How to Add Missing Accounts After Restoring with Secret Recovery Phrase

1. Understand the Restoration Process:

- When you restore your MetaMask wallet using your Secret Recovery Phrase, only the default account (Account 1) is restored automatically.
- Additional accounts need to be manually re-added if they were not automatically restored.

2. Check for Automatically Restored Accounts:

- MetaMask attempts to restore additional accounts in ascending order (Account 2, Account 3, etc.).
- Accounts with a non-zero ETH balance on the Ethereum mainnet are automatically restored.
- The restoration process stops at the first account with a zero ETH balance.

3. Manually Add Missing Accounts:

o Desktop:

- 1. Open MetaMask and click on the account selector at the top of the wallet.
- Select "Add account or hardware wallet".
- 3. Click "Add a new account" to restore your MetaMask accounts in the order they were created.
- 4. If the accounts were previously named, you can rename them before clicking "Create".

o Mobile:

- 1. Open MetaMask and tap the name of the currently selected
- 2. Tap "Add account or hardware wallet".
- 3. Tap "Add new account" to restore your MetaMask accounts in the order they were created.

4. Re-import Imported Accounts:

- Imported accounts (e.g., hardware wallet or private key-based accounts) are not restored with the Secret Recovery Phrase.
- You need to manually re-import these accounts using their private keys or JSON files.

5. Verify Account Addresses:

- The addresses of your accounts are derived deterministically from your Secret Recovery Phrase.
- This means the addresses will always be the same, so you can continue using them as before.

6. Troubleshooting:

- If you do not see the addresses you were looking for, they might have been created with a different Secret Recovery Phrase.
- Ensure you have the correct Secret Recovery Phrase and re-import any missing accounts using their private keys.

By following these steps, you can successfully restore and add any missing accounts to your MetaMask wallet. For more detailed instructions, refer to the official MetaMask Help Center article.

If you encounter any issues, MetaMask Support is available to assist you. Remember to keep your Secret Recovery Phrase and private keys secure to protect your accounts.



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