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National Professional Qualification in Early Years Leadership

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The new National Professional Qualification in Early Years Leadership (NPQEYL) has launched! The NPQEYL focuses on the key challenges early years leaders face in their role. This CPD course covers 7 topics, with a mix of self-study and group coaching sessions, as well as face-to-face sessions with other participants.

It will help you gain confidence and develop skills in:

- developing your leadership style
- delivering high-quality early education and care
- organisational management
- giving constructive feedback to parents
- enhancing the expertise of your staff and supporting their development
- working with children who have additional and special educational needs

How you and your setting could benefit:

- Ensuring all children experience success
- Delivering a high-quality and ambitious curriculum
- Managing resources and budgeting effectively
- Knowing what improvement approaches to use
- Learning with people from different early years settings, allowing you to build your network and share best practice

Early years professionals helped design this course to fit around busy schedules. On average you will need to spend between 1 and 2 hours per week working towards completing this NPQ.

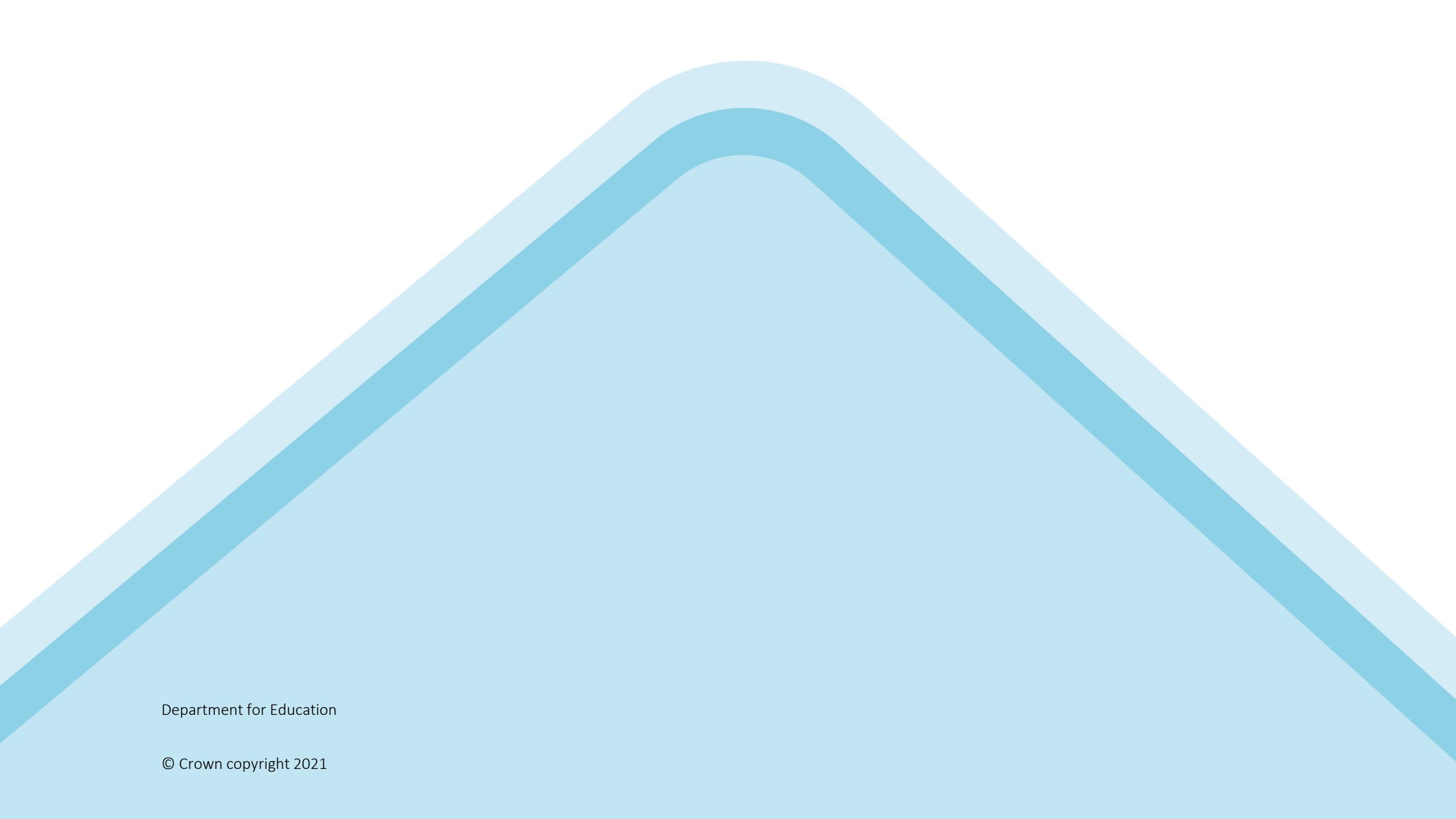
As a high-quality CPD offer, the NPQEYL complements those existing early years qualifications which leaders already hold which are directly linked to ratios. The NPQEYL fills a key gap identified by current and aspiring early years leaders, strengthening early years-specific teaching methods.

Full DfE funding, with no cost to the participant, is available. You are eligible for this course, and funding, if you are a leader, or aspiring leader, qualified to at least level 3 with a full and relevant qualification, employed:

- in a maintained nursery school in England
- in a preschool class or nursery that's part of a maintained school in England
- in a pre-school class or nursery that's part of an independent school in England providing free early years entitlements places
- in a nursery that is registered on the Ofsted Early Years Register
- as a childminder with leadership responsibilities working with early years children and registered on the Ofsted Early Years Register or with a registered Childminder Agency

The NPQEYL is delivered by [Lead Providers](#) and their delivery partners, who can also offer support in deciding whether the NPQEYL is the right choice for you and your setting. If the course is appropriate for you, and with agreement from your chosen Lead Provider, you may be able to self-fund the NPQEYL if you are not eligible for DfE funding.

Watch the animation and find out how to apply on [GOV.UK](#)



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