



To better understand the scope of this initiative, please review the frequently asked questions and their answers inside this brochure.

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Q. Will my parking privileges, building access, and Diamond Dollars be affected by the new OWLcard?

No. All privileges working on the old card will be automatically moved to the new card.

Q. Is there a difference between TUid and AccessNet username?

Yes. Your TUid is used to identify who you are. Your AccessNet username and password are used to access computer resources.

Q. Is there anything that I need to do?

Simply pick up your OWLcard when it is ready and begin using it on the activation date. Also, please review the expanded list of questions geared specifically for students, faculty and staff on the following Web site:

<http://ssn2tuid.temple.edu>

Q. What if I have additional questions?

If you have additional questions, send an e-mail to the project team at:

ssn2tuid@temple.edu

Q. Where can I get more information?

Additional information and links to the official Temple University policies and procedures are available on the project Web site at:

<http://ssn2tuid.temple.edu>



There's Safety in Numbers

Introducing the New TUid!

In order to protect the privacy of your Social Security Number (SSN) Temple is assigning you a unique

Temple University identification number.

Your new
TUid

will become Temple's primary way of identifying you. With this new ID in place, your Social Security Number will no longer be required for routine administrative functions except those required by law, including tax purposes. The new TUid will be printed on new Temple ID cards that will be distributed to all students, faculty and staff.

Q. Why is Temple discontinuing the use of Social Security Numbers (SSN) as the primary means of identification?

Temple administrators are committed to creating a framework to safeguard the personal information of students, faculty, and staff. With the rise in identity theft, this responsibility is becoming increasingly critical. Significantly restricting the use of SSNs will greatly reduce the chances that someone will obtain your personal information.

Temple University has adopted policies and procedures to protect personal information in order to be in compliance with federal privacy laws which include Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (GLBA), Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). Temple University follows all legal requirements for the use of SSNs by handling them in a confidential manner.

Q. Why does Temple still need to use my Social Security Number (SSN)?

Your SSN is needed for mandated business functions such as tax reporting to federal and state government agencies and financial aid processing. It will also be used in conjunction with insurance and retirement programs, and other official University business activities as appropriate.

Q. Will the University continue to keep my SSN on record?

Yes. The University will continue to collect and store the SSN, but it will be used in very limited cases and in more secure environments.

Q. What is the TUid?

The TUid is the new identifier that Temple University will use as the primary means of tracking students, employees and anyone affiliated with the University. It will be a nine-digit number that is not related to or derived from your Social Security Number. The TUid will be applied through a conversion process to all student records going back to 1963 and to all employee records going back to 1984.

Q. Will all current employees and students get new Temple ID cards?

Yes. The new OWLcard will replace the current Temple ID cards. Students graduating in May 2005, however, will not receive new cards.

Q. How will I get my new OWLcard?

When the cards are ready, students, faculty and staff will be notified of the distribution dates and locations. This information will be announced by e-mail and via the project Web site at: <http://ssn2tuid.temple.edu>

Q. When will the OWLcard become effective?

OWLcards are targeted for activation in early July 2005. The specific date will be announced by e-mail and via the project Web site listed above. On that date, your old card will become invalid so you will no longer be able to use it.

