USI PRIVACY NOTICE

Overview

If you do not already have a Unique Student Identifier (USI) and you want the Victorian Chamber of Commerce and Industry to apply for a USI on your behalf, the Victorian Chamber will provide to the Registrar the following items of personal information about you, as you have entered them on the Enrolment Form:

- Your name, including first or given name(s), middle name(s) and surname or family name EXACTLY as they appear in the identification documents you supplied to the Victorian Chamber at enrolment;
- Your date of birth, as it appears, if shown, in your documents of identity;
- Your city/town and country of birth;
- Your gender; and
- Your contact details

When we apply for a USI on your behalf the Registrar will verify your identity. The Registrar will do so through the Document Verification Service (DVS) managed by the Attorney-General’s Department which is built into the USI online application process if you have documents such as a Medicare card, birth certificate, driver licence, Australian passport, citizenship document, certificate of registration by descent, ImmiCard or Australian entry visa.

If you do not have a document suitable for the DVS and we are authorised to do so by the Registrar we may be able to verify your identity by other means. If you do not have any of the identity documents mentioned above, and we are not authorised by the Registrar to verify your identity by other means, we cannot apply for a USI on your behalf and you should contact the Student Identifiers Registrar.

In accordance with Section 11 of the Student Identifiers Act 2014 (Cth.) (SI Act), we will securely destroy personal information which we collect from you solely for the purpose of applying for a USI on your behalf as soon as practicable after the USI application has been made or the information is no longer needed for that purpose, unless we are required by or under any law to retain it.

The personal information about you that we provide to the Registrar, including your identity information, is protected by the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth.) (Privacy Act). The collection, use and disclosure of your USI are protected by the SI Act.

If you ask the Victorian Chamber to make an application for a student identifier on your behalf, the Victorian Chamber will have to declare that the Victorian Chamber has complied with certain terms and conditions to be able to access the online student identifier portal and submit this application, including a declaration that the Victorian Chamber has given you the following privacy notice:

Consent for collection, use or disclosure of personal information

The following is provided to you on behalf of the Student Identifiers Registrar (Registrar).

You are advised and agree that you understand and consent that the personal information you provide to us in connection with your application for a USI:

- Is collected by the Registrar as authorised by the SI Act 2014
- Is collected by the Registrar for the purposes of:
  - applying for, verifying and giving a USI;
  - resolving problems with a USI; and
  - creating authenticated vocational education and training (VET) transcripts;
- may be disclosed to:
  - Commonwealth and State/Territory government departments and agencies and statutory bodies performing functions relating to VET for:
    - the purposes of administering and auditing VET, VET providers and VET programs;
    - education related policy and research purposes; and
    - to assist in determining eligibility for training subsidies;
  - VET Regulators to enable them to perform their VET regulatory functions;
  - VET Admission Bodies for the purposes of administering VET and VET programs;
  - current and former Registered Training Organisations to enable them to deliver VET courses to the individual, meet their reporting obligations under the VET standards and government contracts and assist in determining eligibility for training subsidies;
  - schools for the purposes of delivering VET courses to the individual and reporting on these courses;
  - the National Centre for Vocational Education Research for the purpose of creating authenticated VET transcripts, resolving problems with USIs and for the collection, preparation and auditing of national VET statistics;
  - researchers for education and training related research purposes;
  - any other person or agency that may be authorised or required by law to access the information;
  - any entity contractually engaged by the Student Identifiers Registrar to assist in the performance of his or her functions in the administration of the USI system; and
- will not otherwise be disclosed without your consent unless authorised or required by or under law.

The consequences for not providing the Registrar with some or all of your personal information are that the Registrar will not be able to issue you with a USI.

Privacy policies and complaints


The Office of Student Identifiers Registrar’s Privacy Policy contains information about how you may access and seek correction of the personal information held about you and how you may make a complaint about a breach of privacy by the Registrar in connection with the USI and how such complaints will be dealt with.

You may also make a complaint to the Information Commissioner about an interference with privacy pursuant to the Privacy Act 1988, including in relation to the misuse or interference of or unauthorised collection, use, access, modification or disclosure of USIs.

For information about how the Victorian Chamber collects, uses and discloses your personal information generally, including how you can make a complaint about a breach of privacy, please refer to the Victorian Chamber’s Privacy Policy in your Student Handbook or at http://www.victorianchamber.com.au/victorian-chamber-privacy-policy or by contacting:

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