

Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) Fact Sheet

The Federal Government has transitioned from the use of the DUNS Number to the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) as the primary means of entity identification for Federal awards government-wide. UEIs are required in accordance with [2 CFR Part 25](#), and the transition from DUNS to UEI has resulted in the UEI being issued by the Federal Government in [SAM.gov](#). This means entities no longer rely on a third-party to obtain an identifier (i.e., a DUNS issued by Dun and Bradstreet). This change streamlines the entity identification and validation process, making it easier and less burdensome for entities to do business with the Federal Government. Information addressing the reasons for this transition is available at [The New Unique Entity Identifier is Here](#) and at [Why has SAM.gov changed from the DUNS Number to the Unique Entity ID?](#).

Here is what you need to know about this recent transition:

1. Direct Grant Recipients and Grant Applicants
 - a. If your organization is currently registered in [SAM.gov](#) with either an active or inactive registration, you have already been assigned a UEI. Your UEI is viewable on your entity's registration record in SAM.gov. To learn how to view your UEI, see this guide: [How can I view my Unique Entity ID?](#)
 - b. On **April 4, 2022**, the Integrated Award Environment (IAE) systems (i.e., SAM.gov, FPDS, eSRS, FSRS, FAPIIS, and CPARS) complied with the Federal Government's requirement to end use of the DUNS Number for Federal award management.¹ **The U.S. Department of Education's Grants Management System (G5) implemented this transition on April 4, 2022.**
 - c. If you have an inactive registration or need to update your registration, you must ensure that your renewal or updates occur on time and as required, but this does not affect whether you have been assigned a UEI. If you have a registration, you already have a UEI. If your registration has expired, you have been assigned a UEI, but you will need to renew your registration. You

¹ [SAM.gov](#) – Or the System for Awards Management is the official site for registering to do business with the Federal Government.

[FPDS.gov](#) – Or the Federal Procurement Data System is the official site for reporting contracts whose estimated value is \$10K or more.

[eSRS.gov](#) – Or the Electronic Subcontracting Reporting System is the official site for reporting subcontracts. [FSRS.gov](#) – Or the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act Subaward Reporting System (FSRS) is the official reporting site that Federal prime awardees (i.e., prime contractors and prime grants recipients) use to capture and report subaward and executive compensation data regarding their first-tier subawards.

[FAPIIS.gov](#) – Or the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System is the official site in which records are entered and searchable related to Administrative Agreements, Defective Pricing, DoD Determination of Contractor Fault, Non-Responsibility Determination, Recipient Not-Qualified Determination, Termination for Cause, Termination for Default, Termination for Material Failure to Comply, Suspension/Debarment information if the entity has any of these records, and Administrative Proceedings information.

[CPARS.gov](#) – Or the Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System is the official site in which Federal agencies can create and measure the quality and timely reporting of contractor performance information, and where contractors can review this information and provide comment

can access instructions addressing how to renew your entity registration at: [How to Renew or Update an Entity](#).

- d. If you are not registered in [SAM.gov](#), create a new registration by clicking on the “Get Started” link under the “Register Your Entity...” heading in [SAM.gov](#). Grantees, and other entities wanting to do business with the U.S. Department of Education (e.g., entities applying for a grant), that are not already registered in [SAM.gov](#) must complete the full “**Register Entity**” registration option and **NOT** the abbreviated “Get a Unique Entity ID” option. The “Get a Unique Entity ID” option, which is not a full registration, is only available to entities that are not grantees (i.e., direct recipients of a U.S. Department of Education grant) and to entities that do not wish to apply for a Federal grant. Failing to complete the “**Register Entity**” option may result in loss of funding, loss of applicant eligibility, and/or delays in receiving a grant award.
- e. Once assigned, the UEI number will never expire; however, entity registrations do expire annually and require annual renewal. Please ensure that your organization renews its registration prior to the expiration date. The expiration date is listed in your entity record in [SAM.gov](#).

2. Subrecipients

- a. Subrecipients must have a UEI; however, the U.S. Department of Education does not require subrecipients under its grants to register their UEIs in SAM.gov. Unless item 2(b) applies, subrecipients that do not have a UEI may complete the abbreviated “**Get a Unique Entity ID**” option and **NOT** the full “Register Entity” registration option to obtain a UEI. Since the UEI validates the subrecipient’s legal business name and address, subrecipients must update this information when changes occur. For information about how to obtain a UEI without registering an entity, and the difference between only getting a UEI and registering an entity, view the [How to get a Unique Entity ID](#) video.
- b. The following exception to item 2(a) applies to subrecipients. When subrecipients under U.S. Department of Education grants are also **direct** recipients of U.S. Department of Education grants and/or **direct** recipients of other Federal agency grants, and/or they wish to apply for a Federal grant as a direct recipient, these subrecipients must have an active UEI registration in SAM.gov. Subrecipients that are currently registered in [SAM.gov](#) with either an active or inactive registration have been assigned their UEI. If a subrecipient’s registration has expired, it has been assigned a UEI, but it will need to renew its registration. Registrations expire annually and require annual renewal. To renew expired registrations, these entities may follow the instructions at: [How to Renew or Update an Entity](#). Subrecipients without a registration that are also direct grant recipients under other Federal awards, and/or that wish to apply for a Federal grant as a direct recipient, must register by clicking on the “Get Started” link under the “Register Your Entity...” heading in [SAM.gov](#) and complete the full “**Register Entity**” registration option.

3. Where to get help

- a. The Federal Service Desk, available at [FSD.gov](#), is the help desk that has been established for all IAE systems. [FSD.gov](#) includes resources that address the recent UEI transition and these resources are available at: [Help for the Transition from DUNS to Unique Entity Identifier \(UEI\)](#).

There are resources available for grantees, subrecipients, contractors, subcontractors, and Federal employees who use [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov), and for individuals who search for entities on [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov). For example, there are FAQs available that are organized by how an individual uses [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov) based on their roles and responsibilities ([FAQs and Resources Based on What You Do in SAM.gov](#)) that are particularly helpful.

- b. If you have questions about UEIs or the recent UEI transition that are not answered in the FAQs or in other resources available at [FSD.gov](https://fsd.gov), you may contact the [FSD.gov](https://fsd.gov) by calling, or by choosing “Create an Incident” or engaging in a “Live Chat.”
- c. For other questions related to your grant, please contact your Education Program Contact listed in box 3 of your Grant Award Notification, or as identified in any other applicable documentation provided by the U.S. Department of Education.