Australian researchers have been accessing online services and research capabilities for the past nine years using one simple login solution provided by the Australian Access Federation (AAF). This simple login process often goes unnoticed by the end user (researchers, teachers and students) as they seamlessly access hundreds of national and international services.

As the national provider of access and authentication for the Research and Higher Education sector, the AAF provides access to essential research capabilities and teaching and learning services. The AAF has simplified access for your users by:

- simplifying connectivity to research capabilities and unique services
- providing access and authentication to NCRIS (National Collaboration Research Infrastructure Strategy) capabilities
- enabling end users to use their organisation’s login for a fast and simple way to access online services
- enabling academics and researchers to easily collaborate
- enabling researchers to quickly and easily connect with a growing number of digital resources, including national research infrastructure
- reducing effort for research organisations to provide access for their researchers.

In 2018 the AAF introduced Rapid Identity Provider (IdP), which is a cloud based identity management solution. It caters for organisations of all sizes and lets the AAF manage your federation connection.

The AAF service removes inter-organisational barriers to collaboration and enables people to quickly and easily connect to resources. Resource providers are also able to quickly and easily connect their services to over 1 million people connected to the AAF today.