



Why your students need a USI: Essential information for career advisors

You may have heard of the Unique Student Identifier – or USI. It's made up of ten letters and numbers and is a person's education number for life.

All students undertaking nationally recognised training, be it vocational education training (VET) in Schools course, higher education at university or First Aid training, must have a USI. Without a USI, they won't receive their statement or attainment, qualification, or award upon completion of their studies.

In addition, without a USI, school leavers wishing to go to university will not be able to enrol in a Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) or access Commonwealth financial assistance such as HELP loans.

We urge you to encourage your students – particularly those in the younger years considering VET in Schools or further education after they finish high school – to [create their USI](#) without delay. The process is simple and can be completed in less than five minutes using one form of [identification](#), such as a birth certificate or driver's license.

For students who may have already created a USI but have forgotten their details, they can easily find their USI by following a [few simple steps](#).

In addition to the practical benefits, creating a USI empowers students to take ownership of their education and training journey.

USI account holders can access their VET outcomes online in the form of an authenticated USI VET transcript – an Australian Government verified document containing the student's nationally accredited VET training completed since 2015.

VET transcripts can be used:

- as a credit transfer or demonstrating pre-requisites for further training
- as a backup if the original documentation is lost and cannot be replaced
- to provide qualifications to employers and licensing bodies
- to reduce unnecessary retraining that can result from lost credentials.

To assist you and your students, we have developed a range of [resources](#) specifically tailored for career advisers, available on our website. These resources include informational guides, FAQs, and instructional videos designed to streamline the process for both educators and students.

If you prefer physical materials, please don't hesitate to email us at stakeholders@usi.gov.au.

We can provide you with information guides, flyers, or any other materials you may need to effectively communicate the importance of the USI to your students.

If you would like more help or information about the USI, please visit our [website](#).

Alternatively, [subscribe to our USI eNews](#) to receive updates and information about the USI.

Kind regards,
USI Team