

What is a personal learning record?

Your PLR is your permanent, authoritative online record of your qualifications and achievements. The PLR records general and vocational qualifications such as but not limited to QCF, A levels, GCSEs, BTEC, Diplomas and Functional Skills. The PLR means you should no longer have to show copies of different certificates to learning providers and employers. You can provide this information as a report generated from your PLR.

Read the [privacy notices](#) and what it means to you, so you understand how your data will be used.

What's my unique learner number (ULN)?

The ULN is a unique 10-digit number, and most learners aged 14+ have one. It is designed to work with your PLR, helping to give you proof of your learning and achievements from the age of 16 onwards.

The Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA), an executive agency of the Department for Education (DfE), creates and holds the Unique Learner Numbers to enable effective management of information to fulfil the functions of the DfE. This has been overseen and agreed with the Information Commissioner's Office. To this extent, the processing does not require an individual's consent under the Data Protection Act 1998, as the information is processed in accordance with Schedule 2, 5 (b) and, where it is sensitive personal data that might be held, in accordance with Schedule 3, 7(1) (b).

The ULN is mandatory for all Learners aged 14 or over or in or will be in receipt of a diploma qualification. ULNs are also mandatory for learners in England funded by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

You can find your ULN (10 digit code) published on certificates or result slips. Otherwise, contact your current or most recent learning provider.