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## **UEI Now Required on FCC Form 498**

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On April 6, 2022, the FCC released a <u>Public Notice (DA-22-371)</u> announcing that the General Services Administration's SAM.gov will transition from the use of the Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number to the SAM.gov assigned Unique Entity Identifier (UEI).

USAC updated the <u>FCC Form 498</u> for all service providers on **November 16, 2022** to require entities to have an active UEI in order to submit or modify their FCC Form 498. The FCC Form 498 system now only accepts the UEI if the following criteria are met:

- SAM.gov registration for your entity is active;
- Employer Identification Number (EIN) for the UEI matches the EIN for the FCC Registration Number; and
- EIN for the UEI matches the EIN on the FCC Form 498.

The update of the FCC Form 498 only affects entities that must submit a new FCC Form 498 or revise their current FCC Form 498.

For USF program recipients, program payments will continue as normal without full entity SAM.gov registration. However, these USF program recipients that receive direct payments will be required to complete the full entity registration when the transition to using SAM.gov for payment information is made by the U.S. Treasury in 2023.

## **Next Steps**

USF program recipients who submit a new FCC Form 498 or who want to revise their FCC Form 498 should complete their full entity registration in SAM.gov to obtain a UEI.

If you have a UEI, please add your UEI to your FCC Form 498 ID.

If you do not have a UEI, please begin the SAM.gov registration process to obtain a UEI. Once you obtain your UEI, add your UEI to your FCF Form 498 ID. The steps to obtain your UEI are below:

- If you are already registered in SAM.gov, you have a UEI. To find your UEI, log into SAM.gov and select the Entity Management widget in your Workspace or log in and search Entity Information. Please ensure that your SAM.gov registration is active and the EIN for your UEI, the FCC Registration Number, and the FCC Form 498 numbers match. Once you've completed these steps, add your UEI to your FCC Form 498 ID. Entities' registrations in SAM.gov require annual renewal or the accounts will be deactivated. Please ensure that your organization annually renews its SAM.gov registration prior to the expiration date listed in your entity's record in SAM.gov.
- If you are not registered in SAM.gov, you will need to register for a UEI and allow up to six weeks for the registration to be completed on SAM.gov. Once you are registered with SAM.gov, you will be automatically assigned a UEI and can add your UEI to your FCC Form 498 ID at USAC. Even if you don't need to modify your FCC Form 498 ID immediately, you should go ahead and complete your SAM.gov registration as early as possible and add your UEI to your FCC Form 498 ID now.

For more information, visit the <u>FCC Form 498 videos</u> webpage to watch instructional videos about registering for a 498 ID and updating your UEI.

## Need Help? Contact Us!

If you need help obtaining a UEI or have additional questions, please visit the <u>Contact USAC</u> page to contact USAC's Customer Service Center (CSC) or visit <u>SAM.gov</u> for additional information on how to obtain a UEI or register your entity.

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