

## **GUIDE TO GETTING A USI**

The Commonwealth Government of Australia requires all students studying in Australia to have a Unique Student Identifier (“**USI**”). This guide assists international students in obtaining a USI if they do not already have one.

### **1. What is the USI?**

The USI is a 10 digit identifier that is assigned personally to you. It records details of all of your study in Australia and you can access it as proof of what you have studied, including with various institutions, over time (as long as you studied after the USI was introduced, which was in 2015).

### **2. Why do I need to get one?**

Having a USI is an Australian Government requirement. Education providers are not allowed to issue a qualification to any student studying in Australia who does not have a USI.

### **3. More information?**

You can find out more information about the requirement to hold a USI on the government website, here: <https://www.usi.gov.au/students/international-offshore>

### **4. How do I get a USI?**

Obtaining a USI is a straightforward process and can be done online. To obtain a USI, visit this government web page: <https://www.usi.gov.au/students/get-a-usi>.

Click on the blue link, “Click here to get your USI” to proceed. Make sure you have all identification required before you commence the process. (See the next section.)

NOTE: the personal details you enter in the USI form online MUST match exactly those on your identification.

### **5. What identification will I require?**

You will need to produce one form of acceptable ID. This may include:

- a) Australian passport
- b) Non-Australian passport, together with an Australian visa
- c) Australian birth certificate
- d) Australian driver’s licence
- e) Medicare card
- f) Certificate of registration by descent
- g) Centrelink concession card
- h) Citizenship certificate
- i) ImmiCard

For more information on any of the above forms of identification, click here: <https://www.usi.gov.au/students/identification>

If you do not have any of the above forms of identification, there are other methods that can be used, with approval. You should check the Government website at the following link (<https://www.usi.gov.au/students/identification>), and then call us on 1800 338 883 to discuss ID requirements.

## **6. Ongoing support**

Throughout your course, we are here to support you in every way we can to enjoy your studies in Australia. Contact us at any time – we love hearing from you.

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