

International Student Information



USI is your lifelong education number

Students studying in Australia must have a USI if they are:

- studying nationally recognised Vocational Education and Training (VET)
- seeking a HELP loan or Commonwealth Supported Place
- graduating in 2023 or beyond.

International students

If you are an international student planning to study in Australia you:

- cannot create a USI before arriving in Australia
- use your Australian visa and non-Australian passport to create a USI after you arrive in Australia
- an international student's USI will reflect their name as it appears on the Australian visa.

If you are coming to Australia to study, contact your education or training provider to let them know you will create a USI when you arrive.

More information for International students

www.usi.gov.au/students/international

Auto-exemptions

International higher education students who started study in Australia before 1 January 2023, and have returned to their home country to complete their study are automatically exempt from needing a USI.

International students who completed all of their study outside of Australia do not need a USI.

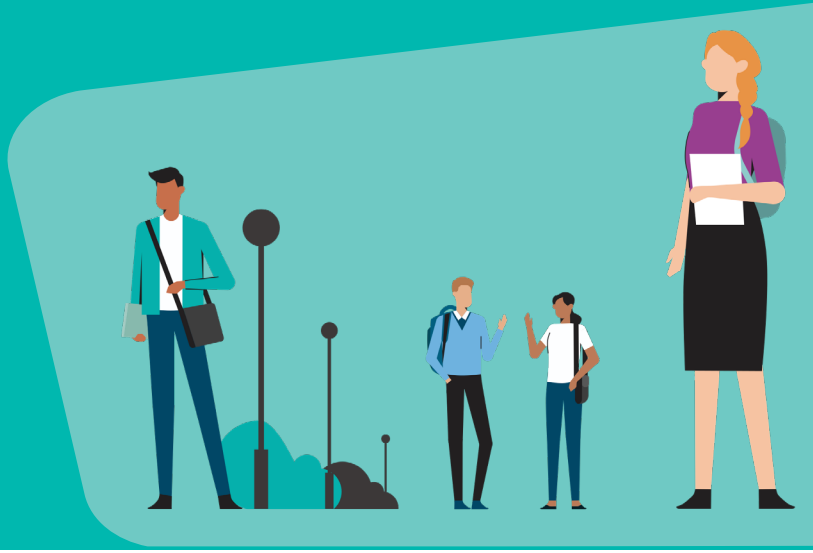
If you need assistance

Call 1300 857 536 (inside Australia)
or +61 2 6218 0994 (outside Australia)

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Information for Providers



Information about USI exemptions for providers

International students in higher education are automatically exempt from needing a USI if they meet all of these criteria:

- they studied with an Australian education or training provider in Australia
- they did not access Commonwealth financial assistance for their studies
- they commenced their studies before 1 January 2023
- they are currently offshore and will not return to Australia.

International students who completed their studies offshore through an Australian education or training provider do not need a USI to receive their award.

Student name and the USI

International students create their USI using their home country passport and Australian visa, and their USI will reflect their name as it appears on their Australian visa. If the international student's passport has a single name but the Australian visa has recorded that single name under First and Last name OR entered 'no name' under Last name, the USI Registry System will reflect the same.

Student's USI account details cannot be changed to reflect education or training provider's record.

www.usi.gov.au/providers/studentnameUSI

Assistance with languages

The Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS National) can help people who do not speak English to communicate via another language.

Agencies and businesses can also access TIS National to assist their non-English speaking clients. We can connect with TIS National while you are on the phone and resolve your query.

www.usi.gov.au/languages

More information for education or training providers

www.usi.gov.au/providers