

PRINTABLE GUIDE

Install an app from your phone's app store

Use the official app store. Check the publisher, purpose and price before approving a download or subscription.

iPhone or Android | 2 min read | 5 steps

Before you start

- ☐ Internet access
- ☐ Your app-store account
- ☐ Enough device storage
- ☐ The name of the service you intend to install

1. Open the correct store

iPhone: open App Store. Android: open Google Play on devices that include it. Some Android devices use another manufacturer's store. Avoid installing files from unexpected texts, pop-ups or adverts promising a special version.

- ☐ Done this step

2. Search and check the publisher

Type the exact service name. Open its listing and compare the publisher with the service's official website. Similar names and icons can belong to different apps. Check device compatibility and the permissions or privacy information shown.

- ☐ Done this step

3. Read the price information

Look for Get, Install or a price. Also check for in-app purchases and subscriptions. A free download can still contain paid features. Do not approve a trial until you understand when it renews and how to cancel it.

☐ Done this step

4. Install and approve deliberately

Tap the download control only after checking the listing. Your phone may ask for your own device or account authentication. Wait for installation to finish; do not give a helper your password or a one-time sign-in code.

☐ Done this step

5. Open and review access

Open the installed app. Read any permission request before agreeing. A camera app may need the camera; a simple puzzle may not need contacts. Choose limited access or decline when appropriate, then check whether the feature still works.

☐ Done this step

Try it for yourself

Find an app listing and identify its publisher and cost without installing it.

☐ I tried the task.

My notes

Can I undo the installation?

You can usually uninstall the app. Check for saved data first, and cancel subscriptions separately through the store or service that bills you.

Official help and the online guide

Google: find and download apps - <https://support.google.com/googleplay/answer/113409?hl=en>

Apple: download apps - <https://support.apple.com/en-us/102590>

Read online: <https://plaintechguides.com/guides/install-an-app-carefully/>