

# Step-by-Step Guide to Create Azure Free Account

## 30 days Free Trial Subscription

### Important Note for Learners

When you sign up for an Azure Free Trial:

- You get **\$200** Azure credits.
- The **Free Trial subscription is valid for 30 days, or until the credit is exhausted — whichever happens first.**
- After 30 days or credit exhaustion:
  - Your subscription is **automatically disabled**.
  - You will **not be charged** unless you manually upgrade to a **Pay-As-You-Go** subscription.
  - Azure ensures there are **no hidden charges** during or after the trial period.
- You can continue learning by upgrading or using services under the **always-free tier**.

### Note: Azure Account vs. Azure Subscription

It's important to understand the distinction between an **Azure account** and an **Azure subscription**:

- **Azure Account:**  
This refers to your **identity in Azure**, usually linked to an email address (Microsoft account or organizational account). It gives you access to the Azure portal and allows you to manage subscriptions and resources.
- **Azure Subscription:**  
A subscription defines **how your Azure services are billed**. It is a **billing**

**mechanism** for resources created in Azure (like VMs, databases, storage, etc.).

You can have:

- Multiple subscriptions under one Azure account.
- Different access controls and billing settings per subscription.

### **Example:**

You might use one Azure account (your email) to manage:

- A **Free Trial subscription** for personal learning.
- A **Pay-As-You-Go subscription** for a production project.
- A **Student subscription** through your university.
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### **Prerequisites:**

- A **valid email address** (preferably not used earlier for Azure).
- A **mobile number** for verification.
- A **debit/credit card** (will be charged temporarily for verification).

### **Step by step instructions**

#### **Step 1: Visit Azure Free Trial Page**

Go to: <https://azure.microsoft.com/en-in/free/>

Click on **Try Azure for free**

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Get started creating, deploying, and managing applications—across multiple clouds, on-premises, and at the edge—with scalable and cost-efficient Azure services.

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## Step 2: Sign in or Create a Microsoft Account

If you already have a Microsoft account, sign in.

Otherwise, click **Create one!** and follow the instructions.



# Sign in

Email, phone, or Skype

No account? [Create one!](#)

[Can't access your account?](#)

[Next](#)

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### Step 3: Add profile details

Enter your address, state postal code and other details

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Azure sign-up process. On the left, the 'Your profile' form is displayed with fields for Country/Region (Oman), First name, Middle name (Optional), Last name, Email address, and Phone. Required fields have red validation messages. On the right, a sidebar titled 'Create your Azure free account' lists benefits: Popular services free for 12 months, 55+ services always free, USD200 credit to use in your first 30 days, and No automatic charges.

## Step 4: Identity Verification by Phone

Select your country and enter your phone number.  
Choose **Text me** or **Call me** for OTP verification.

The screenshot shows the 'Identity verification by phone' step. It includes a dropdown for Country code (United Kingdom (+44)), a field for Phone number (redacted), and buttons for Text me and Call me. A message indicates a code was delivered to the phone. Below, a Verification code field contains '363826' and a Verify code button. To the right, a 'What's included' section lists four benefits with checkmarks: 12 months of free products, £150 credit, 25+ always-free products, and No automatic charges.

## Step 5: Identity Verification by Card

Enter your card details for identity confirmation. Make sure you have a **Credit card** and international payments should be enabled.

- ✓ Don't worry — ₹2 or \$1 is just a verification charge and will be refunded.
- ✓ Debit cards may work; Credit cards are more reliable.

You won't be charged unless you upgrade.

We accept the following cards:



Cardholder Name  
Atul Kumar

Card number

Expires  
MM ▾ YY ▾

CVV

What is a CVV?

Address line 1

Address line 2 (Optional)

City

County (Optional)

Postal Code

Country/Region  
United Kingdom

30 days—beyond the free product amounts.

 **25+ always-free products**  
Take advantage of more than 25 products, including *serverless*, *containers*, and *artificial intelligence* that are always free. Get these in your first 30 days, and always—once you choose to upgrade.

 **No automatic charges**  
You won't be charged unless you choose to upgrade. Before the end of your first 30 days, you'll be notified and have the chance to upgrade and start paying only for the resources you use beyond the free amounts.

## Step 6: Accept Agreement and Start

- ✓ Review the **Microsoft Azure Agreement** and **Privacy Statement**.
- ✓ Check the required checkboxes.
- ✓ Click **Sign up**.

## 1 About you

## 2 Identity verification by phone

## 3 Identity verification by card

## 4 Agreement

- I agree to the [subscription agreement](#), [offer details](#), and [privacy statement](#).
- I would like information, tips, and offers from Microsoft or selected partners about Azure, including Azure Newsletter, Pricing updates, and other Microsoft products and services.

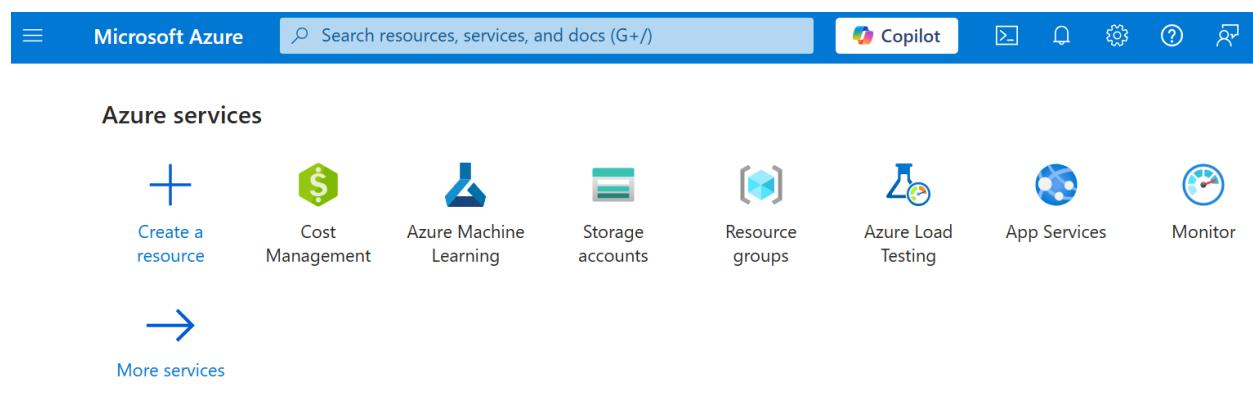
[Sign up](#)

### Step 7: Azure Portal Dashboard

You'll now be redirected to the Azure Portal:

<https://portal.azure.com>

You'll also see a banner showing your ₹14,500/\$200 free credit balance.



The screenshot shows the Microsoft Azure Portal dashboard. At the top, there's a blue header bar with the 'Microsoft Azure' logo, a search bar containing 'Search resources, services, and docs (G+)', and several small icons for Copilot, notifications, settings, and help. Below the header, the main content area has a title 'Azure services'. Under this title, there's a row of eight service icons: 'Create a resource' (plus sign), 'Cost Management' (dollar sign), 'Azure Machine Learning' (blue cube), 'Storage accounts' (bar chart), 'Resource groups' (two overlapping boxes), 'Azure Load Testing' (beaker), 'App Services' (globe), and 'Monitor' (speedometer). Below these icons is a large blue arrow pointing right, followed by the text 'More services'. At the very bottom, there's a section titled 'Resources' with two tabs: 'Recent' (underlined) and 'Favorite'.

### Resources

Recent   Favorite

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## Tips for Learners

- Free services include **Linux/Windows VMs, App Services, Azure SQL, Azure Functions, and Blob Storage.**
- Track your credit usage under **Cost Management + Billing.**
- After the trial, either upgrade or continue using **always-free services.**