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Here's a simple step-by-step guide for your client to register and set up a Stripe business account, enable test mode, and retrieve the necessary keys:

Step 1: Register for a Stripe Business Account

- 1. Go to Stripe's website.
- 2. Click on "Start now" or "Sign up".
- 3. Fill in your email address, full name, and create a password.
- 4. Click "Create account".
- 5. Verify your email by clicking the link sent to your inbox.

Step 2: Complete the Business Account Setup

- 1. Log in to your Stripe account.
- 2. You'll be prompted to complete your profile with details like:
 - **Business type** (e.g., sole proprietor, company).
 - Personal details (name, address, phone).
 - Bank account details for payouts.
- 3. Follow the on-screen instructions and provide the necessary information to complete the setup.

Step 3: Turn On Test Mode

- 1. After logging in, you'll be taken to the **Dashboard**.
- 2. Locate the "**Test Mode**" toggle in the top-right corner and switch it on. It should now display "**Viewing** test data".

Step 4: Retrieve API Keys

- 1. In the Dashboard, go to **Developers** in the left menu.
- 2. Click API keys under Developers.
- 3. Copy the **Publishable Key** (starts with pk test ...).
- 4. Click **Reveal test key secret**, and copy the **Secret Key** (starts with sk_test_...).
- 5. Save these keys securely and send them to me.

Important Notes

- Make sure to keep the secret key private and share it only with trusted developers.
- These test keys are only for testing purposes. You'll need to retrieve live keys when you're ready to go live.

Let me know if you need any help with this!