

PRINTABLE GUIDE

Update your phone's apps

App updates can fix faults, improve security or change screens. They differ from phone software updates. Use the app store to check what is available.

iPhone or Android | 2 min read | 5 steps

Before you start

- ☐ Internet access, preferably home Wi-Fi
- ☐ A reasonable battery level
- ☐ Access to your app store
- ☐ Enough free storage

1. Open the store update area

Android: open Google Play, tap your profile picture and choose Manage apps & device. iPhone: open App Store, tap your account picture and look for App Updates or available updates. The layout varies by version.

- ☐ Done this step

2. Read what is available

Find the app you want to update. If its release notes are available, read them for major changes. Update describes an existing app; Install or Get may be for an app not currently on your device.

- ☐ Done this step

3. Start the update

Tap Update beside the app, or Update all if you are ready for every listed update. Leave the connection available and allow the store to finish. A work-managed phone may require permission from its administrator.

☐ Done this step

4. Open the app afterwards

Launch the updated app and try a familiar action. If controls have moved, check the app's own help. An update should not require you to send your password to a person; sign in only within the genuine app if requested.

☐ Done this step

5. Choose automatic updates if useful

Find automatic app updates in the store or device settings. On iPhone, App Store settings are inside Settings. On Android, check Google Play's Settings. Consider Wi-Fi-only updates if your mobile data allowance is limited.

☐ Done this step

Try it for yourself

Check whether one familiar app has an update and open it after updating.

☐ I tried the task.

My notes

Why is no update offered for my app?

You may already have it, or an update may not support your device yet. Check compatibility and the publisher's support page.

Official help and the online guide

Google: update apps - <https://support.google.com/googleplay/answer/113412?hl=en>

Apple: update apps manually - <https://support.apple.com/en-us/102629>

Read online: <https://plaintech-guides.pages.dev/guides/keep-apps-updated/>