



CALIFORNIA WATER & WASTEWATER ARREARAGE PAYMENT PROGRAM

Unique Entity ID Requirement for the Extended Arrearage Program

Unique Entity ID (UEI) FAQs

1. What is a Unique Entity ID (UEI)?

A Unique Entity ID is a 12-character alphanumeric ID assigned to an entity by [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov).

2. Do I need a UEI to participate in the Extended Arrearage Program?

Yes, you will need an active UEI to participate in the program. Funding cannot be disbursed without an active UEI per the federal funding requirements. The online application portal will require an active UEI to submit an entity's application.

3. How do I obtain a UEI?

Entities can get an active UEI by registering at [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov). The following guide provided by [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov) will assist through this process. [Getting Started with Entity Registration](#)

4. How long will it take to get the UEI?

It will take at least 10 days after registering to receive your active UEI.

5. Can I use a DUNS Number in lieu of the UEI?

No. As of April 4, 2022, the DUNS Number no longer is recognized as a unique entity identifier by the federal government.

6. Do I need to register with SAM.gov again to get a UEI?

Entities with an active registration can locate their active UEI by following the steps provided by [SAM.gov here](https://sam.gov).

7. If I need additional assistance with obtaining a UEI, who should I contact?

Visit [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov) or the [Federal Service Desk](#) (FSD). FSD agents are available Monday–Friday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET..

For support with additional questions, please contact: DFA-WaterArrearages@waterboards.ca.gov