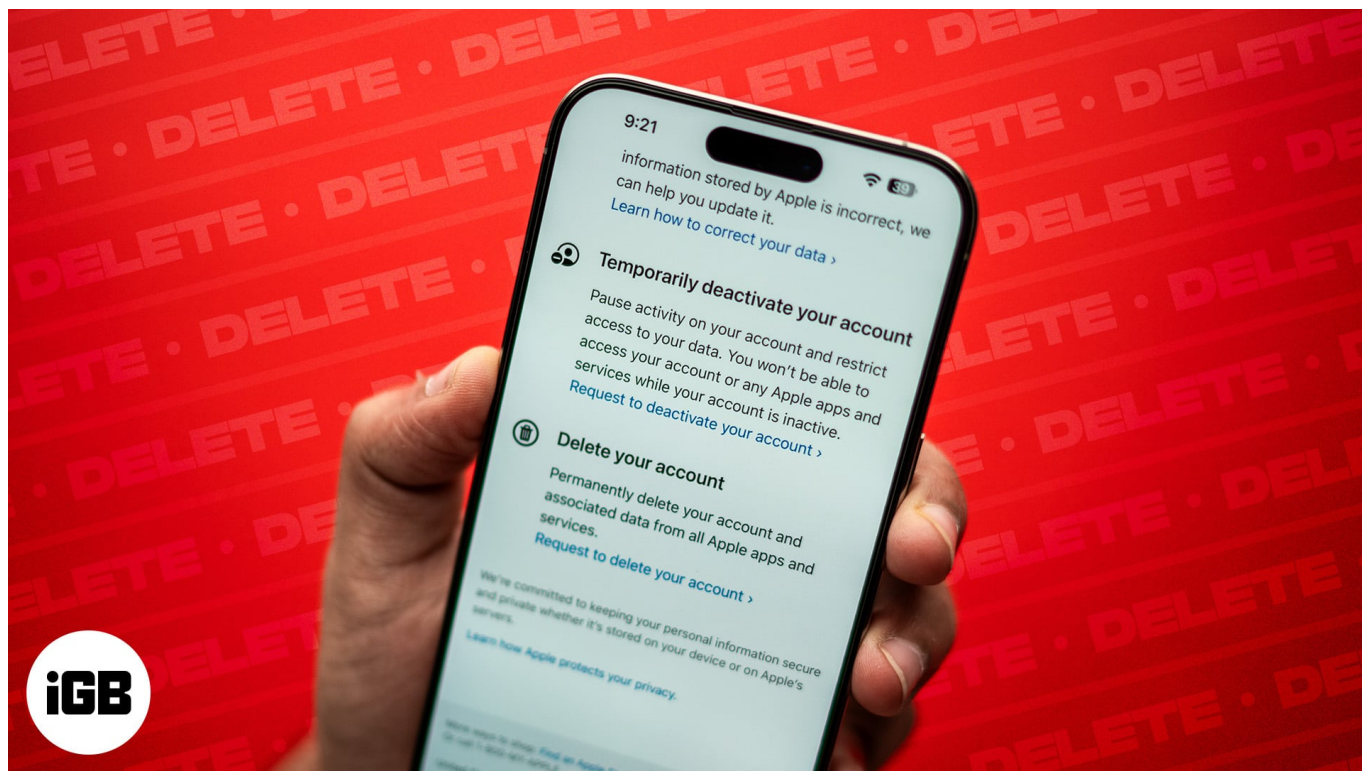


Your Apple ID holds a lot of personal information—your contacts, photos, purchase history, health data, and much more. So, if you're planning to leave the Apple ecosystem, deleting your Apple ID might be the right step to protect your data. However, before you make this big decision, there are some important steps you should follow.



In this guide, we'll walk you through everything you need to know to deactivate and delete your Apple ID safely.

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What to do before you delete your Apple ID?

Apple allows you to permanently erase your Apple ID, giving you control over your data and privacy. However, before you submit the account deletion request, there are a few things

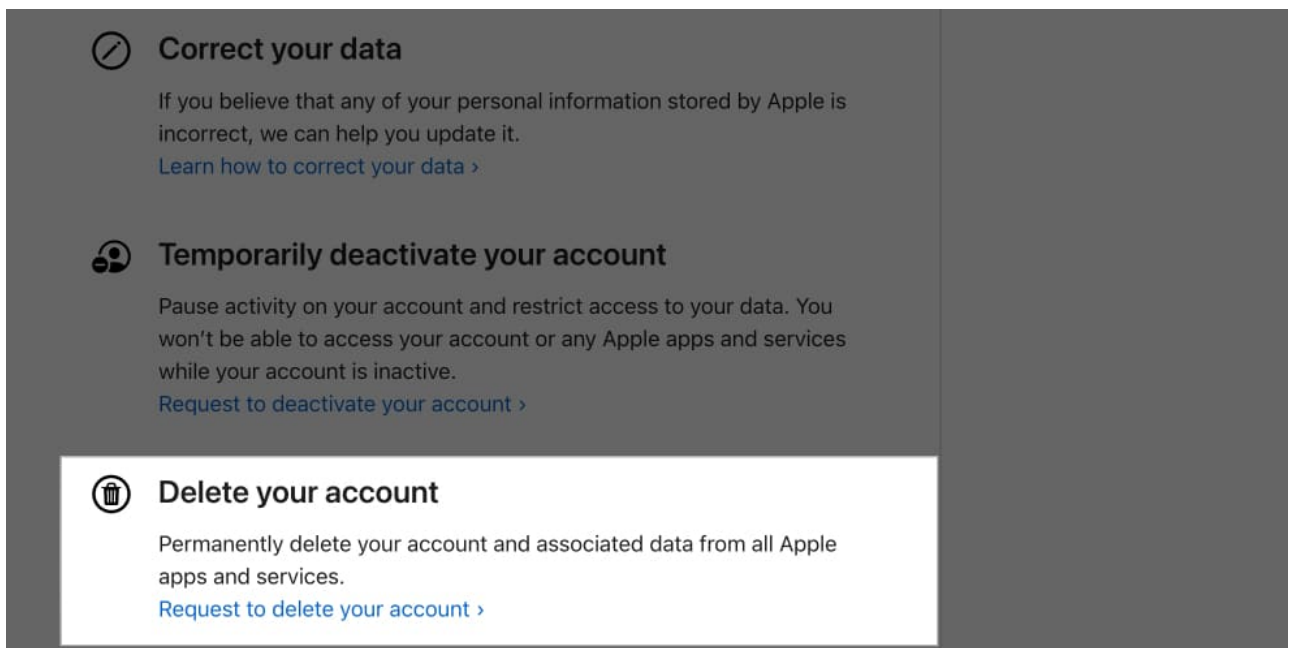
you should take care of to avoid losing access to important data and services.

- **Review subscriptions:** Make sure your subscriptions are near expiry. As you delete your Apple ID, all subscriptions linked to it will also be canceled, and you can't use them anymore. If you have any free trials going on, [cancel your subscriptions from your iPhone, iPad, and Mac](#).
- **Sign out of devices:** Log out of your Apple ID on all your Apple devices. This ensures your devices won't get stuck at the [Activation Lock](#) once your account is deleted. Apple also suggests logging out from the web browsers and deleting the cookies.
- **Back up your data:** Save copies of your important data like photos, contacts, and files to an external drive or cloud service. Without your Apple ID, you can't retrieve data stored on your iCloud.
- **Review your purchase history:** Download any purchases you want to keep, such as music, movies, or apps. Once your Apple ID is deleted, you'll lose access to this content.
- **Pay off loans:** If you use [Apple Pay Later](#), settle any outstanding loan payments that you currently have.

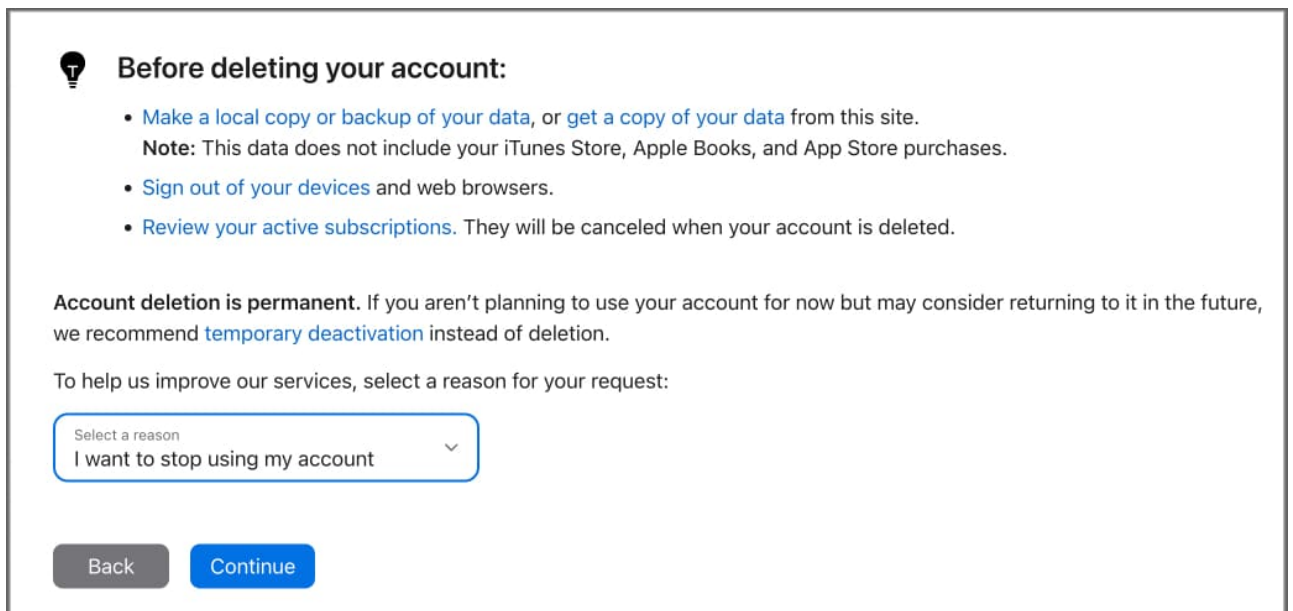
How to delete an Apple ID account

With the basics taken care of, follow these steps to delete your Apple ID:

1. Go to [Apple's Data & Privacy page](#) and sign in with your Apple ID.
2. Under **Manage Your Data**, select **Request to Delete Your Account**.



3. Apple will ask you to choose a reason for deleting your account. Select one from the drop-down menu and hit **Continue**.



4. Now, you'll see details of what will happen when you delete your account. After reviewing, click **Continue**.
5. Next, read through the deletion terms and conditions carefully. Check **Agree** to the conditions box and hit **Continue**.

Apple ID Deletion Terms and Conditions

By deleting your account you agree to the following conditions.

If you have reported alleged illegal content, Apple will retain information on your Account only as necessary to process your report and notify you of the decision taken in this respect.

Information related to your Account may also be retained only as necessary if you have received an illegal content notice investigation outcome.

This information will be retained for a period of at least six months following the outcome of any such reports, and only as long as necessary to allow for the submission or processing of any complaint in relation to this outcome.

After you delete your Account, you will no longer be able to sign in with the deleted Account to submit further reports.

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I have read and agree with these conditions.

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Please read these terms carefully. They contain important information on the conditions related to deleting your account.

6. Choose an email address or phone number to receive your account status updates and hit **Continue**.

Choose how to get account status updates.

This contact information will only be used if we need to send you important messages about your account.

Use @igeeksmmedia.com

Use +91

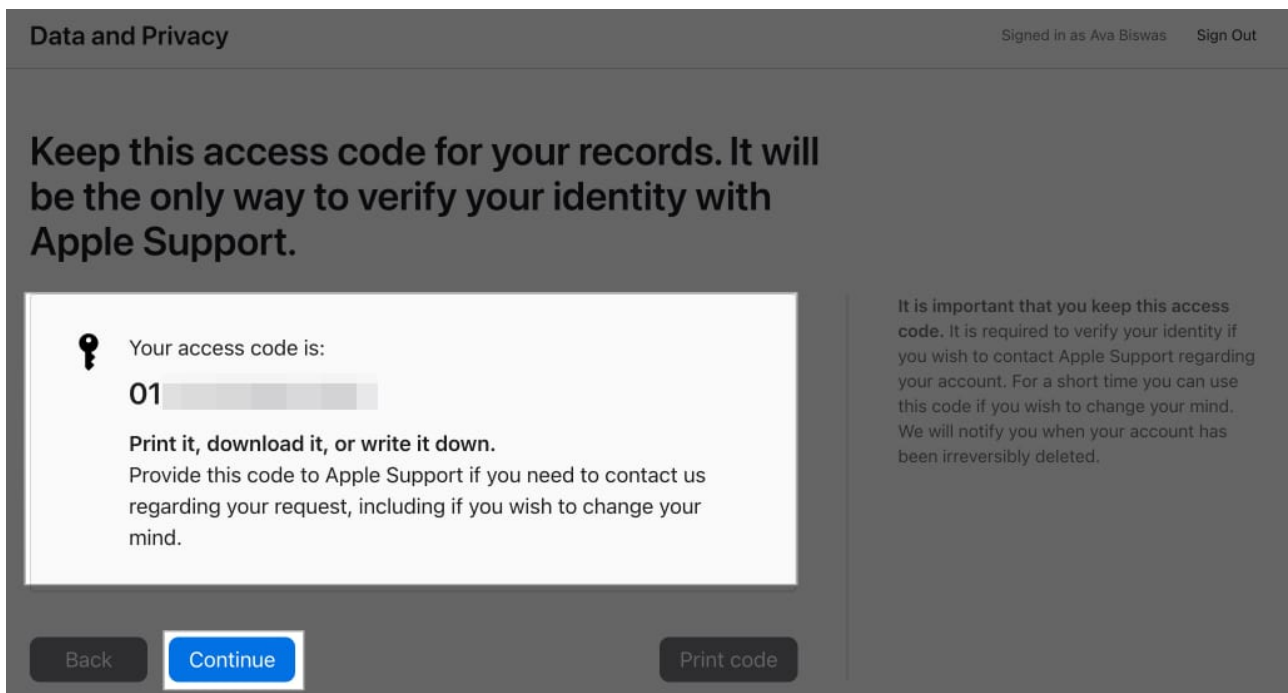
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Use a different email address

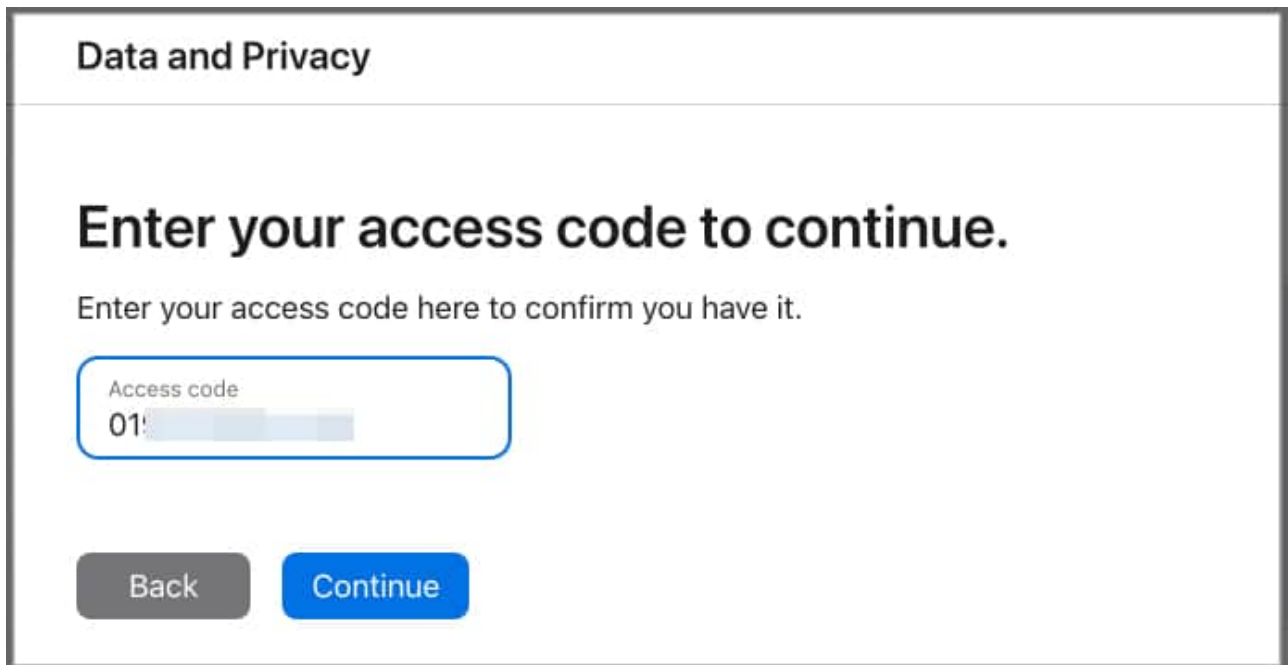
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7. Apple will provide you with a unique access code. Copy or print the code and keep it safe, as you'll need it to verify your identity to Apple Support if you change your mind.



8. Now, enter the access code and click **Continue**.



9. Click **Delete Account** to delete your Apple ID permanently.

Delete your account?

As a reminder, when your account is deleted:

- You will not be able to access Apple services or your App Store and media purchases.
- You will not be able to sign in or use Apple services.
- Your photos, files and documents stored in iCloud will be removed from Apple's servers.
- You will not receive messages sent to your account via iMessage, FaceTime, or iCloud Mail.
- If you have any subscriptions, they will be canceled.

Cancel

Delete account

10. Click **Sign Out** to sign out of your account.

Apple will take up to seven days to verify and process your request. During this time, your account will still be active.

What happens when you delete your Apple ID?

Deleting your Apple ID has significant consequences. Here's what will happen if you decide to do so.

- **Lose access to Apple services:** You won't be able to use iCloud, FaceTime, iMessages, Find My, Apple Pay, Sign in with Apple, and more. Also, you can't use the App Store to download new apps, update purchased apps and subscribe to services.
- **Data deletion:** All data associated with your Apple ID, including emails, contacts, photos, and backups, will be permanently deleted. You'll also lose access to all your purchased content, including apps, music, and movies.
- **No statements for Apple transactions:** You won't be able to get statements and

credits or dispute Apple Cash transactions.

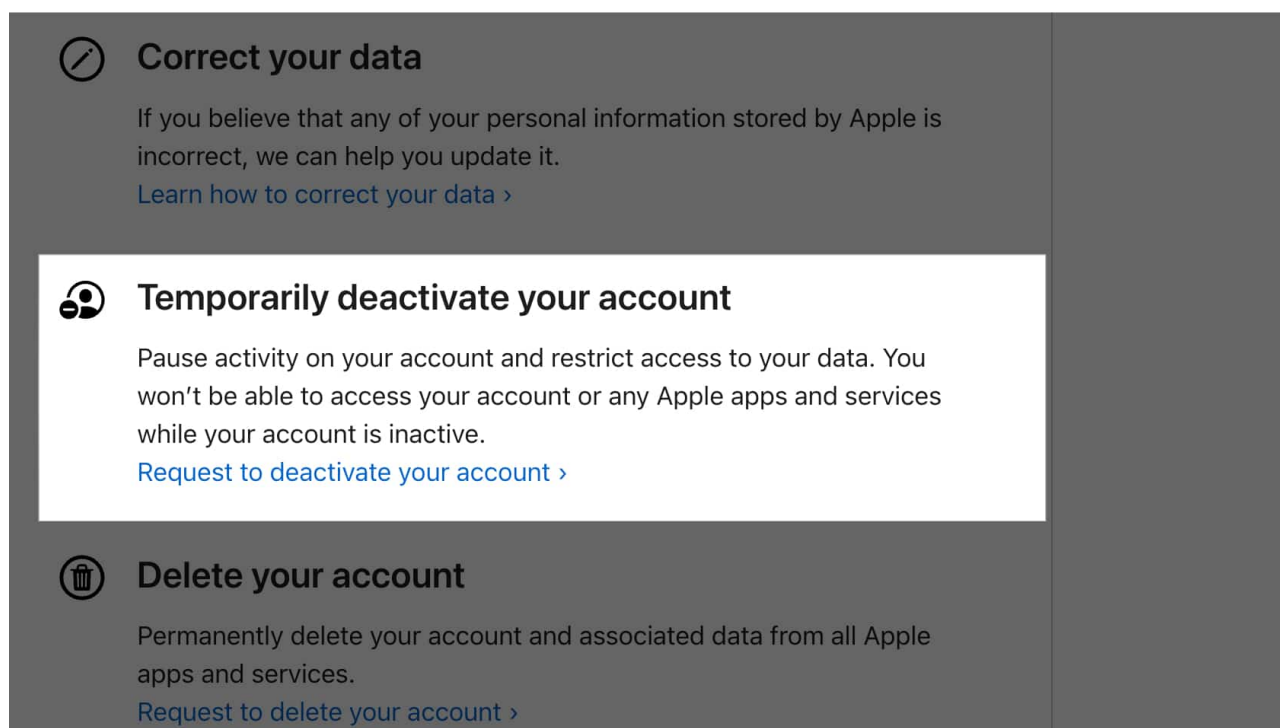
- **No more Apple Support:** Any scheduled Genius Bar appointments will be canceled, and all the open Apple Support cases will be permanently closed after your account is deleted.
- **Locked: out of devices and services** You'll be automatically signed out of all Apple devices and services.

Once deleted, you can never recover your Apple ID and restore the data. Also, you can't use the same email address for a new or old Apple ID.


How to deactivate an Apple ID account

If you're not ready to permanently delete your Apple ID but want to take a break from the Apple ecosystem, consider deactivating your account instead. This option temporarily closes your account while keeping your data and other elements intact. Here's how you can do it:

1. Head to [Apple's Data & Privacy page](#) and sign in with your Apple ID.
2. Scroll down and select **Request to Deactivate Your Account**.



3. Pick a reason for deactivation from the list and click **Continue**.

 **Before deactivating your account:**

- [Make a local copy or backup of your data](#). You can also [get a copy of your data](#) from this site.
- [Sign out of your devices](#) and web browsers.
- [Review your active subscriptions](#). They will not be renewed while your account is inactive.

To help us improve our services, select a reason for your request:

Select reason
I want to stop using my account for... ▼

4. After reading the terms and conditions, check the **Agree** to the Conditions box and click **Continue**.
5. Now, choose an email address or phone number where you want to receive important updates regarding your account.
6. Copy or print the access code and click **Continue**.
7. Now, enter the access code to confirm and hit **Continue**.
8. Click **Deactivate Account** to confirm your request.

Deactivate your account?

You can resume using your account at any time by reactivating it. To reactivate your account, contact Apple Support with your access code.

Signing off...

Deciding whether to delete or deactivate your Apple ID is a big decision with lasting effects. Be sure to [back up your data](#), cancel any subscriptions, and carefully consider your options before you make the move.

We hope this guide helps you ensure a smooth process. If you face any issues, please let us know in the comments below.

FAQs

Can you change your Apple ID email?

If you have lost access to the current email address associated with your Apple ID, you can change it. This way you can continue using your Apple ID and can manage the account using the new email. Check out [how to change your Apple ID on iPhone, iPad, and Mac](#) for a step-by-step guide.

Can I delete my Apple ID and make a new one with the same email?

No, once an Apple ID is deleted, the email address associated with it can't be used to create a new Apple ID. Learn more about [how to create a new Apple ID](#).

How long does it take Apple to delete your Apple ID?

Usually, Apple takes 7 days to process a request you made about deleting your Apple ID. During this period, you can still use your account. In case you change your mind, you can contact Apple Support to cancel the deletion request.

Read more:

- [How to set up a Legacy Contact for Apple ID on iPhone, iPad and Mac](#)
- [Apple ID greyed out on iPhone? 7 Easy ways to fix it!](#)
- [How to change your Apple ID password on iPhone, Mac, and Apple Watch](#)