



**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

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*STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION*

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** District Superintendents  
District Business Officials

**FROM:** Nancy W. Williams  
Chief Financial Officer

**DATE:** March 8, 2022

**RE:** Unique Entity Identifiers (UEIs)

Recently, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) was notified that on April 4, 2022, the U.S. Department of Education will join other Federal agencies and transition to utilizing new Unique Entity Identifiers (UEIs) to replace the Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS). This transition affects grant recipients and applicant organizations. The UEI is administered through [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov) (System for Award Management). Organizations that have already registered DUNS in SAM.gov have now been assigned a UEI in that system. Entities that do not have a registered DUNS in [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov) should ensure that they register well before the switch takes place.

If you only need to get a UEI but don't need to complete the entity registration process, you can go to [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov) now and request it. Choose the "Get Unique Entity ID" option after selecting the "Get Started" button. Remember, you still need a DUNS Number to register your entity or get a UEI until April 4, 2022.

The SCDE has determined Friday, April 1, 2022, as the date that the agency will be switching from DUNS to UEIs.

For detailed information about this change, please refer to the Fact Sheet found here: [UEI Transition Fact Sheet](#).

For questions, please contact Steven Strother, Finance Director, at [sgstrother@ed.sc.gov](mailto:sgstrother@ed.sc.gov).