Are you wondering what the change from DUNS Number to Unique Entity ID (SAM) means for you *in SAM.gov*?

Select the box below that best describes what you do*.

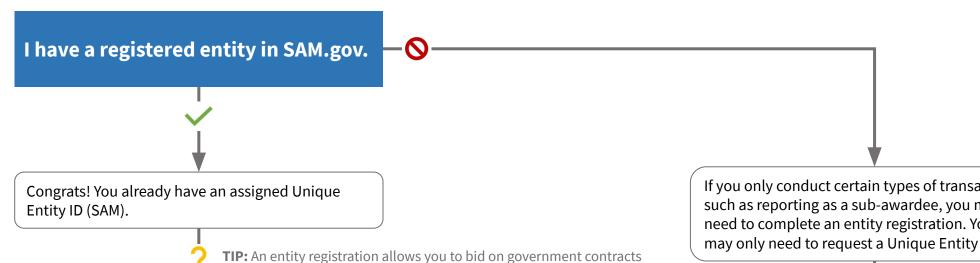|		
I have a registered entity in SAM.gov	**I only report my entity's activity, and am not fully registered in SAM.gov.**	**I search and view data about entities.**
I create/manage contract opportunities (federal only).	**I manage exclusions (federal only).**	**I use contract data reports.**

*This resource can help you know how you are affected by the change from the DUNS Number to Unique Entity ID (SAM) in SAM.gov, specifically. Once you understand how you're affected, you may have more questions not addressed in this resource. Please go to [fsd.gov](fsd.gov) to view more answers, tips, and help articles. For more general inquiries about using Unique Entity ID (SAM) in systems other than SAM.gov, please follow the guidance from agencies you work with.

I have a registered entity in SAM.gov.

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Congrats! You already have an assigned Unique Entity ID (SAM).

? **TIP:** An entity registration allows you to bid on government contracts and apply for federal assistance. As part of entity registration, SAM.gov assigns you a Unique Entity ID. Previously registered entities were assigned a Unique Entity ID (SAM) as part of this transition.

Next Steps: Follow the guidelines of the agencies you work with regarding when to begin using your Unique Entity ID (SAM).

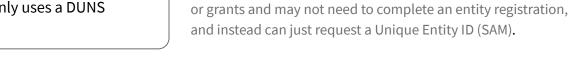**TIP**: To view your Unique Entity ID (SAM) follow these steps.

If you only conduct certain types of transactions, such as reporting as a sub-awardee, you may not need to complete an entity registration. Your entity may only need to request a Unique Entity ID (SAM).

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Next Steps: Select this box and follow the guidance on the option for "I only report my entity's activity and am not fully registered in SAM.gov."

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I only report my entity's activity and am not fully registered in SAM.gov.

Are you an entity that currently only uses a DUNS Number for reporting?

TIP: Some organizations who do not directly bid on contracts or grants and may not need to complete an entity registration, and instead can just request a Unique Entity ID (SAM).

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You will need to get a Unique Entity ID (SAM) before the April 4, 2022 transition.

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Next Steps: You can get a Unique Entity ID (SAM) for your organization without having to complete an entity registration (this policy has not changed). You *do* need to make a request to get your Unique Entity ID (SAM) in SAM.gov. Go to the SAM.gov homepage and select Get Started.

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I search and view data about entities.

You can search for entities by Unique Entity ID (SAM) or DUNS Number now.

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Next Steps: After April 4, 2022, you can only search by the Unique Entity ID (SAM). The DUNS Number will not be available to search. In addition to Unique Entity ID (SAM), you will still be able to search by other entity attributes, like name, CAGE code, socioeconomic status, location, etc. If you have saved searches, please make sure you change the search field from DUNS Number to Unique Entity ID (SAM).

TIP: If you do not currently use the DUNS Number to search and view entity data, there is no change for you. You can continue to search by other entity attributes, like name, CAGE code, socioeconomic status, location, etc.

I create/manage contract opportunities (federal only).

If you enter data for contract opportunities using the SAM.gov front end, you can find an entity's Unique Entity ID (SAM) now and include it in your award notice. Starting April 4, 2022, you will only be able to use the Unique Entity ID (SAM) as the entity identifier.

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Next Steps: If you enter contract data via a contract writing system, follow the guidance of that system administrator for when to start using the Unique Entity ID (SAM).

I manage exclusions (federal only).

Continue to use the DUNS Number to create exclusions until April 4, 2022. You can use either the DUNS Number or Unique Entity ID (SAM) to search for an entity until then.

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Next Steps: From April 4, 2022 on, you can only search by the Unique Entity ID (SAM); the DUNS Number will not be available to search. In addition to Unique Entity ID (SAM), you will be able to continue searching by other entity attributes, like name, CAGE code, socioeconomic status, location, etc.

I use contract data reports.

Do you use the DUNS Number to create/filter ad hoc reports in SAM.gov?

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You can filter ad hoc reports now using either the Unique Entity ID (SAM) or the DUNS Number.

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Next Steps: From April 4, 2022 on, you can only filter on the Unique Entity ID (SAM). The DUNS Number will not be available in any IAE systems starting April 4, 2022. We strongly advise that you update your ad hoc reports with the Unique Entity ID (SAM) as soon as that filter becomes available. Ad hoc reports that reference DUNS Numbers will be deleted from SAM.gov prior to April 2022. We will provide more information on our blog in advance of this action.

There is no change for you if you do not create/filter reports using the DUNS Number. You can continue to filter reports by other entity attributes, like name, CAGE code, socioeconomic status, location, etc.

TIP: If you use APIs and extracts, the field for DUNS Number will remain, but will return blank when run, and will not receive information with uploads.

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