Free program for universities and research institutions

U.S. universities and research institutions with a .edu or .gov email get HIPAA Certify free. Here's how to sign up and sign in.

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Who qualifies

U.S. universities, academic medical centers, research institutes and government research agencies. Your work email must end in **.edu** or **.gov**.

Sign up

1. Go to **hipaacertify.com/universities**.
2. Under **Check your eligibility**, fill in your name, work email, institution and role details.
3. Click **Get instant access →**.
4. Open the verification email and click **Verify Email Address** **within 24 hours**. You'll be signed in to your new account.

Your account has **unlimited employees** and nothing to pay. Ignore any "choose a plan" or "add payment method" prompts. See Invoiced and university plans.

Signing in later

University accounts are created without a password. The **first time** you want to sign in again, set one:

1. Go to **hipaacertify.com/forgot-password**.
2. Enter your .edu or .gov email and click **Send Reset Link**.
3. Choose a password from the email, then sign in.

Messages you might see

- **Instant access requires a .edu or .gov email address…** Use your institutional email. If your institution uses a different domain, contact us for a manual review.

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- **Good news — this email already has a HIPAA Certify university account.** Sign in, or use **Forgot password** as above.

Then follow the quick-start checklist from step 3.

Need more help? Visit https://hipaacertify.com/support or contact us at https://hipaacertify.com/contact.

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