



Fact Sheet for learners

The Unique Learner Number (ULN) What is it, where to find it and how to use it.....

The **ULN** is a unique 10-digit number. The majority of learners aged 14+ has one. It is designed to help you when you register or enrol on a course. It helps you prove all your learning and achievements from secondary school onwards by allowing education institutions access to your Personal Learning Record (PLR). The ULN is the education equivalent of your National Insurance number.

Where will you find your own ULN?

Your ULN may already be printed on your exam results slip or certificate from your awarding body. It is a 10 digit numerical number and not to be confused with any Candidate, Exam, or Centre Number that your awarding body may have provided to you separately. If you have not received a ULN already, you can ask your school, college, university or training provider to give you one directly.

Keep your ULN in a safe place. Just like your National Insurance number you may need to use your ULN for the rest of your life. **It makes life easier for you** by reducing the need to use paper

Where should you be using your ULN?

You may need to use your own ULN when logging on and accessing your own [Personal Learning Record](#). You may also be asked to use it on training application and college enrolment forms within further education and be asked to use it for [UCAS Apply](#) applications to universities.

The PLR is an online record which includes all your learning achievements such as GCSEs, A/S Levels, NVQ, BTEC awards, qualifications and work-based learning. Admissions tutors and future employers might ask your permission to view your PLR in order to quickly verify your training and learning achievements. A direct benefit of using your ULN is that your own job and training course applications are quicker to process without having to provide paper based copies of your certificates and work-based and vocational training – **such as GCSEs, GCE A Levels and NVQs.**

