address including Postcode (That you will be working in November 2026)		Click here to enter text.	

PERSONAL CONTACT DETAILS (Please ensure ALL boxes are completed)

Home contact number	Click here to enter text.
Mobile (Personal)	Click here to enter text.
Email (Personal)	Click here to enter text.
Email (School)	Click here to enter text.
Home Address	Click here to enter text.

SECTION 2: COMPETENCY QUESTIONS (Please answer all questions)

The NPQ programme Selection Team will assess your application based on your responses to the questions below. Please take your time to consider your responses, give enough detail in your responses to fully answer the question, and check your spelling and grammar before submitting. We will look at your understanding of the NPQ programme and how it will impact your practice in school and with your pupils.

Q1. Why would you like to complete the Programme with Leeds Teaching School Hub & Teach First? Within your answer please consider:

- Your understanding of the structure of the programme.
- How taking part in the programme will impact on your development and progress

Click here to enter text.	
Word count: (400 word max)	

Q2. Please provide a specific, recent example to show how you are ready for the next step in school leadership. (Within your answer please consider):

- How this example demonstrates your readiness to take the next step in school leadership
- What skills you will focus on developing

Click here to enter text.

Word count:
(400 word max)

Q3. Throughout the programme, you will develop knowledge and skills in leadership to enable all pupils to succeed. You can see more information on these in the NPQ Curriculum Frameworks. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-professional-qualifications-frameworks-from-september-2021>

Outline how completing the NPQ SENCO will be important for you to develop in your role and explain how this will impact on pupils and staff at your school.

Click here to enter text.

Word count:
(400 word max)

Q4. Where/how did you first hear about our NPQ programmes? (Please select below)

- ☐ Social media
- ☐ Teach First website
- ☐ Leeds Teaching School Hub website
- ☐ Google/Internet search
- ☐ Word of mouth – current programme member
- ☐ Word of mouth – someone at my school
- ☐ Other

Q5. Why did you choose Leeds Teaching School Hub & Teach First for your NPQ over another provider?

OPPORTUNITY: Access to Teach First 1:1 Support

- You may be eligible to receive free 1:1 support from Teach First to support you in your NPQ. We know it can be helpful to have an experienced former school leader (called a development lead) to coach and guide you throughout your NPQ, and we are able to offer this for a limited number of schools.
- The support involves a series of one-to-one coaching calls over the course of your NPQ programme with your dedicated development lead. You would need to be able to commit to attending at least five 60-minute calls during each year of your NPQ in addition to the time dedicated to the core programme.
- Eligibility for this offer is based on your school eligibility, and we will contact you prior to the start of your NPQ to confirm whether we are able to offer you a place.

Please tick this box if you would like to be considered for this opportunity.	Choose an item.
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To be considered for your NPQ programme choice you will need to secure agreement from your headteacher. This is to ensure your school supports you in pursuing, and you are able to ensure you can meet the required commitment to achieve, the NPQ. Your place on the programme is secured once your headteacher has co-signed the agreement, we will send you a confirmation email if your application is successful and before starting your NPQ. If you are currently a headteacher or due to start a headship position, please indicate 'yes – authorisation granted' below.

Please confirm that your headteacher has given authorisation for you to apply for this programme. (If you are currently a headteacher or will be a headteacher in November 2026 please select yes)

Please tick this box to indicate that authorisation has been granted by your Headteacher to apply for this NPQ programme	Choose an item.
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APPLICANT DECLARATION

- I certify that the information I have provided in this form is correct and my own work.
- I understand that I may be withdrawn from NPQ SENCO if I fail to respond to contact from my licensed provider.
- I will inform my NPQ SENCO providers/licensees of any change in my circumstances that may disqualify me from becoming a school leader.
- I certify that I am currently not subject to any disciplinary action and undertake to inform the provider if this status changes in the future.
- I consent to my employer disclosing such information to the provider as may be necessary to corroborate the personal details provided in this form.
- I certify that, if I am not an applicant from a maintained school, I have up-to-date Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) clearance. (UK only)
- I certify that I know of no legal reason why I should not become a senior leader.
- I understand that, if I am in a maintained school, my local authority will be informed of my progress at major milestones and my graduation from NPQ SENCO.
- I understand that by submitting this application, I am consenting for you to share my data with third parties in connection with NPQ SENCO and for any internal research purposes.

Applicant's Scanned Signature		Date	<i>Click here to enter a date.</i>
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SECTION 3: HEADTEACHER AUTHORISATION TO APPLY

(By providing this information to Leeds Teaching School Hub & Teach First you are declaring all of the statements to be true. Please ensure ALL boxes are completed with an electronic signature at the bottom)

Headteacher's Full Name	Click here to enter text.
Full School / Organisation Name and Address including postcode, that you will be working in November 2026.	Click here to enter text.
Email (headteachers school email)	Click here to enter text.
How long have you known the applicant?	Click here to enter text.
School/contact telephone number	Click here to enter text.

HEADTEACHER COMMITMENT OF SUPPORT, STATEMENT AND DECLARATION

(By submitting this form to the licensed provider, you are declaring the following):

1. I certify that I know of no legal reason why the applicant should not undertake the NPQ SENCO qualification.
2. I agree to provide the applicant with the time to undertake professional development activity in relation to the NPQ SENCO programme and fully support this application.
3. While the applicant is working towards NPQ SENCO, I undertake to inform his or her NPQ SENCO providers/licensees of any relevant change in his or her circumstances which might disqualify him or her from becoming a leader or of any capability issues or disciplinary actions of which he or she is the subject.
4. I certify that the information I have put on this form is correct.
5. I agree that by signing this document, I am also signing the NPQ Programme Agreement and once the applicant is offered a place on the programme, the school authorises this applicant to complete the NPQ. (A full version of the NPQ School Agreement can be found at: [NPQ Programme Agreement Cohort 6.docx](#))

Headteacher's Scanned Signature		Date	Click here to enter a date.
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*In accordance with the Data Protection Act please do not include any information that you would not be happy to discuss with the applicant as part of a professional conversation.

**If you are applying from the private sector, inform us and we will send a separate finance document.

**Please submit your application to the email address below:
If you have any queries, please contact our admin team on the email address below.**

Email: info@ltsh.org.uk