

# The Unique Student Identifier (USI)

## Information for Providers

### What is a USI?

A USI is a lifelong education number. It creates a secure online record of nationally recognised training and qualifications gained in Australia since 1 January 2015.

Higher education students require a USI to access financial assistance and Commonwealth Supported Places.



### Who needs a USI?

- All students undertaking nationally recognised training (including Vocational Education and Training (VET) in schools)
- Higher education students seeking financial assistance and accepting Commonwealth Supported Places
- Higher education students graduating in 2023 or beyond

### How does a student get a USI?

It's easy – they only need 5 minutes and some identification. A Digital Identity can also be used to create a USI.

[usi.gov.au/students/get-a-usi](https://usi.gov.au/students/get-a-usi)

Students can also give permission to an education or training provider, VET Admissions Body or Tertiary Admission Centre to create a USI for them.

### Students who already have a USI

Anyone who has done any nationally recognised training since 2015 may already have a USI.

[usi.gov.au/students/find-your-usi](https://usi.gov.au/students/find-your-usi)



## Accessing the USI Registry System

Education and training providers can access the USI Registry System via the USI Organisation Portal or by integrating USI web services with their Student Management System.

The USI Registry System allows providers to:

- verify USIs
- find a student's USI with their permission
- create USIs at any time
- view and update personal and contact details for students that provide USI account access.



## VET transcripts

VET students can use their USI to access an authenticated VET transcript. This collates their nationally recognised training outcomes in a single record and can be used for:

- a credit transfer or demonstrating pre-requisites for further training
- a backup if the original documentation is lost
- proving qualifications to employers and licensing bodies
- reducing unnecessary retraining that can result from lost credentials.

## Student permissions

A student must give permission to an education or training provider to:

- create a USI on their behalf
- search for their USI
- view and/or update details on their USI account
- disclose their USI to another provider
- view their VET transcript.

Find out more: [www.usi.gov.au/providers](http://www.usi.gov.au/providers)



### Need help?

Having trouble creating a USI for a student? Need help using the USI Registry System? Want to find out more about student permissions?

Visit our help centre: [usi.gov.au/help](http://usi.gov.au/help)

System developer help: [IT@usi.gov.au](mailto:IT@usi.gov.au)