

UEI Number Requirement

NOTE: FEMA requires a Unique Entity ID (UEI) to receive financial assistance awards.

UEI Number Requirement:

The federal government requires organizations to provide a UEI number and register the UEI number in the federal government's System for Award Management (SAM.gov), as part of their grant applications and proposals.

What is a UEI number?

The Unique Entity ID is a 12-character alphanumeric identifier used in SAM.gov and other federal government systems as a way to identify a unique entity.

Why does my organization have to provide it?

The federal government adopted the use of UEI numbers to keep track of how federal grant money is awarded and dispersed. (The federal government previously used the Dun & Bradstreet (DUNS) number.)

Do all grant applications need to have a UEI number?

All organizational applicants are required to provide their UEI number. Individuals are exempt.

How do I find out if my organization already has a UEI number?

Navigate to the [How Can I View My Unique Entity ID](#) on the [SAM.gov](#) website. If you do not have an account, navigate to [SAM.gov](#) and click on the green 'Get Started' button .

Is there a fee for registering for a UEI number?

No. There is no charge for obtaining a UEI number or registering a UEI number with SAM.gov.

What's the easiest way to get a UEI number?

Go to the [SAM.gov](#) website and click on the green 'Get Started' button.

Questions:

Visit the Federal Services Desk frequently asked questions at [FSD.gov](#), or call the Federal Service Desk at 1-866-606-8220.

Rev. September 2022