

1. Prepare Your Release Build : -

- **Generate a Release Build (.aab recommended)**

If you're using Android Studio:

- Go to **Build > Build Bundle(s) / APK(s) > Build Bundle**.
- Output is in: **app/build/outputs/bundle/release/app-release.aab**
- Make sure it's signed with your release key.

2. Discard Any Draft Release (Important!) : -

Before uploading a new release:

1. Go to **Testing > Closed testing**.
2. Select the existing track (e.g., **Closed testing**).
3. If there's a draft release, you'll see a status like:
 "Draft release" with a "Discard" button.
4. Click **Discard** to delete the draft.

Important : Do this before uploading a new build to avoid errors.

3. Upload to Closed Testing : -

1. Navigate to **Release > Testing > Closed testing**.
2. If needed, create a new **testing track**.
3. Click **"Create new release"**.
4. Choose **Google Play App Signing** if prompted.
5. Upload your **.aab** file.

6. Add:

- Release name
- Release notes

7. Click Save then Review release.

8. Click Start rollout to testers.

This will send the build to closed testers only.

4. Invite Testers : - [If you want to add new tester]

- Under the Closed testing track, go to Testers.
- Select the email list or Google Groups.
- Add emails or publish the opt-in link for testers.

5. Promote to Production : -

- **After Testing – Prepare for Production**

Once testing is successful:

1. Go to Release > Production.
2. If a draft release exists here, discard it first.
 - You'll see "Discard" next to the draft release.
3. After Discarded version then after you can move **close testing** to **production** and submit for **review**.

