

How to Setup an Apple/iTunes ID

Today's tutorial is about setting yourself up with an Apple/iTunes ID. The big thing about this is that it lets you download apps for your brand new iPad! Just be careful with this feature as not all apps are free, and you will be required to keep a credit card on file with Apple to use your ID (read: don't let your kids/grandkids go nuts downloading games!).

Okay! Let's get started!

First things first, turn on your new iPad by pressing the power button in the upper right hand corner. If the display does not come up right away, press and hold the button until the apple symbol appears on the screen, and then let go.

You may see a slide to unlock bar at the bottom of the screen. Touch your finger to the silver button on the bar and slide it to the right while keeping your finger on the screen.

You should now be looking at your home screen. You'll see several icons there, representing apps and software that comes with your iPad. Any additional apps will be added to a new location, but we'll get to that another time.

Find the icon labeled Settings and tap it to enter the settings menu. The settings menu is divided into two columns. On the left, you'll see an icon for the various apps and pieces of software installed on the iPad. Touching one of these changes the right hand column, which is your view pane. The view pane displays the settings of the current app you have selected on the left.

Over on the left, find the store icon and tap it (you may need to scroll the column's view down). The word Store should then title the view pane on the right, and below it you will see options for automatic downloads. Below automatic downloads, you should see a white rectangle marked Apple ID. There's a good chance you'll see our Man in the Mirror apple admin account here. Regardless of what's there, tap the Apple ID rectangle. A small window will appear in the center of the screen. Tap the Sign Out button displayed there.

The Store's view pane should now be blank except for a white Sign in button. Tap Sign In. Another small window appears in the center of the screen. Tap the button marked Create New Apple ID. This will bring up the new account window.

The next few windows will ask information about your location, email address, and billing information to setup your new Apple/iTunes ID. Each labeled blank field is a button you can tap, and doing so allows you to fill in the blank with the appropriate information. Sometimes a list of options will appear for you to choose from, such as when confirming your country or region.

Other times, a keyboard will appear, allowing you to fill in the appropriate information yourself, such as your email address that you will use for the Apple/iTunes ID.

Be sure to double check entries such as your name, address, date of birth, and credit card information. Don't worry about being charged, the setup of the Apple/iTunes ID is free, and the card will only be billed thereafter if and only if you choose to download an app that is not free.

When you have filled out all the appropriate information and submitted it, a conformation message will be sent to the email address you have used to setup this account. You will then need to sign in and check your email as you would normally to view this message. When you find the message from Apple, open it and inside should be a link marked as click here to confirm or verify your account. You must click this link to finish setting up the Apple/iTunes ID. Once you do, a new web page should load saying congratulations on setting up your new Apple/iTunes ID.

Lastly, return to the settings menu, tap store on the left, and check to see that your new Apple/iTunes ID appears in the blank displayed there. If not, tap sign in, and use the email address and password you submitted in creating the Apple/iTunes ID. Once you're logged in, you're all set!