

# Gemini 3 CLI Step-by-Step Notes

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## Short intro

Assalamualaikum. These notes are written in simple English and made for beginners. Follow each step exactly. I have written where to press Enter and where to press Esc. I have also added the official documentation link and the waitlist form link.

## Quick checklist

1. Do you have Google AI Ultra consumer access? (not Google AI Ultra for Business)
2. Do you have a Gemini API key or a Vertex AI key with Gemini 3 access?  
If you do not have any of these, sign up on the waitlist form (link below).

## Exact step-by-step commands and keystrokes

### **Step 1: Open your terminal or command prompt**

Open the terminal. If Gemini CLI is installed, continue. If not installed, follow the installation guide given in the documentation link.

### **Step 2: Start Gemini CLI**

Type `gemini` and press Enter. This opens the Gemini CLI.

### **Step 3: Open settings**

Type `/settings` and press Enter.

### **What you will see**

A settings menu will open. Use arrow keys to move. Highlight Preview Features.

### **Step 4: Enable Preview Features**

When Preview Features is selected, press Enter. Type `true` and press Enter again to save.

### **Step 5: Exit settings**

Press Esc to go back to main screen. If Esc does not work, press Ctrl + C.

### **Step 6: Confirm Gemini 3 Pro is enabled**

Type any test message and press Enter. If Gemini 3 Pro is active, it will reply using that model.

### **Step 7: Manual Pro routing (optional)**

Type `/model` and press Enter. Select Pro and press Enter.

### **Step 8: If access error appears**

If you see 'Access Required' or 'Not Available', join the waitlist form linked below.

### ***Step 9: If capacity error appears***

If you see 'Model capacity is full', try again later or select fallback model Gemini 2.5 Pro.

### ***Step 10: Daily limits***

If you hit your daily limit, CLI will show a message. You can switch models or wait for the next day.

## **Troubleshooting**

If Preview Features is enabled early without approval, CLI will automatically use Gemini 2.5 Pro. If the model still doesn't work after enabling preview features, open settings again and re-check. Make sure the email used in the waitlist form is the same email logged in the CLI.

## **Official links**

### ***Documentation link:***

<https://geminicli.com/docs/get-started/gemini-3/>

### ***Waitlist form link:***

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScQBMmnXxIYDnZhPtTP3xr5lwHNzKW4nLomuQ1tGOO-UiMdQ/viewform?usp=send\\_form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScQBMmnXxIYDnZhPtTP3xr5lwHNzKW4nLomuQ1tGOO-UiMdQ/viewform?usp=send_form)

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