

Chartered Teacher (Leadership) FAQs

	Question	Typical response
1	How is this programme different to the NPQs?	The Chartered Teacher (Leadership) programme is an accreditation programme which aims to recognise the expertise of experienced leaders, it is not designed to prepare leaders for undertaking specific roles. Whilst undertaking the programme, you will benefit from critically engaging in research and evidence around key themes which are likely distinct from those in the NPQ programmes and the programme can be personalised to focus on the areas of research that are most relevant to your context.
2	Does the programme take place during school hours?	Throughout the programme there are three whole day virtual events that will take place during the week. The rest of the programme will not take place during school hours.
3	Am I eligible?	You need to be practising school leaders with at least three years of whole-school or cross-school leadership responsibility, where you have influence over the policy and practice of one or more schools (usually assistant/deputy headteachers, headteachers, heads of school, executive headteachers, and those working across schools e.g. within a school or trust). This programme is not suitable for governors or private organisations that offer complementary services to schools and MATs.
4	What counts as a practicing teacher?	A practicing teacher means you are a teacher professionally engaged in teaching either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) in the UK, Ireland, a Crown Dependency or a British Overseas Territory; b) in a Services Education Setting c) in a British International School (accredited under the Department for Education's British Schools overseas inspection scheme); or d) in none of the above, but who has completed initial teacher training in the UK.
5	I have previous senior leadership experience but am now in a middle leader role with cross-school leadership responsibility, do I meet the eligibility criteria?	We recommend individuals self identify whether they think they will be eligible given the wide variety of roles within schools. You will need to be confident that you can demonstrate the professional principles and that you can fulfill the requirements of the assessments as outlined in the programme brochure. If you are still unsure please feel free to email us to discuss your situation.

6	Will I have to maintain full CCT membership for the duration of the programme?	Yes, full Chartered College of Teaching membership is both a requirement of the programme and to retain your Chartered Status, once you have completed the programme.
7	If personal or professional changes occur that impact my ability to participate, can I defer my place on the programme?	We understand that from time to time, things may occur which may prevent participants from being able to complete the programme in the usual time frame. You will be able to defer your place on a programme and re-join the programme for up to 36 months after your original programme start date subject to the terms and conditions.
8	I have some accessibility requirements....what support do you offer?	If you have specific accessibility or support requirements, please get in touch with us to discuss these so that we can ensure our content and programmes meet your requirements.