

Vocational Education and Training - Unique Student Identifier

What is the Vocational Education and Training (VET) Unique Student Identifier (USI)?

In April 2012, the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) agreed to the implementation of the Unique Student Identifier (USI) to provide students with the ability to obtain a complete record of their Vocational and Educational Training (VET) enrolments and achievements from a single source. The USI initiative is supported through Commonwealth legislation including the [Student Identifiers Bill 2014](#) and the [Student Identifiers Act 2014](#).

From 1 January 2015, the Australian Government required all students in secondary schools undertaking VET to have a USI. Registered Training Organisations (RTOs), including school RTOs, must have a valid USI for students before issuing a student with a qualification or statement of attainment. The VET USI will be recorded with any nationally recognised VET course from this date.

The USI initiative seeks to:

- seamlessly link information about a student's VET achievements, regardless of where they studied
- enable students to easily access secure digital transcripts of their achievements
- give students access to, and more control over, their educational information.

The VET USI is made up of ten numbers and letters and gives students access to their USI account. A USI will allow an individual's USI account to be linked to the national VET data collection allowing an individual to see their training results from all providers including completed training units and qualifications.

Training organisations and students can access the USI Registry System to create USIs at <http://www.usi.gov.au> at no cost. Students can apply for USIs or RTOs (including school RTOs) and schools can apply for USIs on behalf of students with their permission. Verification processes including the provision of individual identity documentation and matching USIs with the USI Registry system have been established.

What does the VET USI mean for Catholic education?

QCEC has provided Catholic School Authorities with information and resources regarding the VET USI initiative. Catholic School Authorities and schools will determine the most appropriate strategies to implement the VET USI based upon their school community contexts and can provide further specific advice to parents and students as required.

Links

For more information visit: Australian Government Unique Student Identifier [website](#) and [VET in Schools and the USI](#).