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# Education Places to Work

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# What is it?

'Education Places to Work' is a **brand-new certification, exclusive to the education sector**, for Schools and Trusts aiming to be recognised as top education employers.

Following completion of the employer questionnaire and employee engagement survey, organisations can achieve one of two certification levels:

## CERTIFIED

Rewarding a strong standard, identifying your School or Trust as an 'Education Place to Work'.

## LEADING

Recognising organisations that go above and beyond the standard, identifying your School or Trust as a leading 'Education Place to Work'.

All submissions are assessed against our judging framework, resulting in one of two certification levels 'Certified' or 'Leading'.

If you do not meet the criteria 'Certified' on this occasion, you will receive a 50% refund. You will also receive a summary and action plan highlighting what your organisation is doing well, identifying areas for improvement and providing recommendations to support your next application.

Once accredited, you will be invited to renew your accreditation after one year.

# Get Started



Register your interest to become a 'Education Place to Work' via the [nEdEx website](#).



**48 Hours...**



Employers will be provided with a unique survey link for employees to complete anonymously within 14 days, along with an employer questionnaire. All Submissions will be sent directly to the 'Education Places to Work' team.



**2 Weeks...**



Within two weeks of submission, you will receive your accreditation level: Certified or Leading. You will also be sent a summary and action plan highlighting what your organisation is doing well, and identifying areas for improvement.



**1 Year...**



Reapply each year to demonstrate your continued commitment to being a great place to work in education.

# Fees

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- A unique employee survey link will be provided for your employees to complete anonymously, with all submissions managed directly by the 'Education Places to Work' team.
- An employer questionnaire will also be provided for your organisation to complete.
- Applications will be assessed independently against the 'Education Places to Work' framework, combining the results of your employee survey and employer questionnaire to produce an overall score out of 100.
- Within two weeks of submission, you will receive your accreditation level: Certified or Leading. You will also receive a summary and action plan highlighting what your organisation is doing well and identifying areas for improvement.
- Successful organisations will receive digital graphics to showcase their accreditation across social media, email signatures and their website.
- A plaque trophy will also be provided to recognise and celebrate your organisation's accreditation as either Certified or Leading.

**Trusts - £899 + VAT**

**Individual Schools - £699 + VAT**

Payment is required upon registration. If your organisation does not meet the criteria for 'Certified' accreditation, a 50% refund will be provided.