The Head Teachers' Qualifications and Registration (Wales) Regulations 2005

Headship Qualification

3.—(1) Subject to regulation 5 a person may only serve as a head teacher of a school if he or she holds:—

(a) the National Professional Qualification for Headship in Wales;
(b) the National Professional Qualification for Headship in England;(1)
(c) the Scottish Standard for Headship;(2)
(d) the Professional Qualification for Headship in Northern Ireland;(3)
(e) a qualification which has equivalent effect by virtue of the 2005 Regulations.

(2) The National Professional Qualification for Headship in Wales means the qualification awarded by the National Assembly to a person if it is satisfied that the person has successfully completed such course of training as the National Assembly may from time to time approve for the purposes of the award of that qualification.

(1) The Education (Head Teachers' Qualifications) (England) Regulations 2003, (S.I.2003/3111), are the current Regulations which provide for this. The National Professional Qualification for Headship in England is awarded by the National College for School Leadership Limited.

(2) The Scottish Standard for Headship is currently achieved by undertaking the Scottish Qualification for Headship.

(3) The Professional Qualification for Headship in Northern Ireland is awarded by the Regional Training Unit in Northern Ireland.