



# The Sims 4 + DLC: Complete Installation Guide

## Overview

This is a step-by-step beginners' guide on how to purchase, install, and start playing *The Sims 4* with DLCs using Steam.

- ✓ Please, note that The Sims 4 is a free-to-play game, but all downloadable content (DLC) are paid.

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## Useful Links

- **Don't have Steam?** Follow this link to download desktop version: [Steam, The Ultimate Online Game Platform](#)
- **Don't have a Steam account?** See detailed guide via this link: [Steam Account Creation and Setup](#)
- **Need to download the game with different launcher?** Select needed platform to open the instruction:

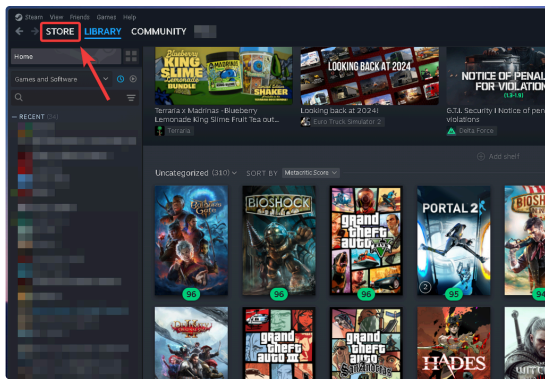
✓ Click here to expand the list of guides for different platforms

- EA [EA app](#)
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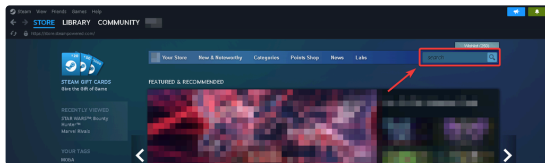
## Purchasing

### How to add the game to the Library

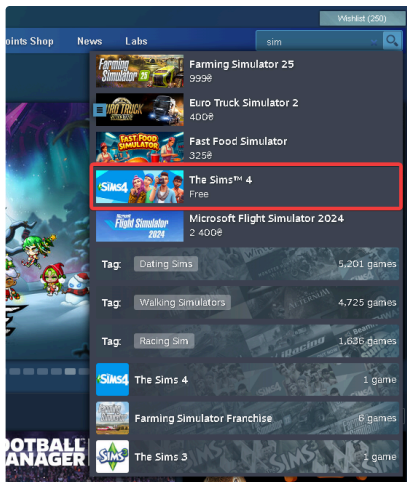
1. Open **Steam**.
2. Go to the **Store** tab.



3. Start typing the game name in the **search bar**.



4. Click on the game in the appeared pop-up window.



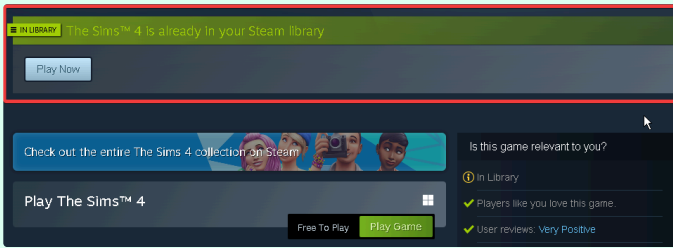
5. On the game page, choose one of these options:

- **Play Game:** press this button to start the game downloading process immediately and launch it automatically after installation.  
 ⓘ *You can monitor the download progress in your Library and stop the auto-launch if desired.*
- **Add to Library:** press this button to add the game to your library, you'll be able to download it whenever you want. *(This guide follows this option)*



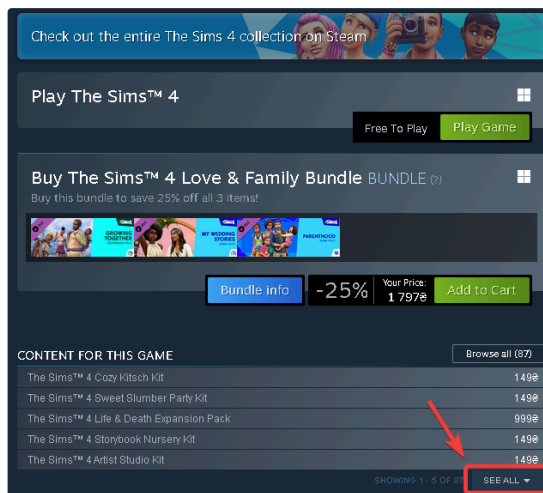
6. Once added, the game will appear in your Library.

- ✓ Purchased/Added games are marked with **In Library** label.

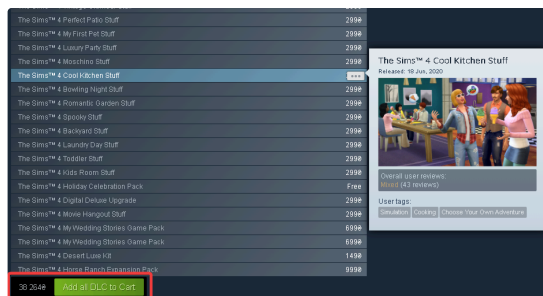


## How to purchase DLCs

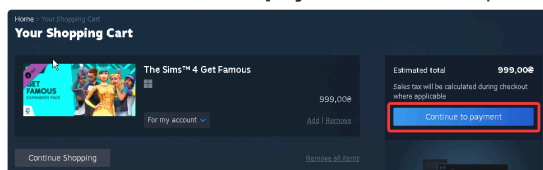
1. Scroll down to the **Downloadable Content** section on *The Sims 4* store page.
2. Click **See All** to view the full list of available DLCs.



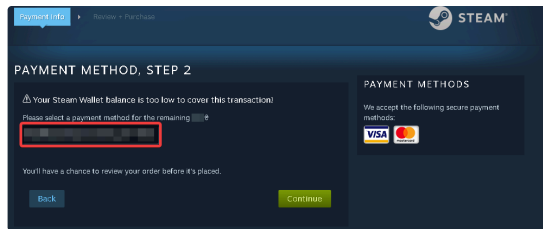
3. Choose one of the following:
  - Click on a specific DLC to purchase individually.
  - Click **Add All DLC to Cart** to select all available content.



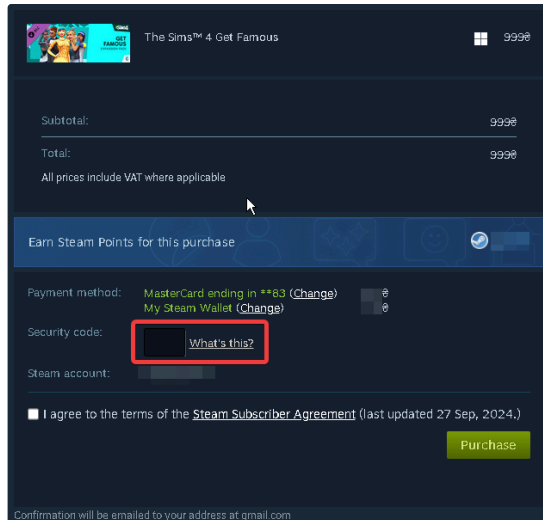
4. Review your cart to ensure all desired DLCs are included.
5. Press the **Continue to payment** button to proceed.



6. Choose a payment method (Steam Wallet/Visa/Mastercard).



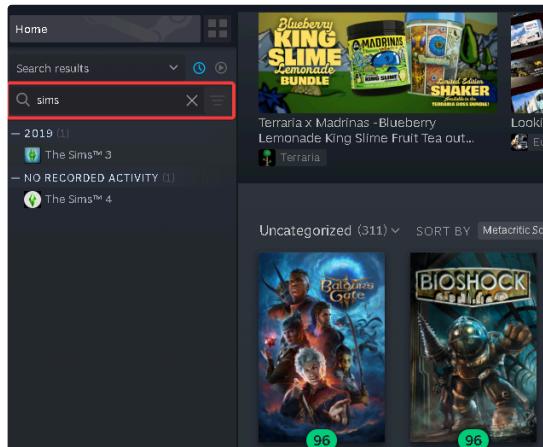
7. Enter the required payment information and press the **Continue** (**Continue**) button.
8. If using a card, input the **security code**.



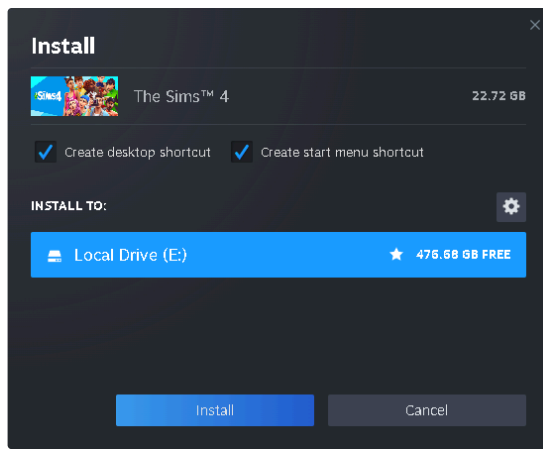
9. Agree to the **Steam Subscriber Agreement** by clicking the checkbox.  
☐ I agree to the terms of the [Steam Subscriber Agreement](#) (last updated 27 Sep, 2024.)
10. Press the **Purchase** (**Purchase**) button to complete the transaction.
11. Congratulations! Your DLC will now be available in-game after installation.



## Installation and Launch

1. Go to the **Library** tab.
2. Type *The Sims 4* in the **search bar** and select it from the results.





3. Press the **INSTALL** (**Install**) button.
4. Select needed parameters and preferred game location in the appeared pop-up window.



5. Press the  (**Install**) button to start the game download and installation process.
6. Press the  (**Accept**) button in the appeared agreement window. *We recommend reading it before proceeding.*
7. You can track the download and installation progress.



 *Click on the download bar to open the detailed information.*

8. Once the installation is complete, you'll receive a notification from Steam.
9. Press the  (**Play**) button to open the game.  
You can also use the desktop shortcut to start the game.
10. Enjoy playing *The Sims 4*!