

Unique Learner Number and Personal Learning Record

What is a unique learner number?

A [Unique Learner Number](#) (ULN) is a unique 10-digit reference number that is allocated by the Learning Records Service to all young people in the UK who are over the age of 14 and in education and training. This number stays the same throughout the young person's education and training.

What is the Personal Learning Record?

The [Personal Learning Record](#) (PLR) is a compilation of a young person's current and past achievement towards records such as awards, certificates and qualifications which they have gained from UK awarding organisations (such as Trinity College London). The PLR is maintained by the UK Learner Records Service (LRS), a function of the UK Skills Funding Agency.

What is the connection between ULN and PLR?

Young people use their unique ULN to access their Personal Learning Record, where they can see and confirm the details that are held about them. The ULN ensures that the information held on the PLR is secure and cannot be shared with other organisations (including statutory bodies), without prior consent of the young person. Each young person will retain the same ULN for accessing their PLR throughout their lives, whatever their level of learning and wherever they choose to undertake their education, training and learning.

Why is it important to provide each learner's ULN for Arts Award?

Awarding organisations are responsible for submitting achievements to Learner Records Service for inclusion on young peoples' PLRs. The awarding organisations are also responsible for the validating received ULNs with LRS, and reporting discrepancies back to the centre/learning provider for correction. However, awarding organisations can only upload achievements if a centre provides the young person's ULN.

When should the ULN information be provided?

ULN details should be provided when submitting moderation information about young people.

Where can a learner obtain a ULN?

All young people aged 14+ should already have been issued with a ULN via their learning or training provider. If they don't know their ULN, they should contact LRS directly.

Where can a learner obtain their PLR?

Young people should visit the [Learner Record Service](#) for information about how these details can be provided by the Skills Funding Agency.