

## What is a Unique Student Identifier?

Legislation was proclaimed on 27 June 2014 which will see the introduction of a Unique Student Identifier (USI) scheme on 1 January 2015. The USI will allow all of an individual's training records, entered in the national VET data collection, to be linked. This will enable students to easily access online transcripts of their achievements.

Training providers will have better access to student VET records which will simplify the process of assessing pre-requisites, credit transfer, Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and entitlement to funding for training. Initially, the new initiative will only apply to VET students.

A USI is a reference number made up of numbers and letters. The USI consists of 10 alpha-numeric characters (For example: 3AW88YH9U5). The alpha characters are always displayed in upper case but are not case sensitive when entered.

## Why do I need one?

The USI will allow all of an individual's training records, entered in the national vocational education and training (VET) data collection, to be linked. The USI will make it easier for students to find, collate and authenticate their VET achievements into a single transcript and for VET records not to be misplaced. This USI will stay with the student for life and be recorded with any nationally recognised VET course that is undertaken from when the USI comes into effect from January 2015.

## How do I get one?

Transformed is able to apply for a USI on the students behalf provided the relevant paperwork and forms of ID are provided. Valid forms of Australian ID include (only one is required to be provided):

- Driver's Licence
- Medicare Card
- Australian Passport
- Citizenship Certificate.
- Visa (with Non-Australian Passport)
- Birth Certificate (Australian)
- Certificate Of Registration By Descent

An administration fee of \$30 is charged on top of the enrolment fee for the course. An application form for a USI to be applied for an individual by an RTO is available from our website.

**It will be mandatory to have a USI for all individuals who enrol into a course from 1 January 2015 and RTO's will not be able to issue qualifications without one from this time.**

More information about the USI can be found here - <http://www.industry.gov.au/skills/RegulationReformsAndInitiatives/UniqueStudentIdentifierForVET/Pages/default.aspx>

## Further Information

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