



Australian Government
Department of Education

Education Funding System

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Acknowledgement of Country

*The Department of Education
respectfully acknowledges the
Traditional Owners of Country
throughout Australia
and recognises their continuing
connection to land, waters and
community.*

*We pay our respect to Aboriginal
and Torres Strait Islander cultures;
and to Elders past and present.*

What is the Education Funding System?

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Australian Government provides annually

**\$30
BILLION**

to government and
non-government schools

&

**\$21
BILLION**

to higher education providers

To manage these
funds we need a
system that is

modern



resilient



flexible



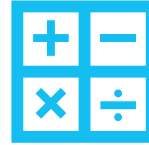
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**COLLECT
DATA**



**ASSESS
ELIGIBILITY**



**CALCULATE
PAYMENTS**



**COMPLY WITH
REQUIREMENTS**



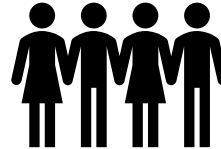
**PROVIDE
REPORTS**

Consistent

Accurate

Reliable

**Enhanced
user
experience**



**User
centred
design**

Consistent, accurate and reliable funding for Australia's education providers

Why do we need the Education Funding System?



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Australia's schools and higher education institutions rely on the timely and accurate payment of government funding



Existing technology is aging



More secure and efficient ways



Manual uploads and system errors



Better access and greater visibility

UNIFIED DIGITAL SYSTEM

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graph TD; A[UNIFIED DIGITAL SYSTEM] --- B[reduces administrative burden]; A --- C[delivers accurate & timely payments]; A --- D[a secure, flexible and integrated online platform];
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**reduces
administrative
burden**

**delivers
accurate &
timely payments**

**a secure,
flexible and
integrated
online platform**



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STRENGTHING SECURITY

*Strong cyber security
measures and the
safeguarding of
sensitive information
is essential to public
trust and service
continuity.*



The Education Funding System has been designed and developed to align to the Australian Government Data and Digital Government Strategy.

What are the benefits of the Education Funding System?



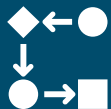
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**The Education Funding System
will deliver significant benefits
to both our education providers
and the Department of Education.**



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For Education Providers the EFS will:



**alleviate
inefficient
processes
and reduce
administrative
burden**



**mitigate the
risk of system
outages that
impact your
day-to-day
operations**



**provide a
streamlined
experience for
education
providers**



**deliver a
unified,
reliable,
resilient
system**



**support
integrity
checks and
auditable
transactions**



**provide an
enhanced
security
posture and
will increase
the safety of
information**

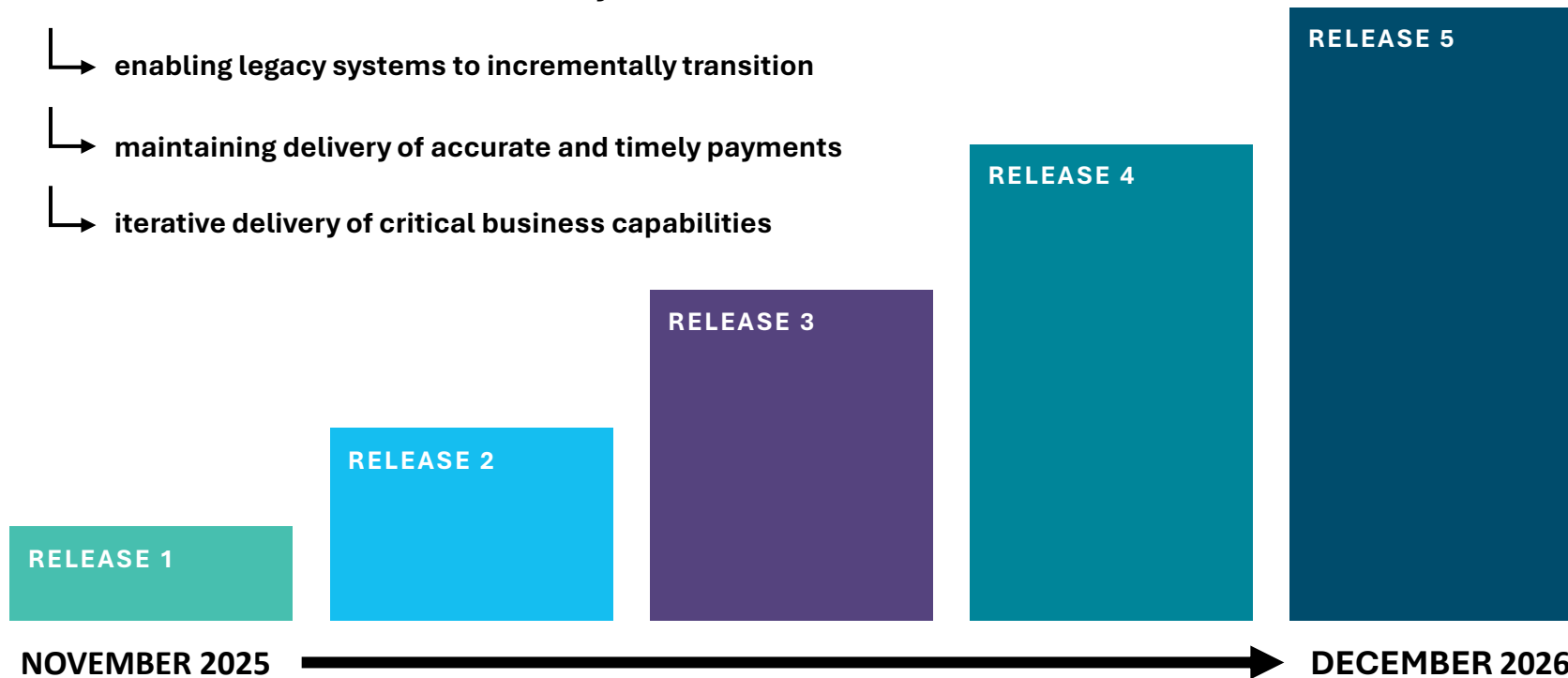
How will the EFS be delivered?



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The EFS will be delivered incrementally

- └ enabling legacy systems to incrementally transition
- └ maintaining delivery of accurate and timely payments
- └ iterative delivery of critical business capabilities



What are the main changes?



**The Education
Funding System
will deliver**



a single online platform



an enhanced user experience



**a streamlined sign in
with enhanced security**



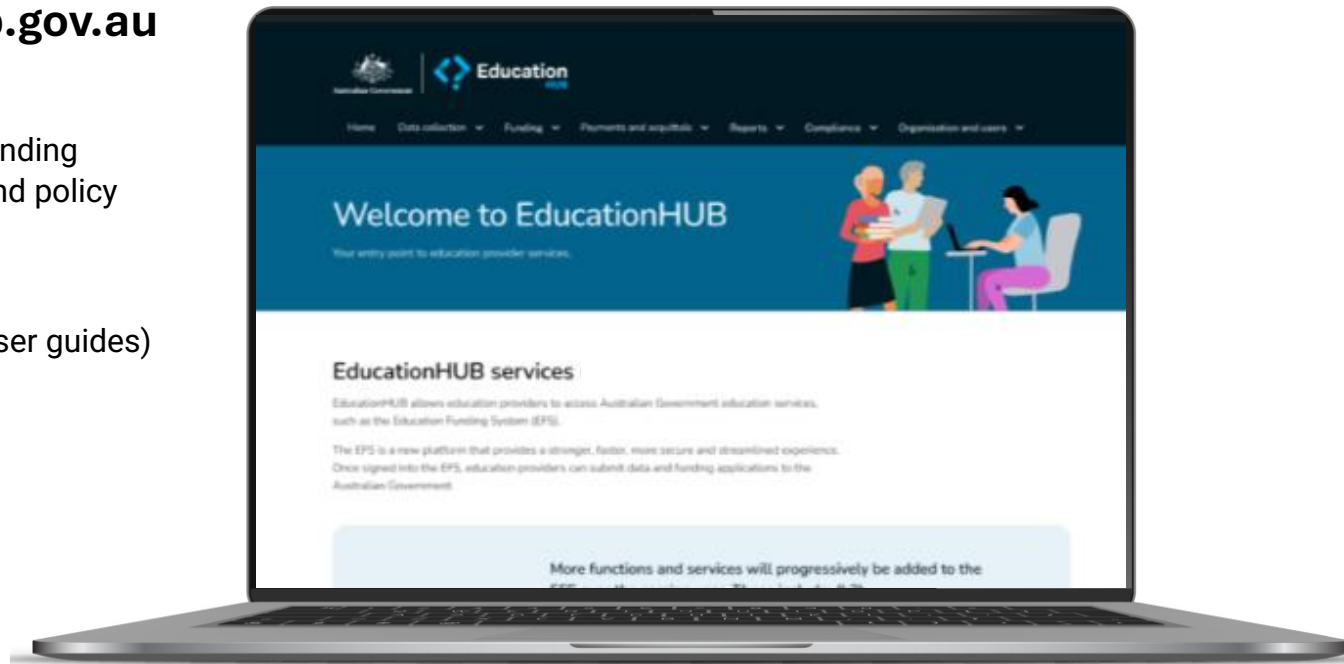
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www.educationhub.gov.au

find information about funding
arrangements, legislation and policy

obtain resources
(i.e. training materials and user guides)

access the EFS



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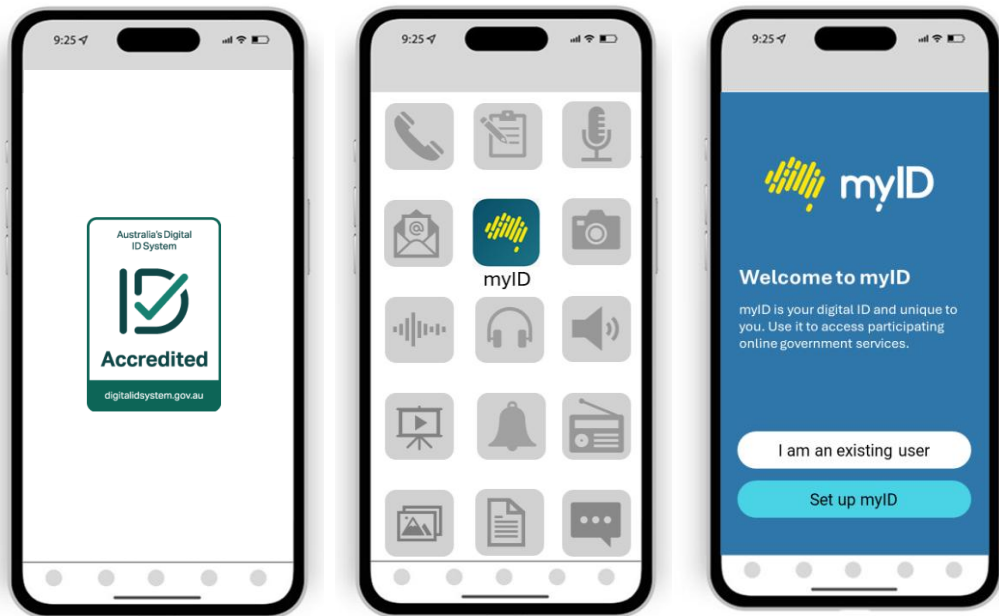
To improve security and make accessing the EFS easier, we are introducing the use of a Digital ID.

FROM

Basic login credentials
with multi factor authentication

TO

Secure, whole-of-government,
Digital ID solution



myID is currently used by over 13 million Australians
to access over 150 government services online

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The screenshot shows the SchoolsHUB website interface. At the top, there's a header with the Australian Government Department of Education logo and the 'SchoolsHUB' title. Below this is a navigation bar with links: Home, Data Collections, Using SchoolsHUB, and Contact. The main content area is titled 'Supporting Australian Schools' and includes a brief description of the platform's purpose. It features two prominent buttons: 'Register' (yellow) and 'Sign in' (blue). Below these is a link to 'Enter activation code'. To the right, there's a video player showing a man smiling, with a play button overlay. Below the video is a 'Calendar' section with a grid showing dates from February to November. The grid highlights specific dates for various events. To the right of the calendar is a 'News' section with a list of recent updates, including dates and brief descriptions of changes or announcements. A 'More news' button is located at the bottom of the news section.

Calendar

	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
Financial Accountability										
Financial Questionnaire										
Compliance Certificate										
Non-government Schools Census										
Student Attendance (STATS)										
Address Collection										

News

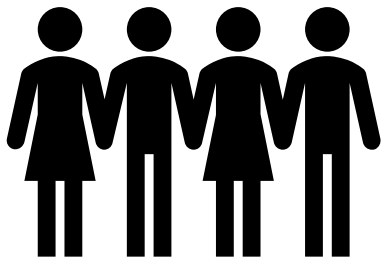
- Aug 28 | [The online estimator has been updated for 2025 indexation and 2025 CTC scores](#)
- Aug 26 | [SchoolsHUB online estimator will be unavailable on Wednesday 27 August after 2 pm \(AEST\) for planned update](#)
- Aug 12 | [Census special circumstance applications are due 11:59 pm \(AEST\) Friday 15 August 2025](#)

[More news](#)

The EFS will progressively replace SchoolsHUB

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RELEASE 1
NOVEMBER 2025



APPROVED
AUTHORITIES



access the EFS via EducationHUB



authenticate using a Digital ID



view organisation and schools



submit data collections, commencing with the February 2026 address collection



payments to AAs will be made from the EFS, commencing with the January 2026 recurrent funding payment



view the January 2026 payment details

SchoolsHUB will remain available to:

- ✓ **view historical data**
- ✓ **manage organisation and school**

BGAs and NGRBs will commence using the EFS from Release 3 in 2026



It's time to get ready!

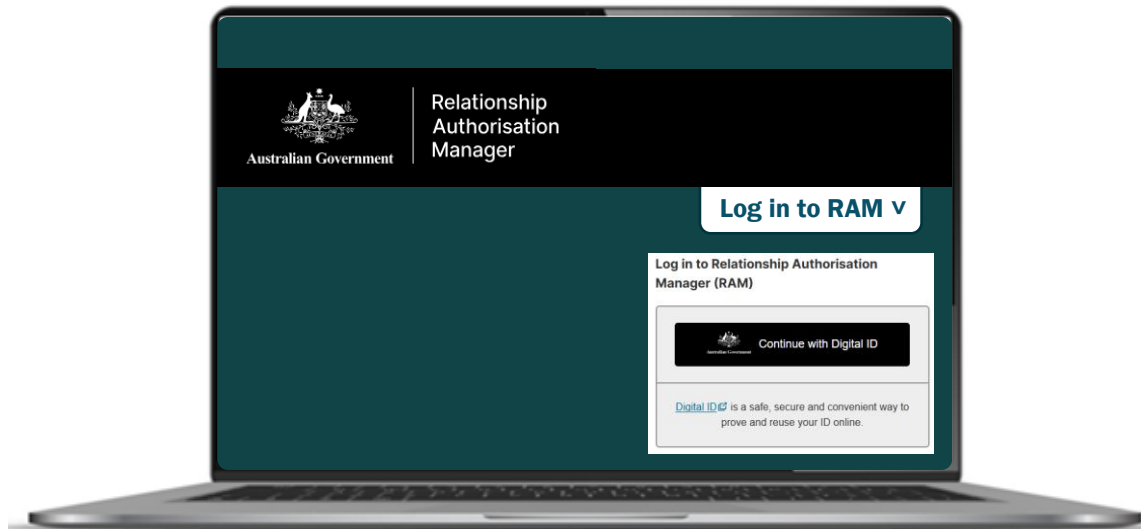


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Don't wait until Address Collection to get ready for EFS!



Set up your myID



and link to your organisation in RAM

User guides for each step are available at www.education.gov.au/efs

What support is available?



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A comprehensive communication and training campaign will commence from September 2025 and will be ongoing through to December 2026



**ONLINE
BRIEFINGS**



**EMAIL
UPDATES**



**WEBSITE
UPDATES**



**USER GUIDES &
TRAINING MATERIALS**

What's next for approved authorities?



email notification



online webinar



onboarding materials



where to get support

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more than just another new platform

change will be gradual

but support will be continuous





Thank you



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