**Entity Validation Processing**

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Entity validation is the first step in getting your Unique Entity ID or registering at

SAM.gov.

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**The unique entity identifier used in SAM.gov has changed.**

On **April 4, 2022**, the unique entity identifier used across the federal government changed from the DUNS Number to the Unique Entity ID (generated by SAM.gov).

* The Unique Entity ID is a 12-character alphanumeric ID assigned to an entity by SAM.gov.
* As part of this transition, the DUNS Number has been removed from SAM.gov.
* Entity registration, searching, and data entry in SAM.gov now require use of the new Unique Entity ID.
* Existing registered entities can find their Unique Entity ID by following the steps [here](https://www.fsd.gov/gsafsd_sp?id=kb_article_view&sysparm_article=KB0041254).
* New entities can get their Unique Entity ID at SAM.gov and, if required, complete an entity registration.

[**I manage an entity. What do I need to do?**](https://www.fsd.gov/gsafsd_sp?id=kb_article_view&sysparm_article=KB0055533)

For more information about this transition, visit [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov/content/duns-uei) or the Federal Service

Desk, [FSD.gov.](https://www.fsd.gov/gsafsd_sp?id=kb_article_view&sysparm_article=KB0046482) You can search for help at [FSD](https://www.fsd.gov/gsafsd_sp) any time or request help from an FSD agent Monday–Friday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET.

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Entity validation is the first step in getting your Unique Entity ID (UEI) or registering in SAM.gov. Since we need to be confident we have the correct legal business name and physical address, we need you to confirm this information by finding an exact match to our database.  Most entities find a match immediately, but in some cases additional documentation and a manual review is required.

If you submitted documents to us, we will review them and contact you by email from fsdsupport@gsa.gov with further instructions. The review time will depend on whether we can make a match from your original document [submission (KB0055230)](https://www.fsd.gov/gsafsd_sp?id=kb_article_view&sysparm_article=KB0055230) or if we need to [request additional documentation (KB0057690)](https://www.fsd.gov/gsafsd_sp?id=kb_article_view&sysparm_article=KB0057690). Less complex cases where documents matching the requirements have been provided may be resolved in as few as five days, where other cases may take several weeks. As of **03/14/23**, the average time to complete a manual review is four (4) business days."

Remember, once we complete our review, you will be provided instructions via email from fsdsupport@gsa.gov on how to return to SAM.gov and complete the entity validation process.