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Education Funding System

Approved Authorities Awareness Campaign

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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.

Ancestral Lines, Jeremy Morgan Worrall : 2025 National NAIDOC Week Poster | NAIDOC

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
- secure

EDUCATION FUNDING SYSTEM

aka the EFS

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COLLECT DATA

ASSESS ELIGIBILITY

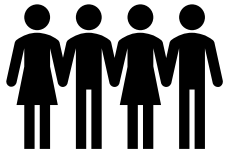
CALCULATE PAYMENTS

COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS

PROVIDE REPORTS

Consistent | **Accurate** | **Reliable**

Enhanced user experience



User centred design

Stronger, faster, more secure 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 visibly

UNIFIED DIGITAL SYSTEM

- reduces administrative burden
- delivers accurate & timely payments
- a secure, flexible and integrated online platform

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myID

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 manual 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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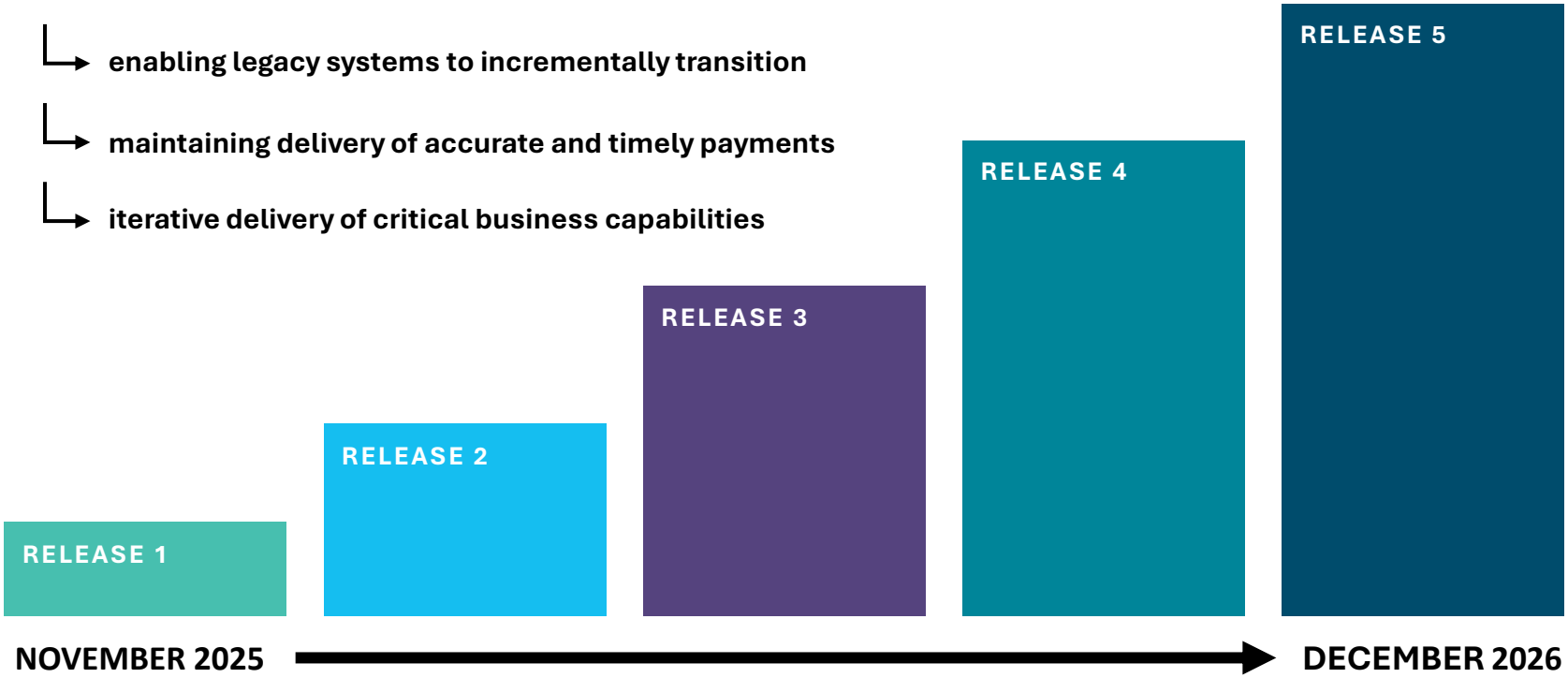
The EFS will be delivered incrementally

- 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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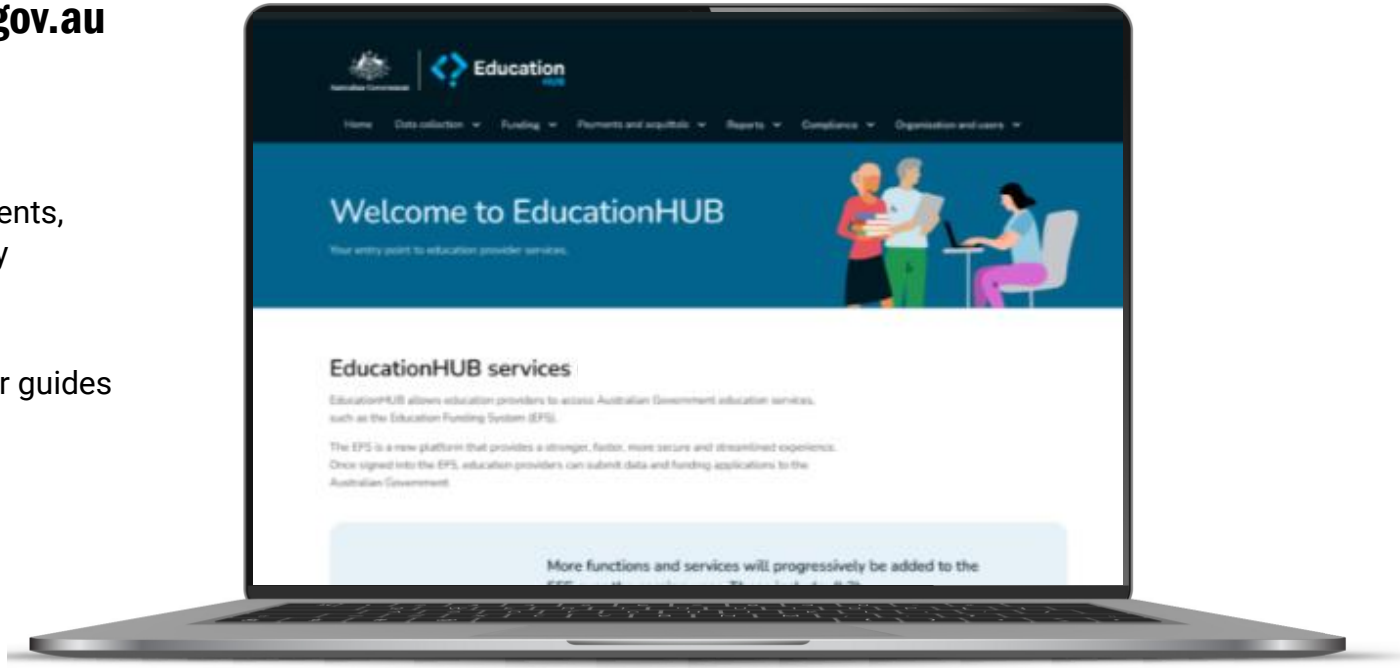
www.educationhub.gov.au

information
about funding arrangements, legislation and policy

resources
training materials and user guides

access the EFS



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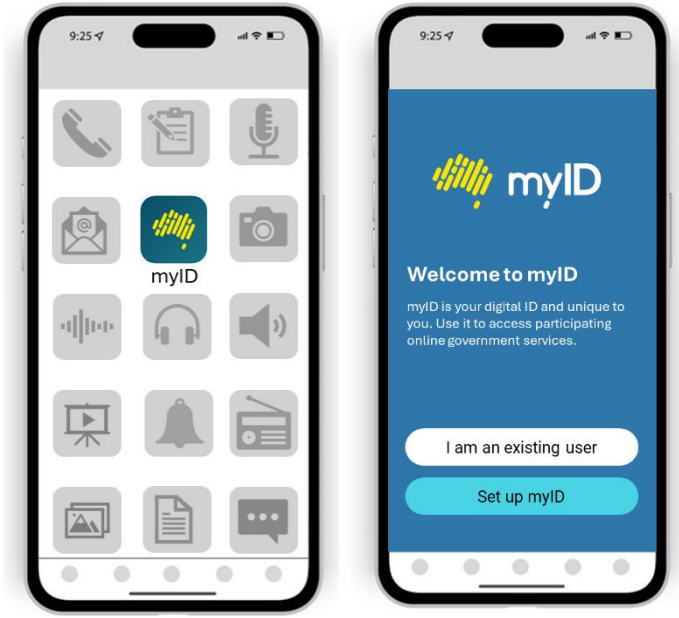
To improve security and make accessing the EFS easier, we are introducing the use of a Digital ID.

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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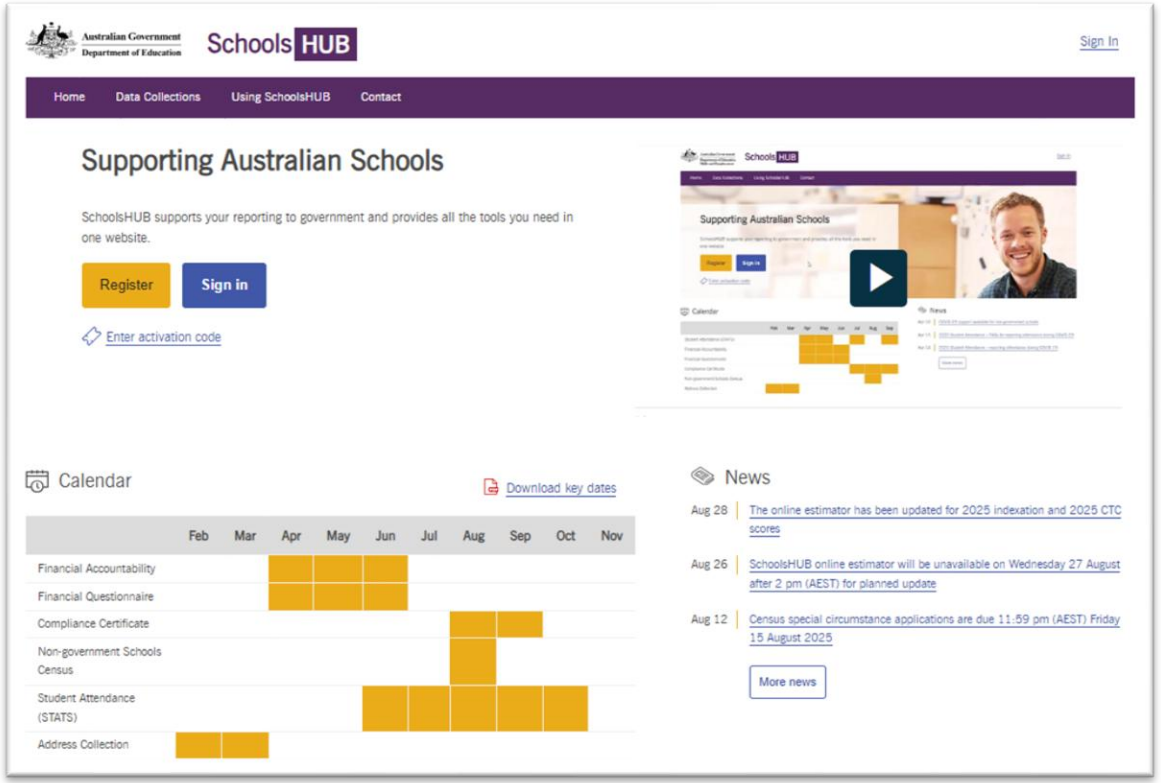

The EFS will progressively replace SchoolsHUB

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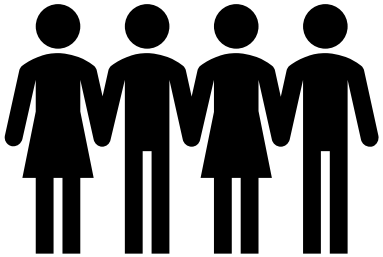
RELEASE 1
NOVEMBER 2025



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**
- ✓ **online estimator**

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

It’s time to get ready!

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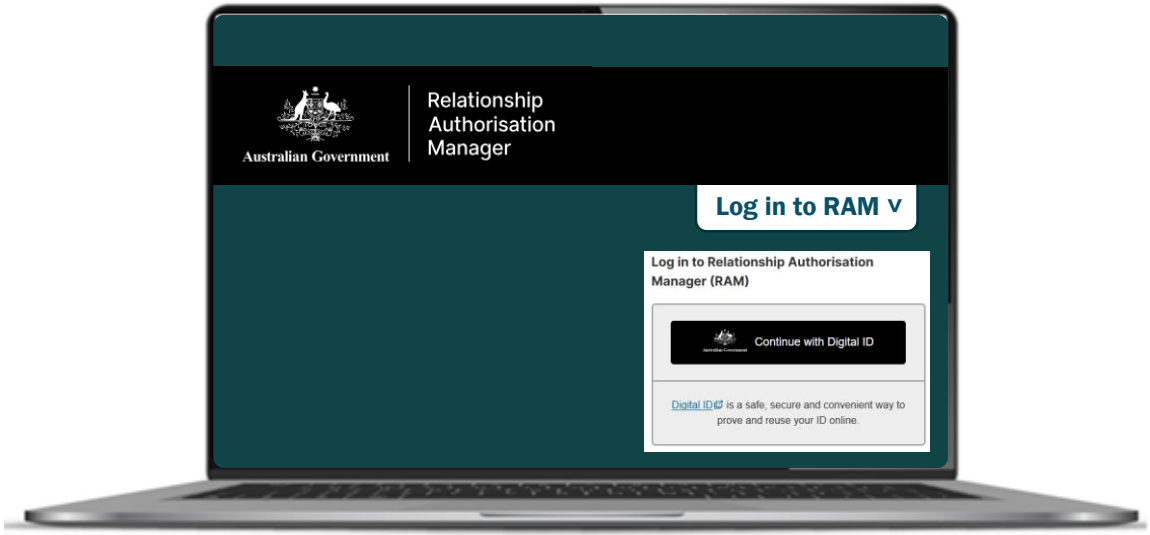
Don’t wait until Address Collection to get ready for EFS!



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

WEBSTE 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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