

Unique Student Identifier (USI) Privacy Notice

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Section 1 – Introduction

1. Purpose

The purpose of this Notice is to provide students of Academy of Interactive Technology (AIT) with information about information gathered and used to apply for a USI on the student’s behalf.

2. Scope

This policy applies to:

- i) All students of Academy of Interactive Technology Pty Ltd (also trading as Coder Academy, ISCD, and Work Ready Education) RTO: 90511, Registered Higher Education Provider PRV12005, CRICOS: 02155J
- ii) All staff of AIT including employees and contractors;
- iii) All courses delivered by AIT including those delivered on their behalf by education providers with whom there is a licensing arrangement. If there are any discrepancies between an affiliate’s policy and this policy, the AIT policy will apply.

Section 2 –Privacy Notice

If you do not already have a Unique Student Identifier (USI) and you want AIT to apply for a USI to the Student Identifiers Registrar (Registrar) on your behalf, the Student Services staff will provide to the Registrar the following items of personal information about you:

- your name, including first or given name(s), middle name(s) and surname or family name as they appear in an identification document;
- your date of birth, as it appears, if shown, in the chosen document of identity;
- your city or town of birth;
- your country of birth;
- your gender; and
- your contact details.

When AIT applies 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 license, 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 AIT to make an application for a student identifier on your behalf, AIT will have to declare that it 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 AIT has given you the following privacy notice:

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 for the purposes of:
 - o applying for, verifying and giving a USI;
 - o resolving problems with a USI; and
 - o creating authenticated vocational education and training (VET) transcripts;

- may be disclosed to:
 - o Commonwealth and State/Territory government departments and agencies and statutory bodies performing functions relating to VET for:
 - the purposes of administering and auditing Vocational Education and Training (VET), VET providers and VET programs;
 - education related policy and research purposes; and
 - to assist in determining eligibility for training subsidies;
 - o VET Regulators to enable them to perform their VET regulatory functions;
 - o VET Admission Bodies for the purposes of administering VET and VET programs;
 - o 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;
 - o schools for the purpose of delivering VET courses to the individual and reporting on these courses;
 - o 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;
 - o researchers for education and training related research purposes;
 - o any other person or agency that may be authorised or required by law to access the information;
 - o 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
 - o will not otherwise be disclosed without your consent unless authorised or required by or under law.

Privacy policies and complaints

You can find further information on how the Registrar collects, uses and discloses the personal information about you in the Registrar's Privacy Policy or by contacting the Registrar at www.usi.gov.au/contact-us/privacy or by calling 1300 857 536. or telephone the Department of Education, Skills, and Employment on 1800 020 108.

The 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, which includes the following:

- misuse or interference of or unauthorised collection, use, access, modification or disclosure of USIs; and
- a failure by Us to destroy personal information collected by you only for the purpose of applying for a USI on your behalf.

For information about how AIT collects, uses and discloses your personal information generally, including how you can make a complaint about a breach of privacy, please refer to the NextEd Privacy and Data Collection Policy.

Section 3 Change History

Version	Approval date	Approved by	Change
V1.0	9/10/2017	Group Manager , Group Accreditation & Compliance	Original document
V2.0	30 August 2022	Executive General Manager, Group Quality, Accreditation & Compliance	Update to new iCollege template; Inclusion of broader Scope.
V2.1	16 March 2023	Executive General Manager, Group Quality, Accreditation & Compliance	Update name and format to new AIT template;