

Guide: How to get your Google Maps API Key

Hi! To enable the interactive map on our new website, we need a Google Maps API Key. It only takes about 3 minutes to set up. Here is the step-by-step guide:

Step 1: Sign In

Go to the Google Cloud Console and sign in with your Gmail/Google account.

Step 2: Set up Billing (Google's requirement)

1. Click the "Three Bars" (Menu) icon at the top-left corner and select [Billing].
 1. Click [Link a billing account] and follow the prompts to enter your credit card information.
- *Note: Google provides a \$200 free credit every month. Unless the website gets tens of thousands of visitors a day, your card will not be charged. This is simply a verification step required by Google.*

Step 3: Enable the Map Service

1. In the search bar at the very top of the page, type: Maps JavaScript API and click the first result.
1. Click the large blue button that says [ENABLE].

Step 4: Create your Key

1. On the left-hand menu, click on [Credentials].
1. Click the [+ CREATE CREDENTIALS] button at the top of the screen and select [API key].
1. A box will pop up showing a long code starting with "Alza...".

The Final Step:

Please copy that code (starting with "Alza...") and send it to me! I will handle the rest of the technical integration.