

Setting up Google Voice

With Google Voice, you get a free phone number for calls, text messages, and voicemail. You can use the apps on smartphones and computers, and you can link your number to any mobile or landline number. This can be a good alternative to using your personal mobile or home phone to conduct business.

What you can do with Voice

- Text from your computer or mobile phone
- Read your voicemail and search through it like email
- Personalize voicemail greetings
- Make international calls at low rates
- Get protected from spam calls, block unwanted callers, and screen calls before answering

What you need to use Voice

- A [Google Account](#)
- Computer or mobile phone with internet access (for sign-up)
- U.S. phone number that can forward calls after ringing
 - **Note:** Some VoIP phone number providers don't allow conditional call forwarding

Cost and availability

Voice is only available in the U.S.

- Almost all Google Voice calls to the U.S. and Canada are [free](#) when you're calling from the U.S.
- Calls to a few places in the U.S. and Canada cost 1 cent per minute (USD), or the [listed rate](#) for your local currency
- Calls to places outside the U.S. are at [listed rates](#)

How to sign up for Voice and get your number

1. On your computer, go to voice.google.com and choose **For Personal Use**.
2. Sign in to your Google Account.
3. After reviewing the Terms of Service and Privacy Policy, tap **Continue**.
4. Search by city or area code for a number. Voice doesn't offer 1-800 numbers.
 - If there aren't any numbers available in the area you want, try somewhere nearby.
5. Next to the number you want, click **Select**. Follow the instructions.