

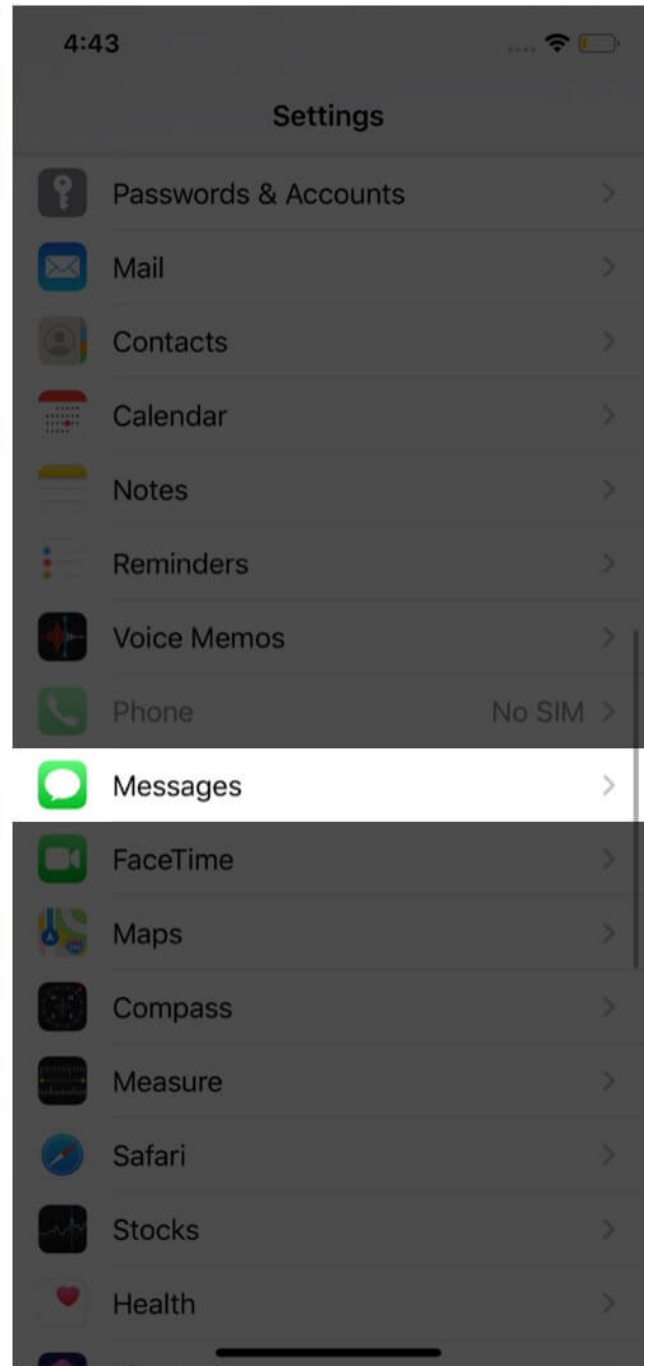
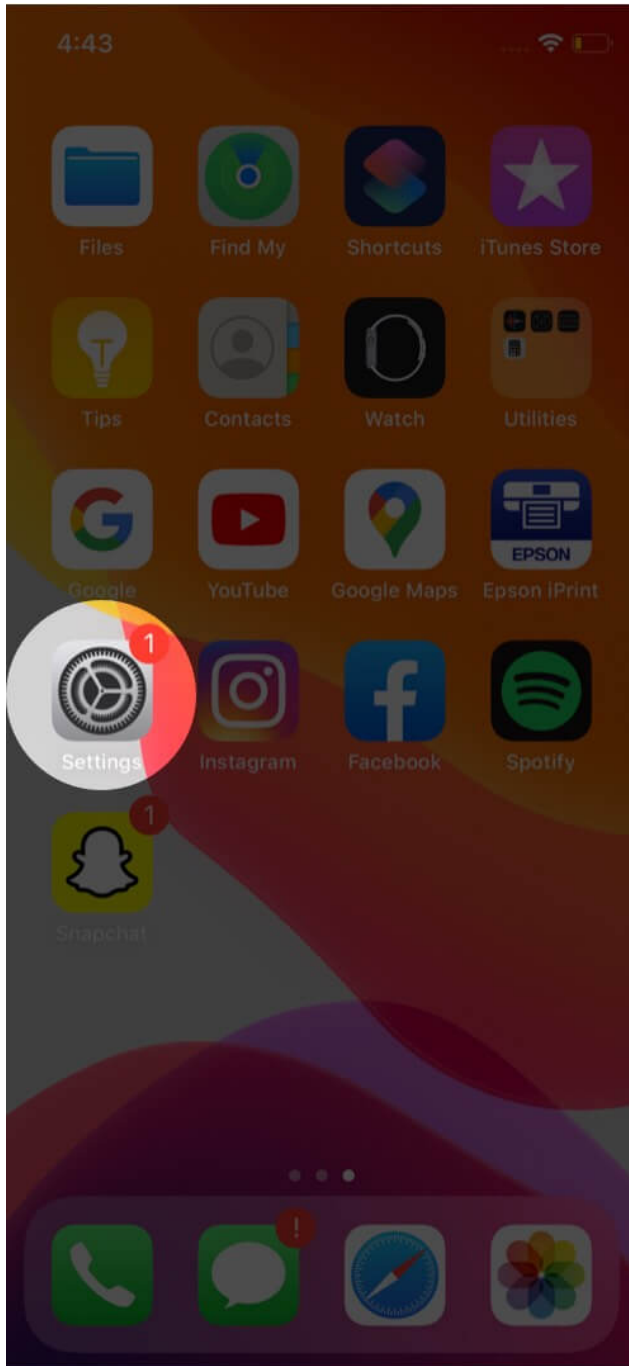
If you're looking to step away from Apple's iPhone lineup and try your luck with an Android, don't miss this vital step: deregister iMessage first. If you switch phones without doing so, someone may try to reach you through iMessage only to be met with "Not Delivered".



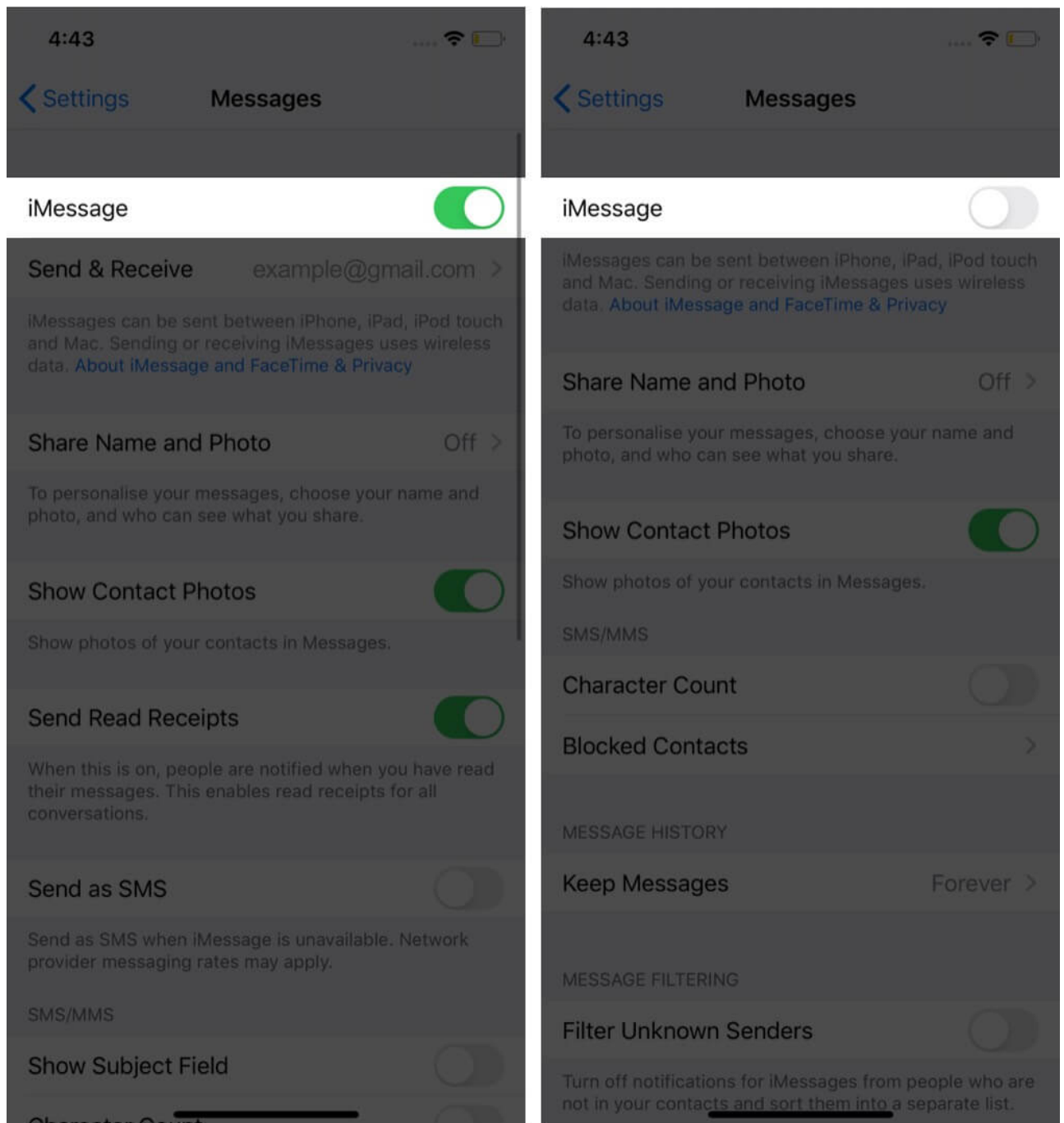
To ensure you have all bases covered when you switch, follow this tutorial to deregister your phone number from iMessage on your iPhone or iPad.

How to deregister iMessage on iPhone or iPad

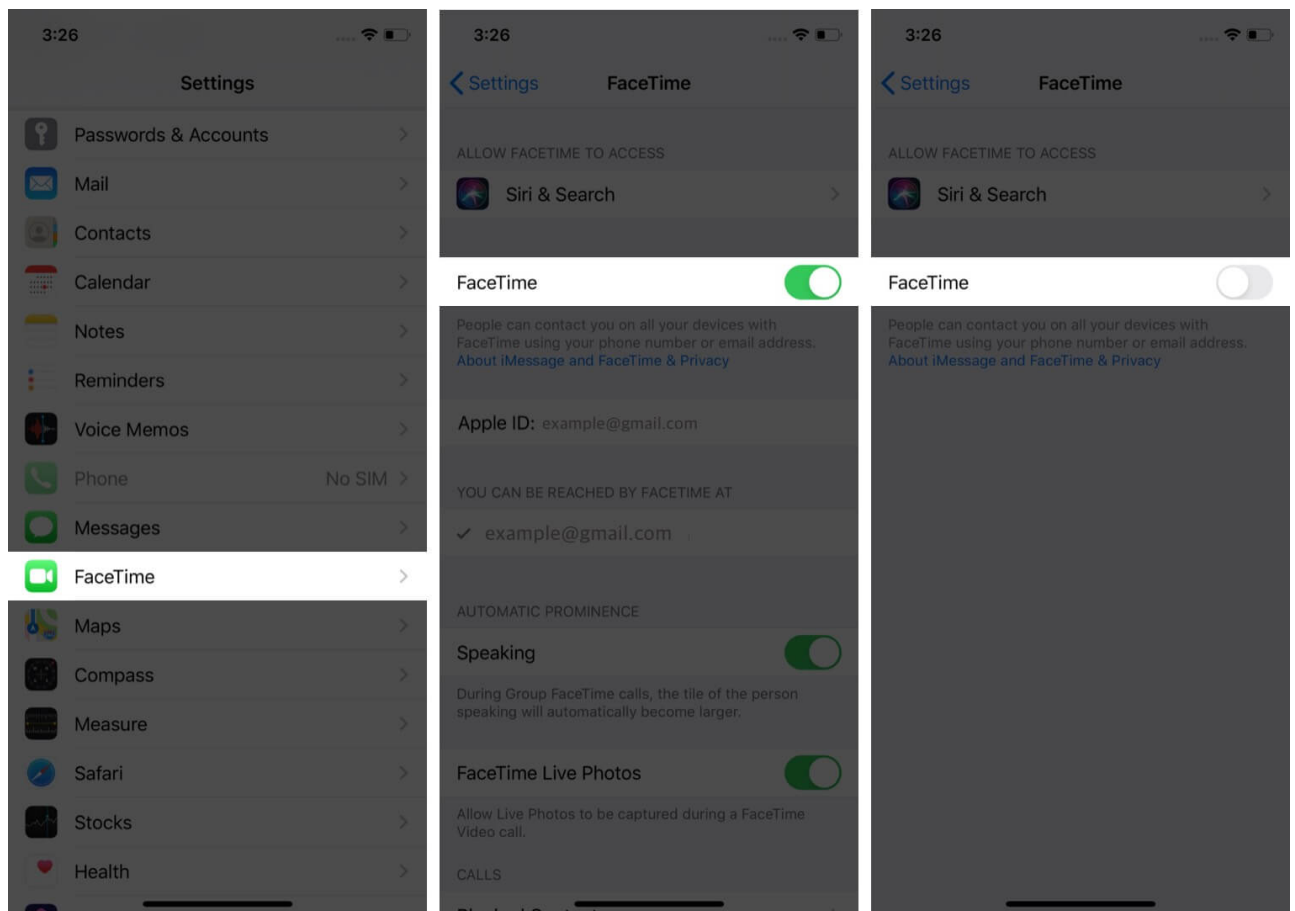
1. Reinsert your SIM card into your iPhone (if you [use eSIM](#), you're all set to move on)
2. Open **Settings** on your iPhone.
3. Tap **Messages**.



4. Toggle off **iMessage**.



5. Now, back out to **Settings** and navigate to **FaceTime**.
6. Toggle off **FaceTime** to fully deactivate iMessage services.



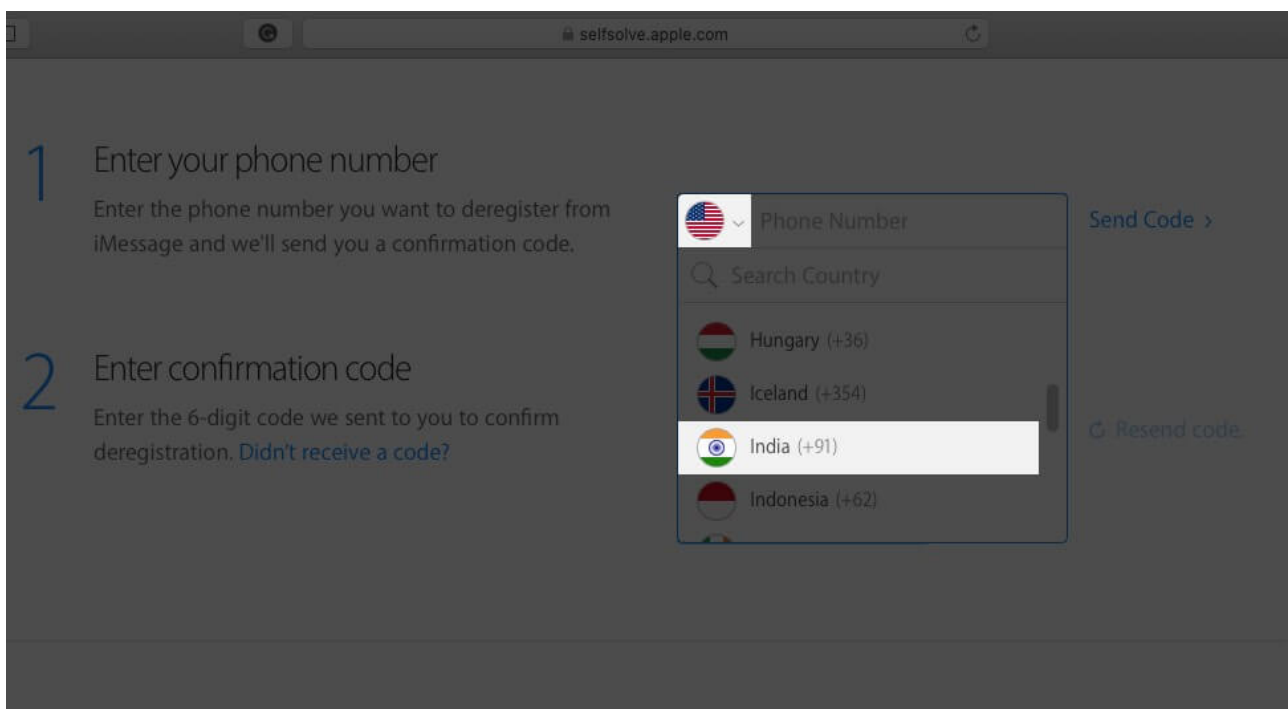
It's as easy as that! No help from your cell provider is required—just make sure to opt out of these settings to deregister iMessage on your iPhone or iPad.

How to deregister iMessage online

1. Open a web browser and visit selfsolve.apple.com/deregister-imessage



2. Select the right **country** by clicking on the **flag icon** (or it may show up as a country code, such as "+1" for the US).



3. Complete the captcha, then enter your **cell number** then click on **Send Code**.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `selfsolve.apple.com`. The page is dark-themed and contains two main sections. The first section, labeled '1', is titled 'Enter your phone number' and instructs the user to 'Enter the phone number you want to deregister from iMessage and we'll send you a confirmation code.' A text input field contains the number '99999 99999' and a dropdown menu shows the Indian flag. To the right of the input field is a 'Send Code >' button. Below the input field, it says 'This text message is free.' The second section, labeled '2', is titled 'Enter confirmation code' and instructs the user to 'Enter the 6-digit code we sent to you to confirm deregistration. Didn't receive a code?'. It features a 'Confirmation Code' input field, a 'Resend code.' link, and a 'Submit' button.

4. Enter the **confirmation code** sent to your mobile phone in the box below.
5. Click **Submit** to deregister iMessage.

The screenshot shows the same web browser window as the previous one. The first section, '1 Enter your phone number', now shows a green checkmark and the word 'Sent' next to the phone number input field. The second section, '2 Enter confirmation code', now has the number '734293' entered into the 'Confirmation Code' input field. The 'Submit' button is now highlighted in blue.

You should receive a confirmation message informing you that your number is deregistered from iMessage services. With this step out of the way, you're safe to switch to a non-Apple

device.

Wrapping up...

Good luck switching to your new phone! We hope this guide helped you deregister iMessage in a few easy steps. Have any questions? Let us know in the comment section below! Here are some of the [best iMessage alternatives](#) for you to enjoy.

How long does it take to deregister iMessage?

Generally, the process is quite quick and goes into effect upon completion. However, some Apple devices may take a few hours to identify that your number is actually deactivated. After this waiting period, you'll start getting SMS to your number instead of iMessage.

What happens when you deregister a number from iMessage?

When you deregister your phone number from iMessage services, any texts you receive will be in SMS form. This means you won't be able to call or text over Wi-Fi as you could previously with iMessage enabled. If you use other Apple devices, such as a MacBook or iPad, your phone number will be removed there, too. You will no longer be able to use them for iMessage communications.

Get to know more about iMessage on Apple devices:

- [How to turn off Read Receipts on iPhone for iMessage](#)
- [iMessage waiting for activation on iPhone? Here's the fix!](#)
- [How to know if someone has blocked you on iMessage](#)
- [How to fix iMessage is signed out error on iPhone](#)