

Unique Student Identifier Information for parents and carers

The Australian Government requires everyone undertaking nationally recognised training to have a Unique Student Identifier (USI). It has been extended to all higher education students in a Commonwealth supported place.

If you're at university, TAFE or doing other nationally recognised training, you need a USI. It is required for Commonwealth financial assistance (HECS-HELP) and to receive your qualification or statement of attainment.

This includes school students enrolling in a Vocational Education and Training (VET) qualification as part of their school program or applying to university through the [Tertiary Institutions Service Centre](#)¹ (TISC).

What is a USI?

The USI is a 10-character alphanumeric reference number issued by the Australian Government since 2015. The USI stays with a person for life and enables a person's record of achievements to be accessed in an online account that they control. It is free to create a USI and will take about 5 minutes to set up. A USI account can be accessed online at any time. Find information about the [USI](#)² in English and in [other languages](#)³.

Creating a USI

1. You will need 2 of the following forms of identification before starting the application (note: it is possible to create a USI on behalf of another person):
 - Australian driver's licence
 - Medicare card
 - Australian passport
 - Australian visa (with non-Australian passport) for international students
 - Australian birth certificate (a birth certificate extract is not sufficient)
 - Australian certificate of registration by descent
 - Australian citizenship certificate
 - ImmiCard.The details entered must match those shown on the form of ID used. For further information go to the [USI website](#)⁴.
2. Make sure the student's personal contact details are ready, such as an email address.
3. Go to the [USI website](#)⁵ and click on the 'Get your USI' button and follow the steps.

¹ <https://www.tisc.edu.au/static/guide/applying-online.tisc>

² <https://www.usi.gov.au/>

³ <https://www.usi.gov.au/languages>

⁴ <https://www.usi.gov.au/students/identification>

⁵ <https://www.usi.gov.au/students/get-a-usi>