

Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)

Do Not Pay (DNP) Quick Reference Card

FAQ's

What is the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)?

The UEI is an entity's unique identifier assigned by the System for Award Management (SAM) when a vendor registers with SAM to do business with the federal government. The UEI is managed, granted, and owned by the federal government. The UEI will be replacing the Data Universal Numbering System (D-U-N-S®) Number managed, granted, and owned by Dun & Bradstreet.

How many characters is the UEI?

The UEI is a 12-character alphanumeric value.

Why is the change from DUNS to UEI happening?

Because DUNS is issued by a third-party company, entities are required to register separately for their identifier. With this transition, entities will receive their UEI when they register in SAM, streamlining the entity registration process and making it easier for entities to do business with the federal government.

How will current and new entities receive their UEI?

Entities currently registered in SAM have automatically been assigned a UEI (viewable on SAM.gov). New entities will be assigned a UEI during registration without the need to go to a third party.

When is this change happening?

Users of the DNP Portal will notice the UEI will be added as a data element in the SAM Exclusion Records data source starting with Release 7.4 on October 2, 2021. The DUNS Number will be the authoritative identifier used by the federal government until April 3, 2022. On April 4, 2022, the federal government stops using the DUNS Number to identify entities and the UEI becomes the authoritative unique entity identifier used by the federal government. Please see the Release Schedule table to the right of this page for more details.

What if an entity is a subawardee that is not registered in SAM.gov but uses the DUNS Number for subaward reporting?

Beginning in Q1 FY 2022, subawardees can request a UEI in SAM.gov, registration will not be required. The DUNS Number will continue to be used until April 3, 2022, on April 4, 2022, the UEI will be used.

When searching for entities and contract award information, should I use the DUNS Number or the UEI?

You can use either the DUNS Number or UEI to search entities during this transition period. Starting on April 4, 2022, only the UEI will be searchable.

Is the DUNS + 4 also changing?

Yes, the DUNS + 4 is being replaced by the Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Indicator.

What should I do if I have further questions?

There are three avenues available to you:

- Contact your Agency Lead
- Call the DNP Agency Support Center at (855) 837-4391
- Email DNP at donotpay@fiscal.treasury.gov

UEI and EFT Indicator in Online Search

The screenshot shows the 'Online Search' interface with several input fields. A red box highlights the 'Enter UEI' and 'Enter EFT Indicator' fields. Other visible fields include 'Enter SSN/EIN/TIN', 'Enter First Name', 'Enter Business', 'Enter DUNS', and 'Enter Plus 4'.

Release Schedule

Release	UEI
7.4 Oct. 2, 2021	UEI will be added to Online Search. This will enable searches by UEI with SAM Exclusion Records (Public and Restricted) matches. UEI will also be added in Batch Matching and Continuous Monitoring user interface and reports for SAM Exclusion Records matches.
7.5 Jan. 8, 2022	UEI will be added to SAM Entity Registration Records. This will enable searches by UEI in SAMENT.
7.6 TBD	UEI will be added to Batch Matching and Continuous Monitoring standard input/output file layouts. This will enable bulk file matching by UEI.

Important Contacts

UEI: [https://www.gsa.gov/cdnstatic/UEI Stakeholder Meeting August 12 2021.pdf](https://www.gsa.gov/cdnstatic/UEI%20Stakeholder%20Meeting%20August%202021.pdf)

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