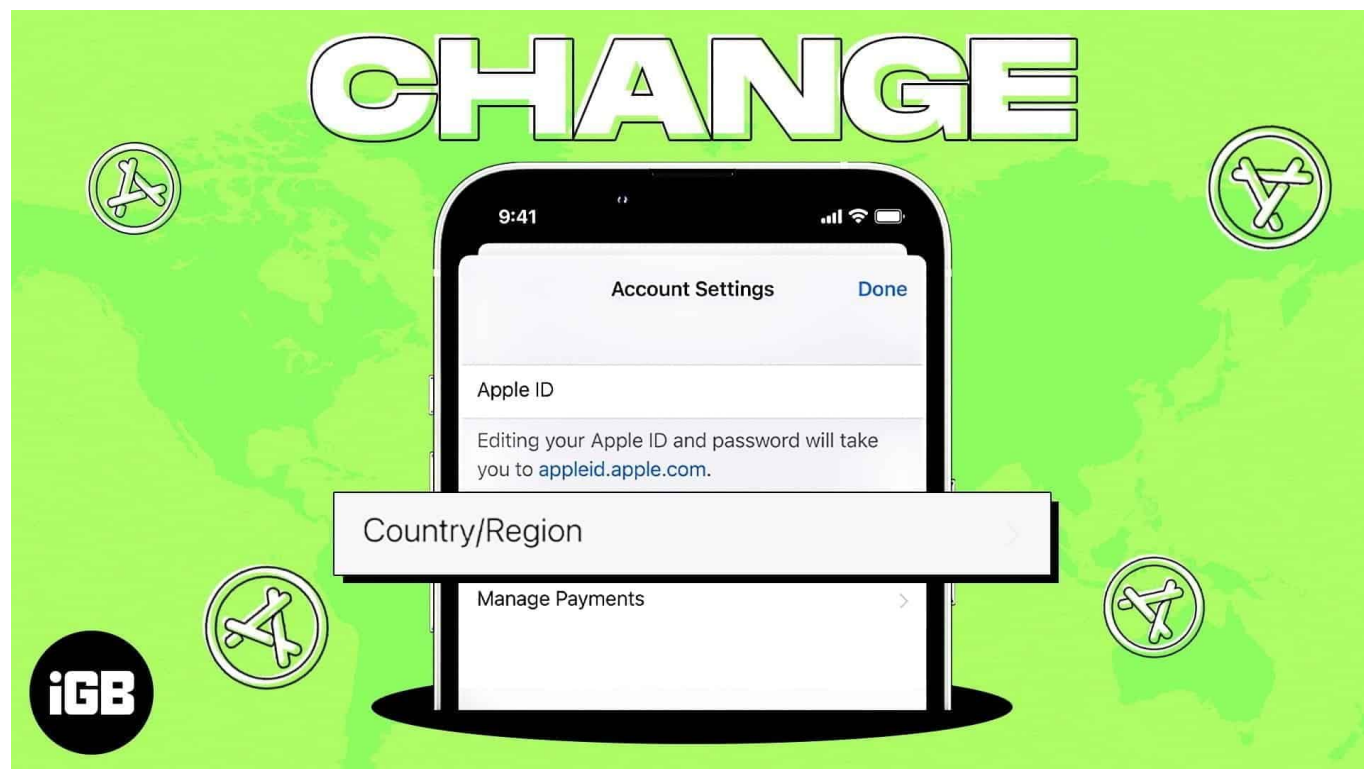


Key Takeaways

- Changing App Store country lets you access apps, games, music, services, etc. available in other region.
- You may switch country in App Store from your iPhone, iPad, Mac, or Vision Pro's Settings app.
- If you can't change your region, ensure meeting all criteria on App Store, such as zero credit balance, no active subscriptions, etc.

There are several reasons why you might want to change the App Store country associated with your Apple ID. Maybe you want to download an app that is not available in your current region or update the location associated with your Apple ID after moving to another country. Either way, before you make any changes, it's essential to take note of some points, like canceling your subscriptions and spending your store credit.



This detailed guide covers everything you need to know about changing the App Store country on iPhone, iPad, and Mac to assist you with the entire process.

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Why do you want to change the App Store country?

Changing the App Store country or region associated with an Apple ID may be necessary for several reasons:

- **Access to region-specific apps:** Due to licensing agreements and government regulations, some applications, games, or digital content are solely available in specific countries. For instance, an app may only exist in the US and not in the UK.
- **Travel or relocation:** If you move to another country or spend significant time abroad, changing your App Store country is essential. This will give access to apps and services meant for that country. You can also pay for apps and services using the local currency and payment methods.
- **Pricing differences:** App pricing and subscription fees can vary between countries. Some users change their App Store region to take advantage of lower prices or regional discounts.
- **Content availability:** Media like music, movies, and TV shows in the iTunes Store may be available in one country and not another. Changing your region allows you to access a wider range of localized content.

So, you can see there are several benefits to changing your Apple ID country location. But it's important to understand the implications and follow the proper steps to avoid any issues.

What should you consider before changing the App Store country or region?

Apple has set strict prerequisites for changing the App Store region to ensure that users don't misuse the feature and only access content based on their geographic location. Here's

a quick rundown:

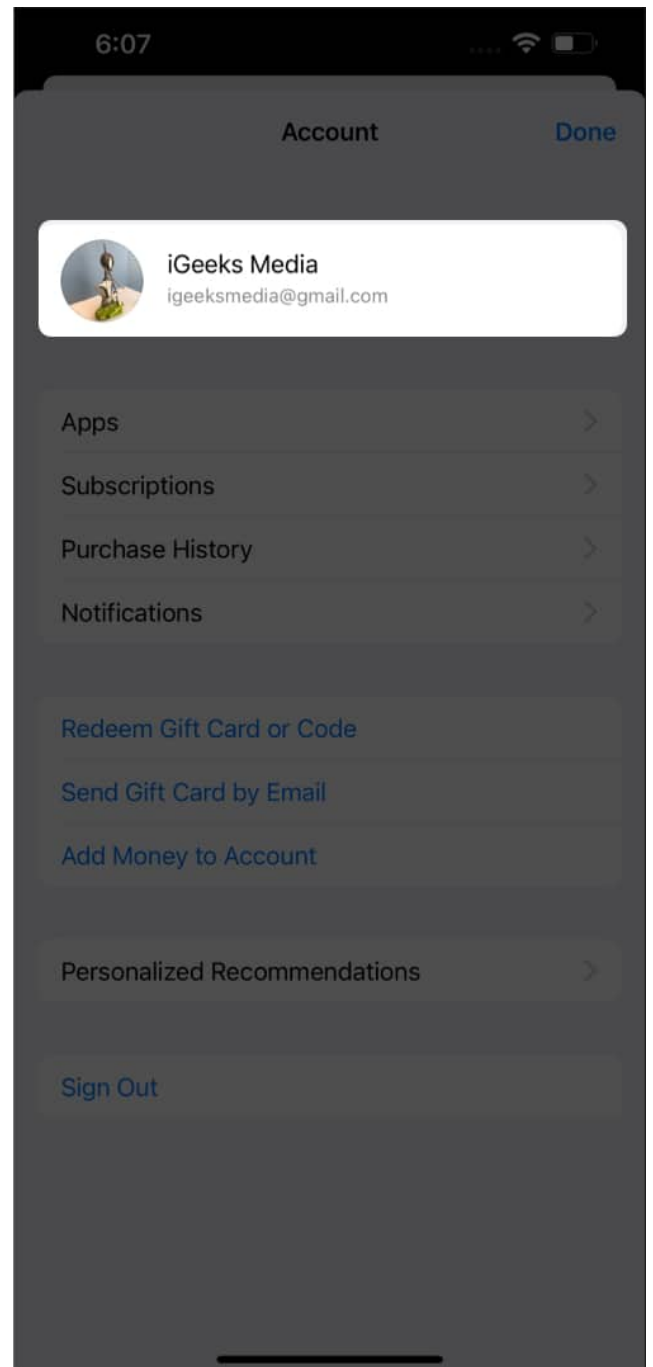
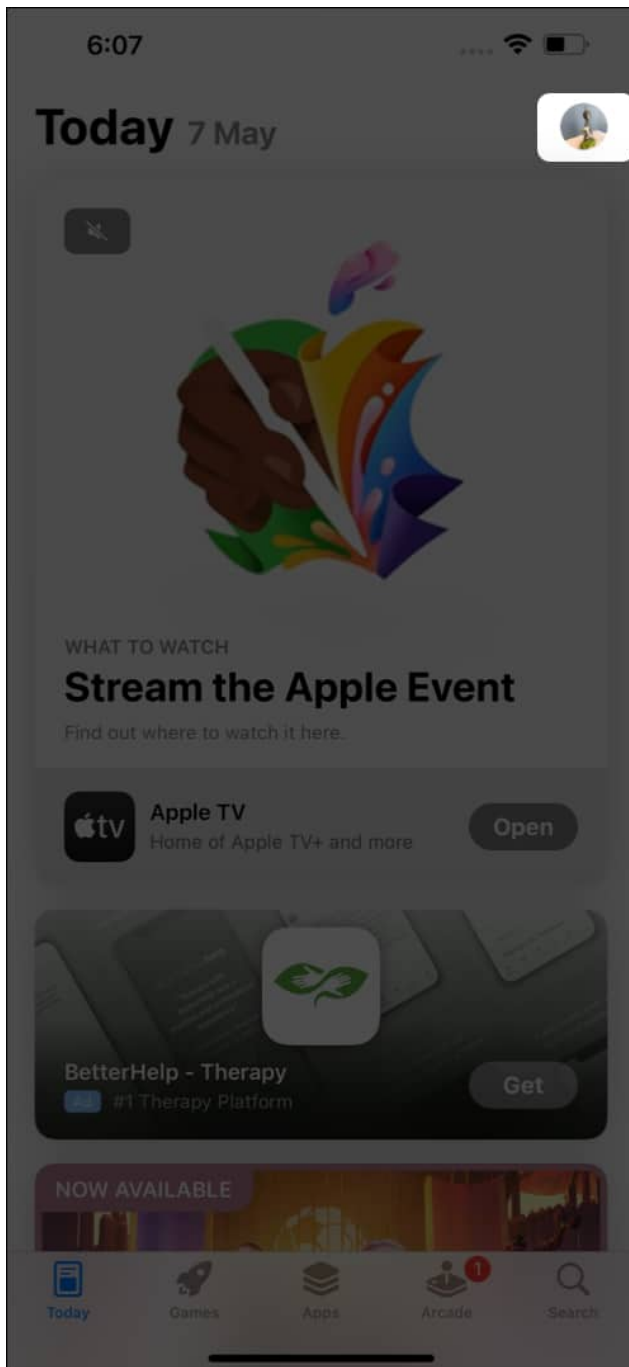
- **Cancel all active subscriptions:** Subscription prices can vary across regions. You need to [cancel all subscriptions](#) and wait for their expiration period to end.
- **Spend any remaining Apple ID balance:** Before switching regions, you must use up any existing balance in your Apple ID as the currency changes with regions.
- **Opt out of Family Sharing:** You must [leave the Family Group or turn off Family Sharing](#). If, for some reason, you are unable to leave Family Sharing, you won't be able to change your App Store country.
- **Wait for memberships, pre-orders, rentals, and refunds to complete:** Due to differences in pricing and currency, you must wait for your ongoing memberships, pre-orders, movie rentals, or Season Passes to end. Moreover, any pending refunds for your App Store purchases should be processed before changing the region.
- **Redownload content you might access in the future:** Some of your purchased apps, music, movies, TV shows, or eBooks might not be available in the new region. So, it is essential to download and save the content you might want to access in the future.
- **Have a valid payment method for the new country or region:** When you switch regions, you must [add a valid payment method](#) associated with your new location. This is because the app prices and billing process might differ across regions.

How to change App Store country or region

If you fulfill specific criteria laid down by Apple, it is easy to change country or region in the App Store in a few steps. You can change your region from any of your Apple devices logged in with your Apple ID. Apple even allows users to modify country settings from a Windows PC or the Apple ID website. Here are the steps:

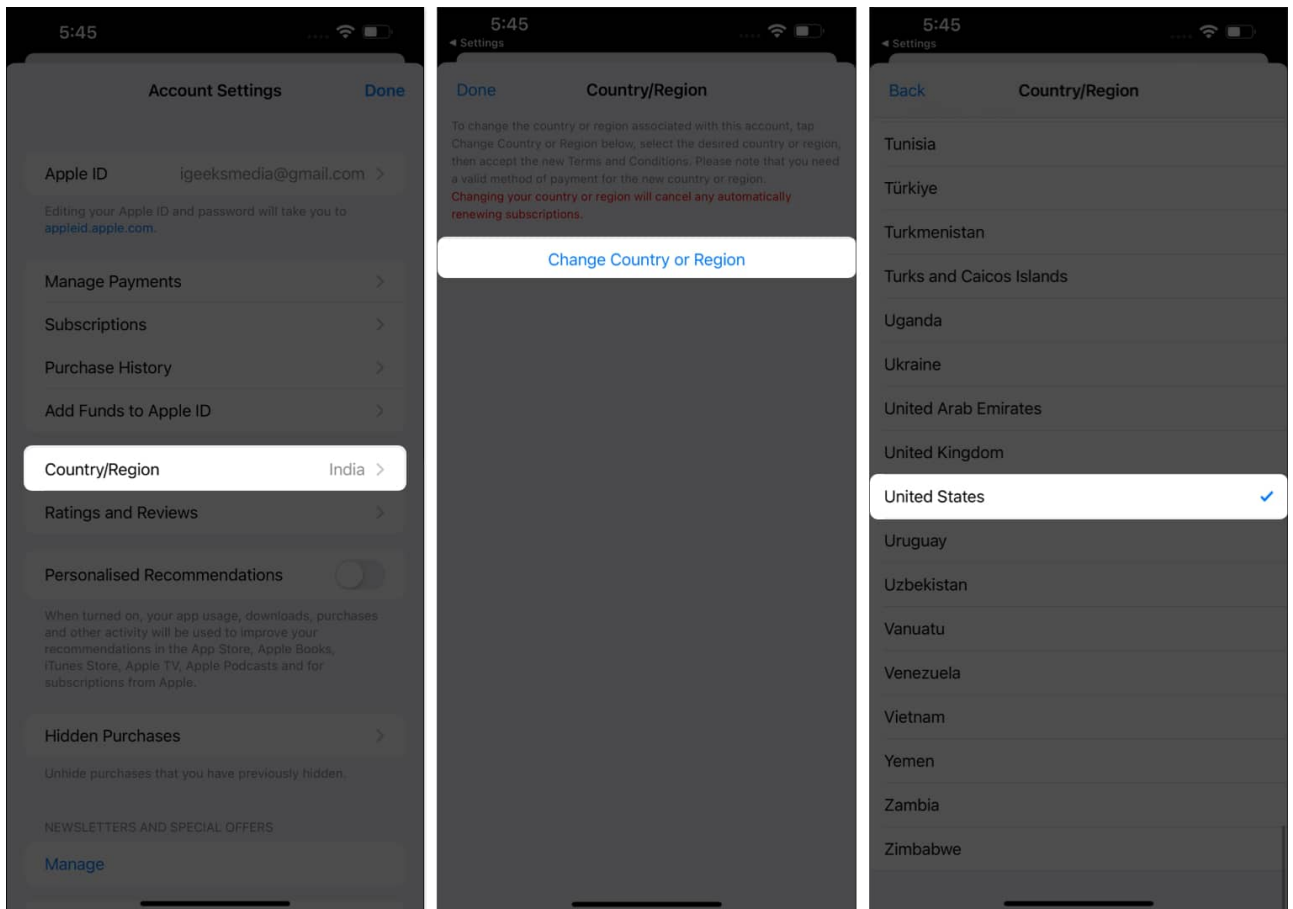
Change your region using your iPhone, iPad or Vision Pro

1. Launch the **App Store**.
2. Tap your **profile picture** in the top-right corner.
3. Now, tap **your name**.
If prompted, sign in with your Apple ID and password.

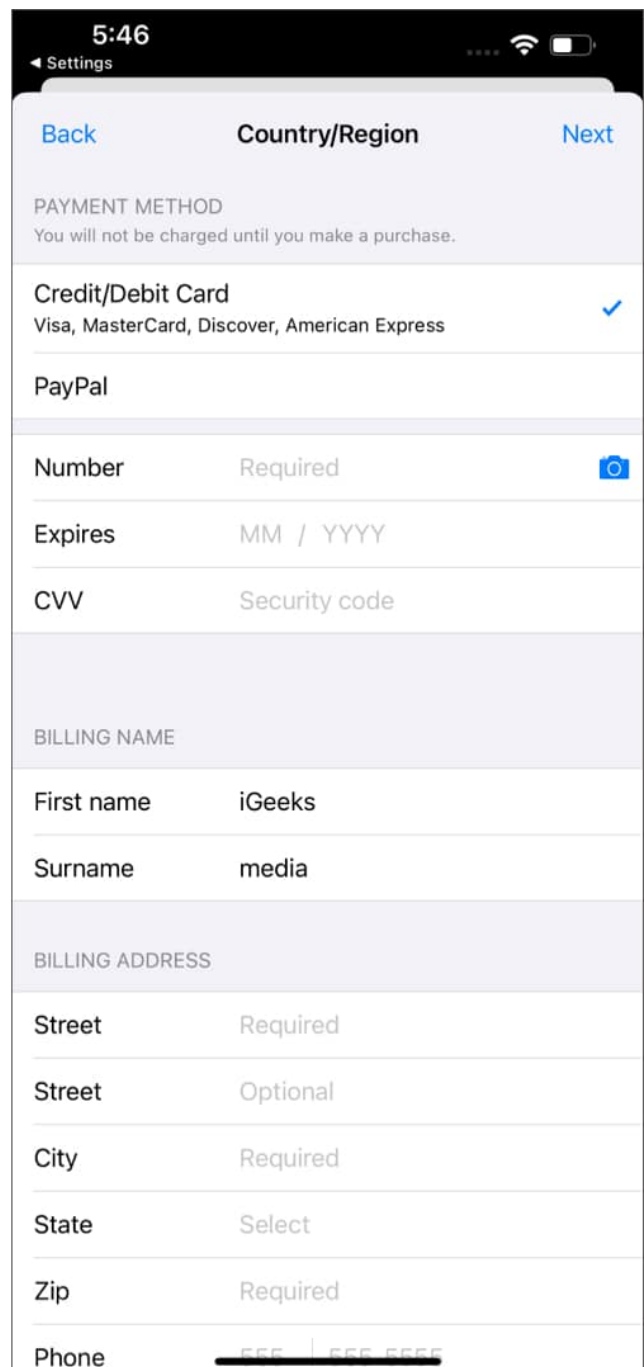
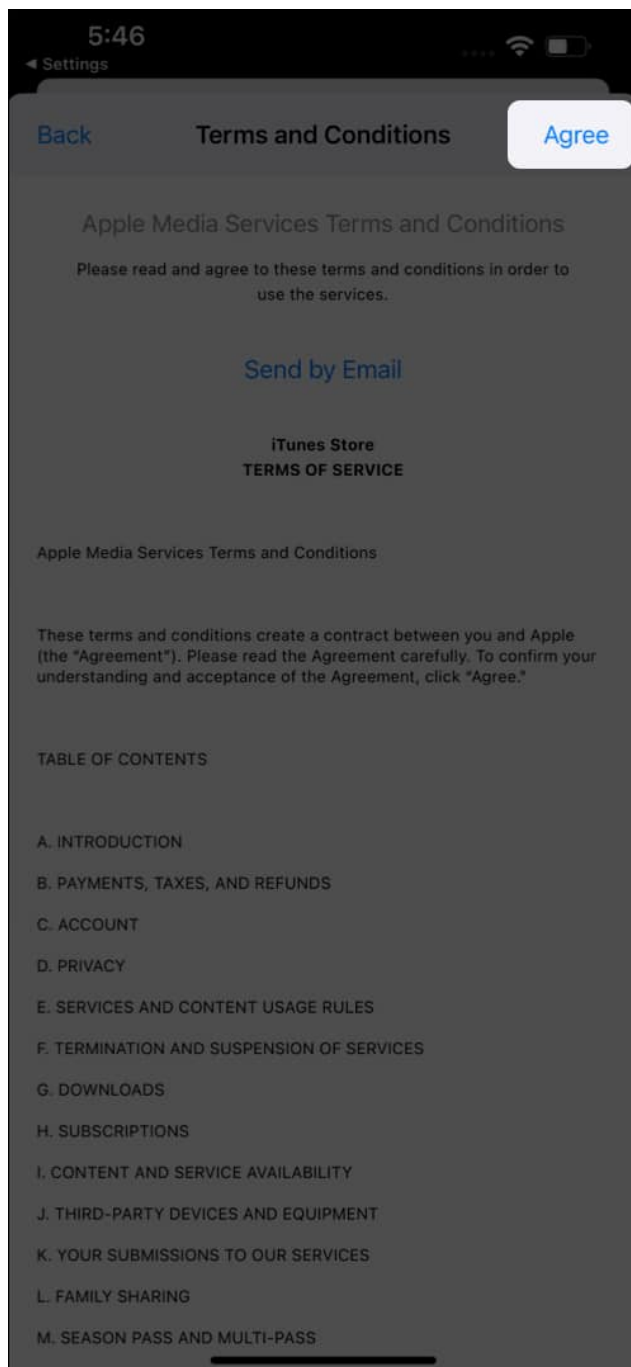


4. Go to **Country/Region**.

5. Tap **Change Country or Region** → Select a **Country**.

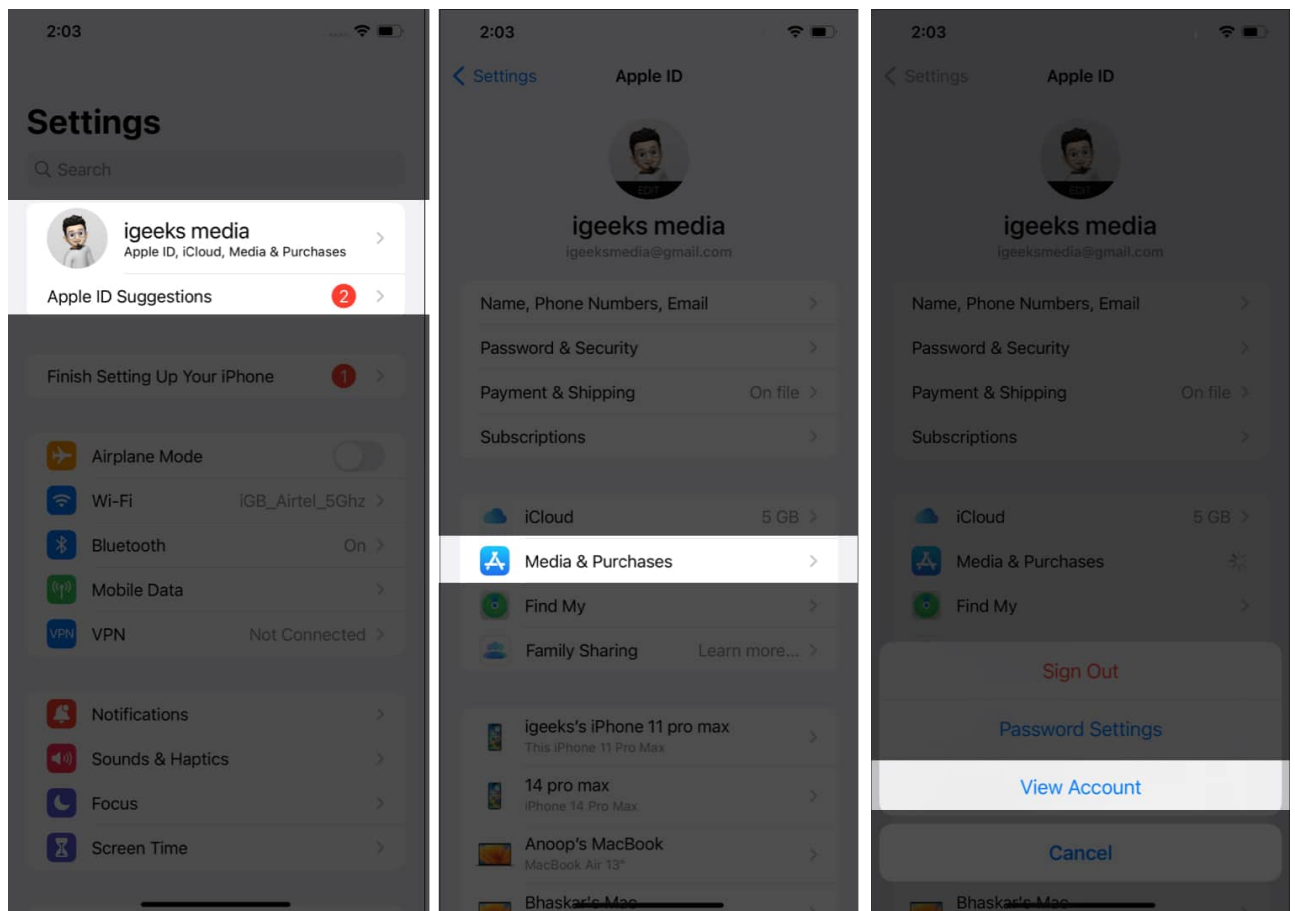


6. **Agree** with the new terms and conditions for the region.
7. Add the **payment information** for the country you selected.
8. Add the new **billing address** → Then, tap **Next** to complete the process.



You can also quickly access your account's country location from the Settings app on your iPhone, iPad, or Apple Vision Pro.

1. Open the **Settings** app.
2. Tap **your name** → **Media & Purchases** → **View Account**.

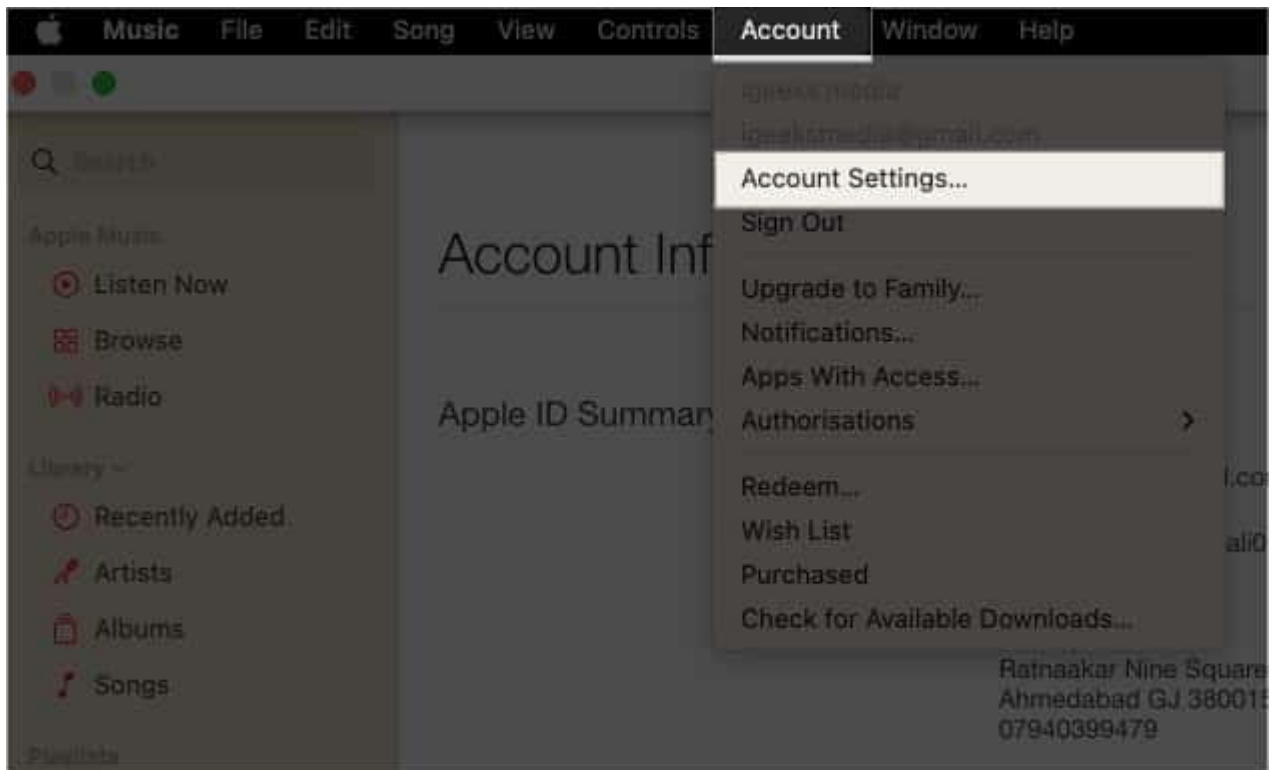


3. Tap **Country/Region** → Then, tap **Change Country or Region** → Select a **Country**.
4. Then, **Agree** with the new terms and conditions.
5. Add the **payment** information and **billing address** → Tap **Next**.

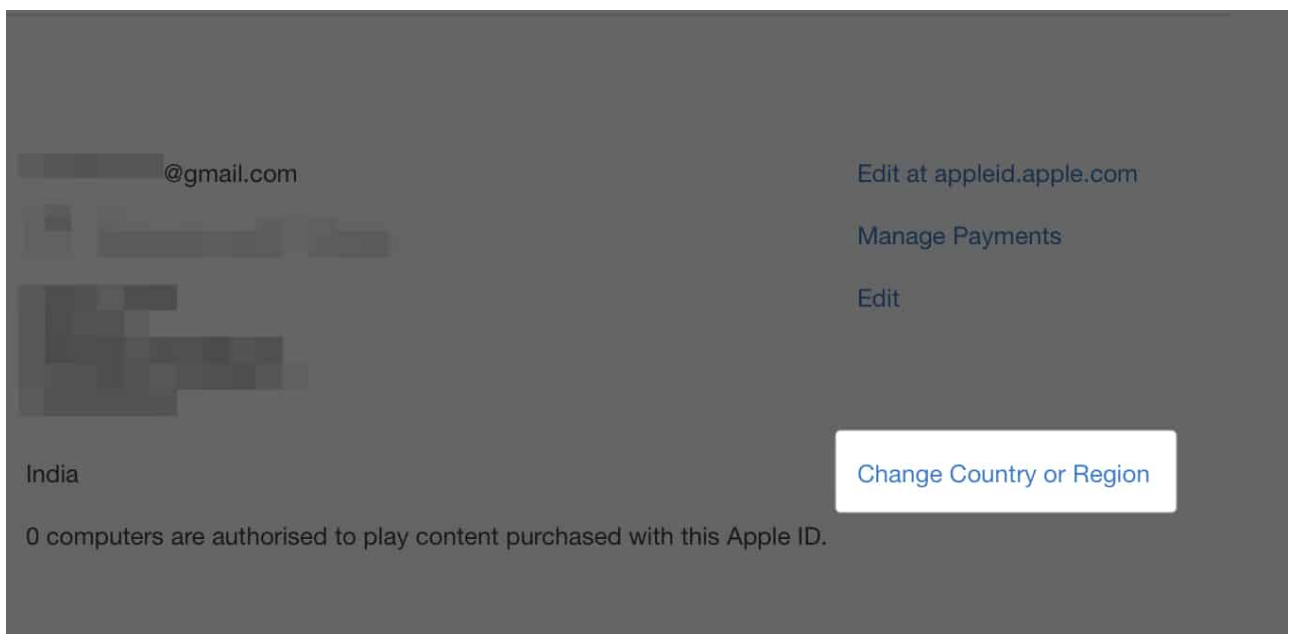
Change your region using a Mac or Windows PC

On a Mac, click Account on the menu bar and select Account Settings.

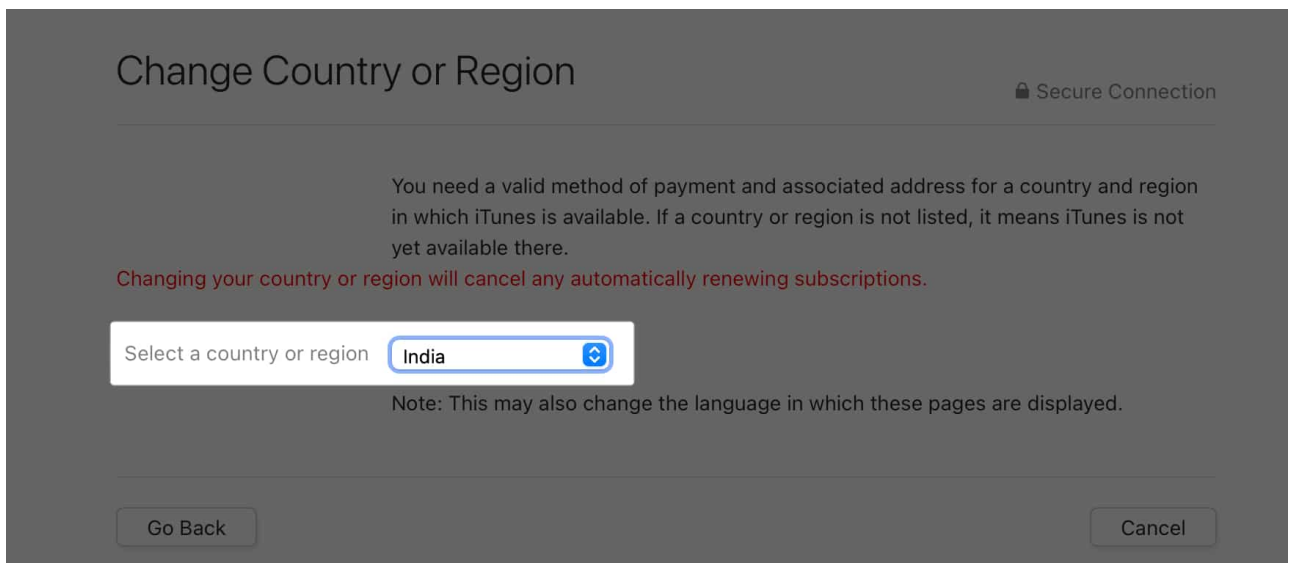
1. Launch the **Apple Music app** or Apple TV app.
2. On a Mac, click **Account** on the menu bar and select **Account Settings**.
For Windows PC users, click your name at the bottom of the left pane and select View My Account.



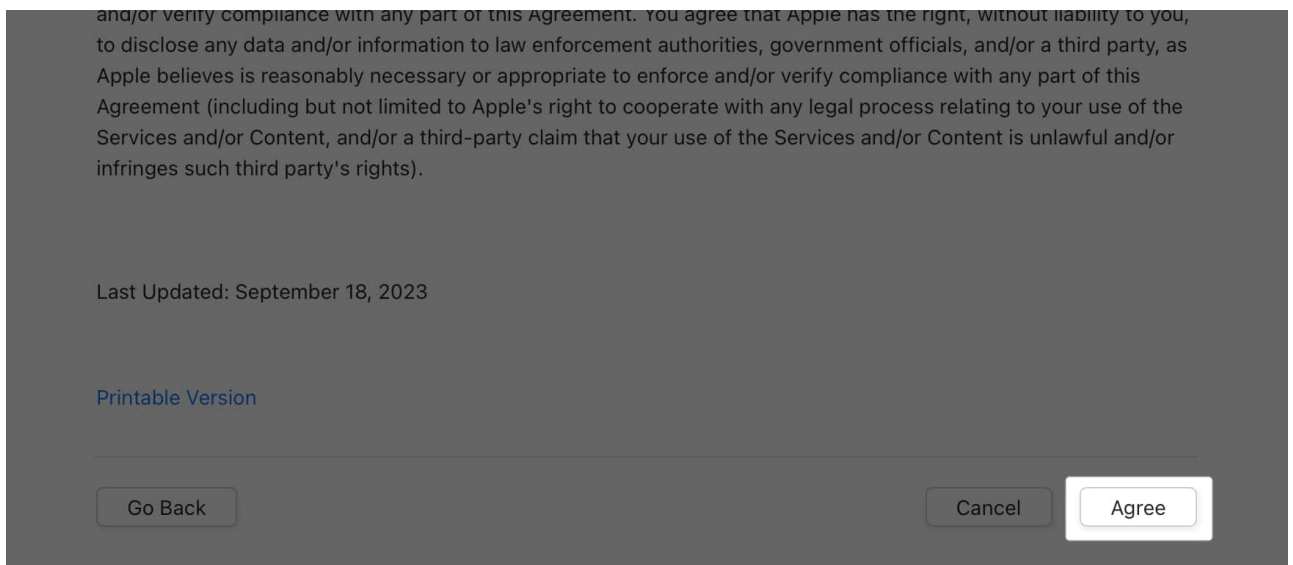
3. You might need to sign in with your Apple ID or authenticate your Mac Touch ID.
4. It will open the **Account Information** window. Here, click Change Country or Region.



5. Now, choose your new country or region from the drop-down.



6. Go through the Terms & Conditions and select Agree. If prompted, choose Agree.



7. According to your new country, fill out payment information and billing address.

Review Payment Information Secure Connection

Review the following information and make sure that you have provided United States billing address.

You will not be charged until you make a purchase.

Payment Method VISA Mastercard DISCOVER AMERICAN EXPRESS PayPal None

Number

Month / Year Security code

Billing Address

Street

Apt., suite, bldg.

City ZIP

Area code Phone

8. Once done, hit Continue.

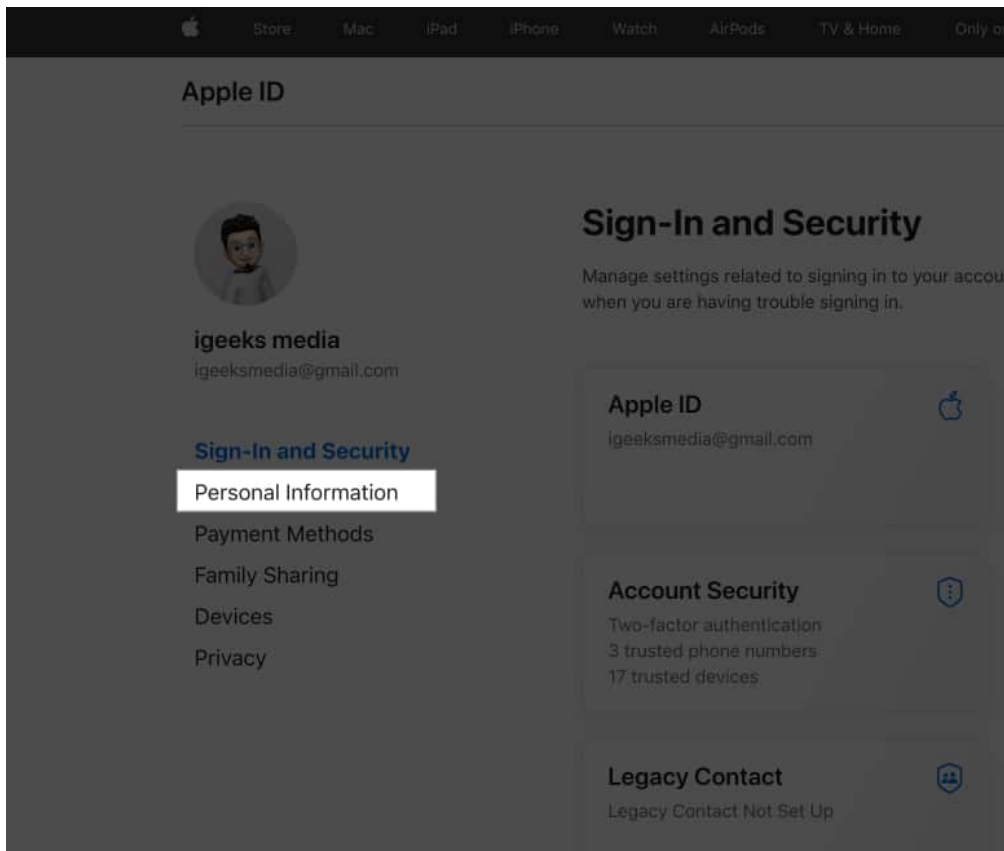
Note

You can change the region from System Settings on your Mac too. The steps are similar to the iPhone's process.

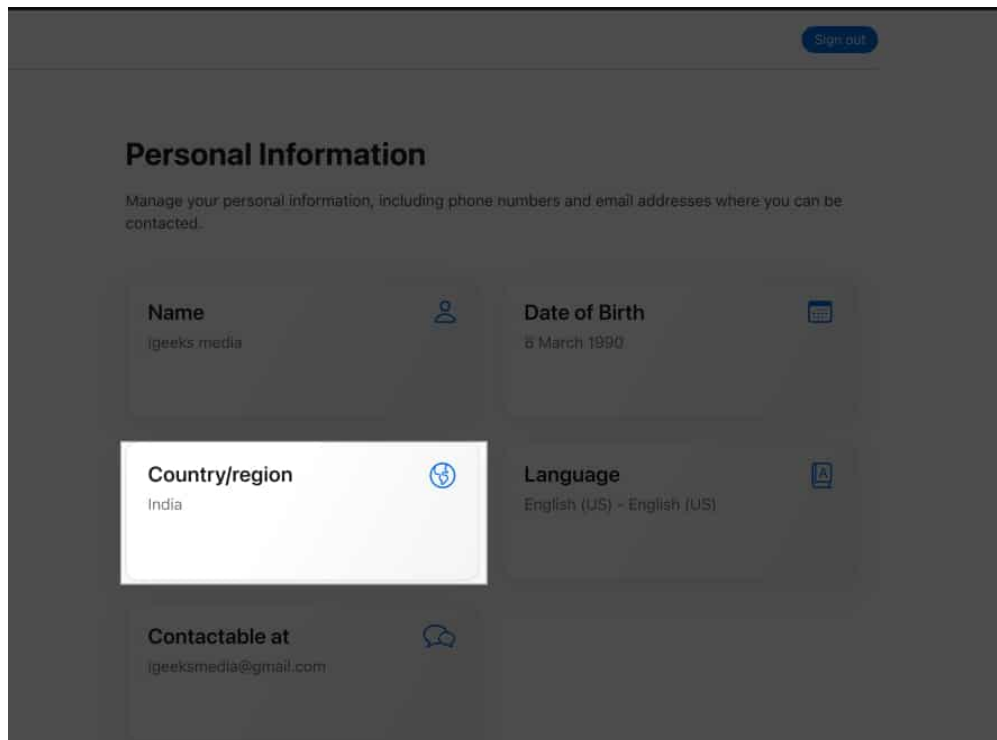
Change your region online

If you prefer modifying Apple ID settings from a web browser, there's a way out for you, too.

1. Visit the [Apple ID website](#) from your preferred web browser.
2. Click Sign In → Enter your Apple ID and password.
3. Navigate to **Personal Information**.



4. Select Country/Region.



5. Go to Change Country or Region → Select the new Country.
6. Enter your payment details and billing address.

Now that you have successfully changed your App Store country, you might wonder what happened to your previous purchases. Let's understand!

How to keep iTunes and App Store purchases from a different country

App Store only provides access to download content that was purchased from its platform. This means that though an app may be found in the new country's App Store, it cannot be accessed unless you have made a new purchase.

When switching between two different App Store countries, keep in mind some essential facts so that you do not lose your earlier purchases:

- **Download your purchases before switching:** Make sure to download the apps, music, and other purchase media before making the change. You can't download them once you change the country.
- **App updates:** Apps previously downloaded will still get the latest versions. However,

due to geographical limitations, further updates may not be available if this app is unavailable in your new place.

- **Subscriptions:** Ongoing subscriptions tied to apps in your previous country could be disrupted. You may lose access to subscription content if the app isn't available in the new country. It's wise to cancel and restart any subscriptions in the new region.
- **Switching back:** You can always switch back to your original App Store country to restore your previous purchases. However, re-arranging payment methods and ensuring that there is no ongoing subscription in the new region must be done.

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Wrapping up...

As you just saw, changing the App Store country or region on your Apple devices is quite easy. Unfortunately, some of you might need to complete the prerequisites and wait out for a certain period before attempting to do so.

Beyond that, if you face any difficulties in changing the App Store location, please mention them in the comments below. I will try my best to provide you with an actionable response.

FAQs

Why can't I change country in the App Store?

Apple's stringent requirements make changing your App Store country harder to ensure a smooth transition and adherence to regional regulations. Each nation has its laws concerning digital media and applications. So, you must meet all the criteria to be able to continue purchasing items from your new country's App Store. Also, Apple doesn't want one to lose credit balance, subscriptions, pre-orders etc. This means that if even one condition is not satisfied, you can't complete the process. To learn more about this, go through [what to do before changing your App Store Country or region](#).

How to change App Store country without a credit card?

Changing your App Store country without a credit card is possible. When entering payment

details, select 'None' as the payment method. This allows you to make the switch without entering a new card. However, you won't be able to make any purchases until you add a valid payment method. If you don't see the None option, maybe you have an unpaid balance or due payments. Also, recurring subscription mandates and Family Sharing prevent you from changing the App Store without a credit card. In such a case, you need to create a new Apple ID in that region.

How many times can I change my App Store country?

There isn't a clear answer to how many times you can change your App Store country. However, to avoid issues, you should only change the App Store location when you really need to. [Creating a new Apple ID](#) with a new billing address can be a significantly better option if you need to change your App Store location frequently.

Does changing the App Store region affect any apps from the previous region?

Changing the App Store region doesn't directly affect apps from the previous region. You can still use the app if it's already downloaded on your device. However, due to regional restrictions, you might not be able to make new purchases within the app or use all its features.

Also read:

- [How to change Apple ID on iPhone, iPad, and Mac](#)
- [How to reset your Apple ID password](#)
- [How to hide App Store purchases on iPhone, iPad, and Mac](#)
- [How to change your location on an iPhone](#)