


How to Create a Coinbase Account

How to create a  [Coinbase](#)[¶] account ("wallet") to purchase, sell, store, send, or receive Bitcoin (BTC), Ethereum (ETH), or Litecoin (LTC).





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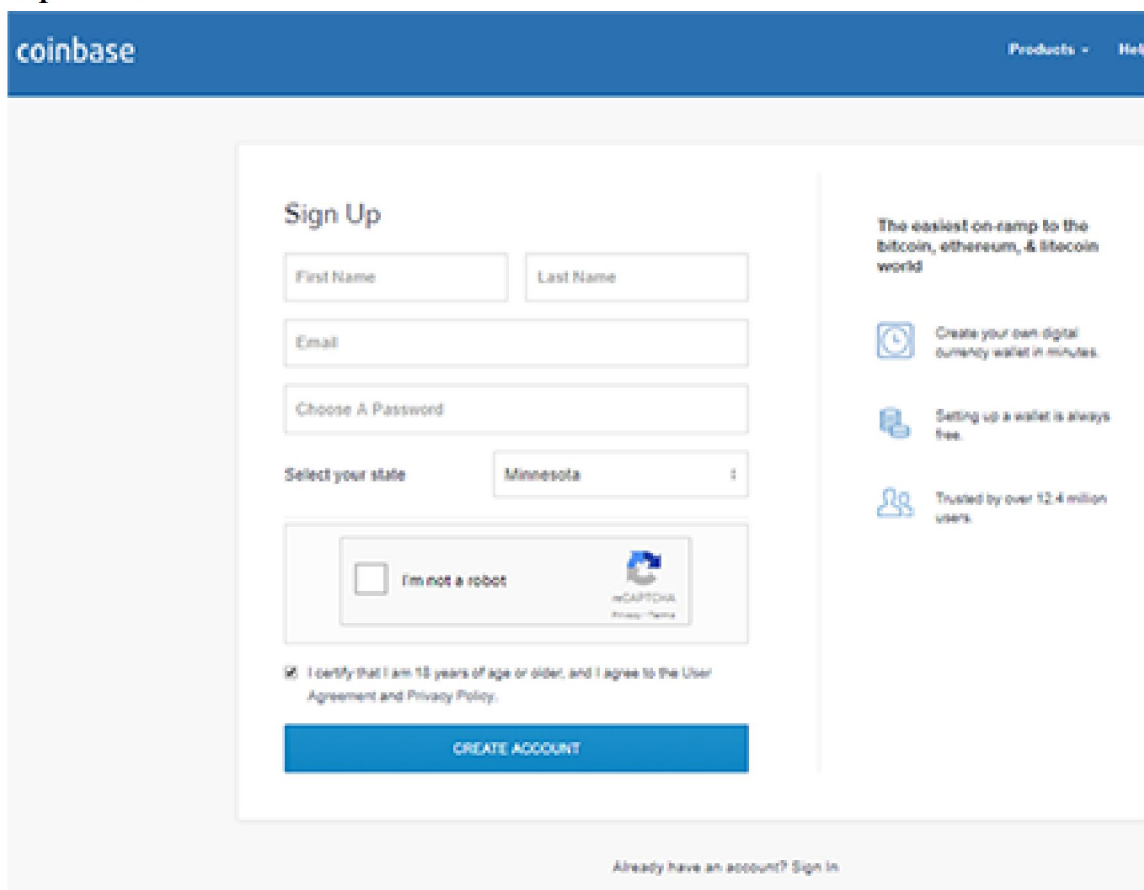
creating a  [Coinbase](#)[¶] account will require:

1. A personal computer [¶]**with Internet access**[¶].
2. A smartphone with either a valid SIM card and [¶]**active phone number**[¶], or with the  [Googe Voice](#)[¶] app installed to provide you a [¶]**valid phone number**[¶] at which you can receive calls over a wifi network.

After completing each of the sub-tasks below, you will have created a secure  [Coinbase](#)[¶] account you can use to buy, sell, or transfer digital currencies.

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1. ▶ Open your Internet browser.◀
2. ▶ Navigate to  ▶ <https://www.coinbase.com/>◀◀
3. ▶ Select " ▶ [Sign Up](#)◀" in page's the upper-right corner.◀
4. ▶ Review Coinbase's  ▶ [User Agreement](#)◀ and  ▶ [Privacy Policy](#)◀.◀
5. ▶ Enter the requested information on the Coinbase Sign Up form:▶

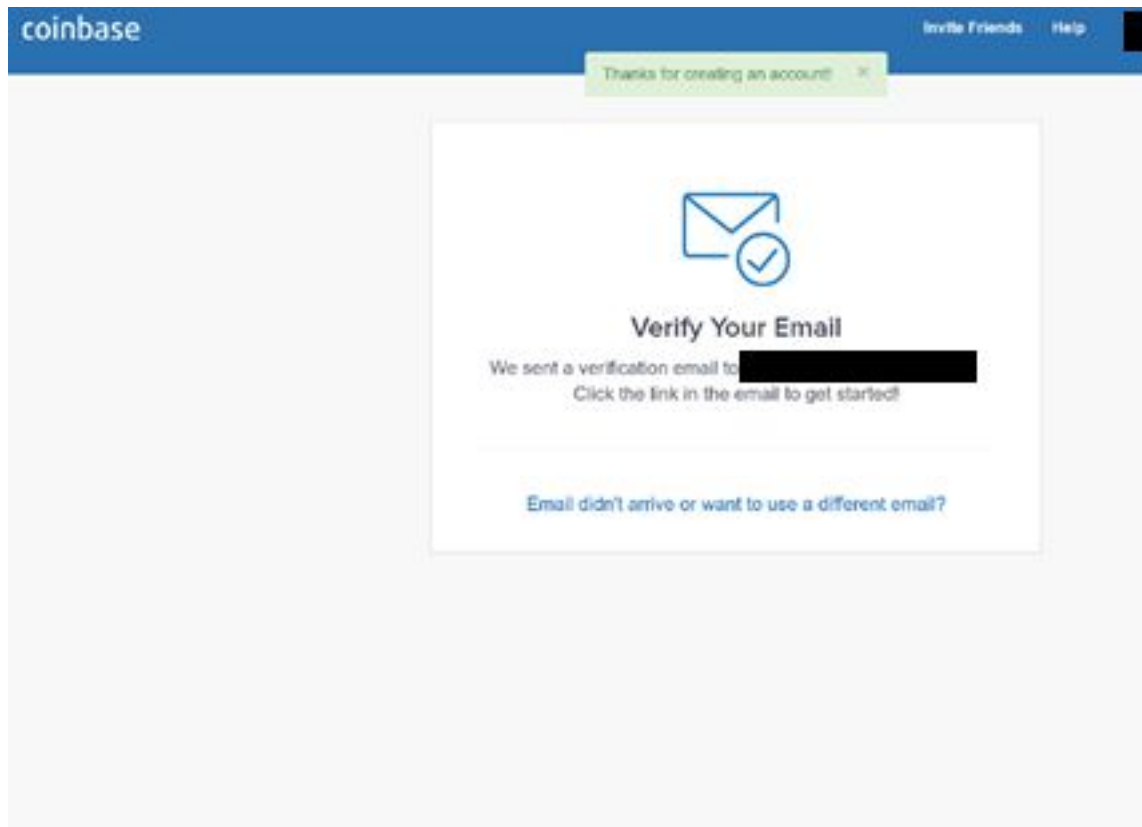


The screenshot shows the Coinbase website's sign-up page. At the top is a blue header with the 'coinbase' logo on the left and 'Products - Help' on the right. The main content area is white and contains a 'Sign Up' form. The form has fields for 'First Name', 'Last Name', 'Email', and 'Choose A Password'. Below these is a 'Select your state' dropdown menu currently showing 'Minnesota'. There is a checkbox for 'I'm not a robot' next to a reCAPTCHA logo. Below the form is a blue button labeled 'CREATE ACCOUNT'. To the right of the form, there is a section titled 'The easiest on-ramp to the Bitcoin, ethereum, & Litecoin world' with three bullet points: 'Create your own digital currency wallet in minutes.', 'Setting up a wallet is always free.', and 'Trusted by over 12.4 million users.' At the bottom of the page, there is a link that says 'Already have an account? Sign in'.

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6. ▶ Click "Create Account." ◀

7. ▶ The Coinbase website will direct you to a confirmation page with the following information: ▶



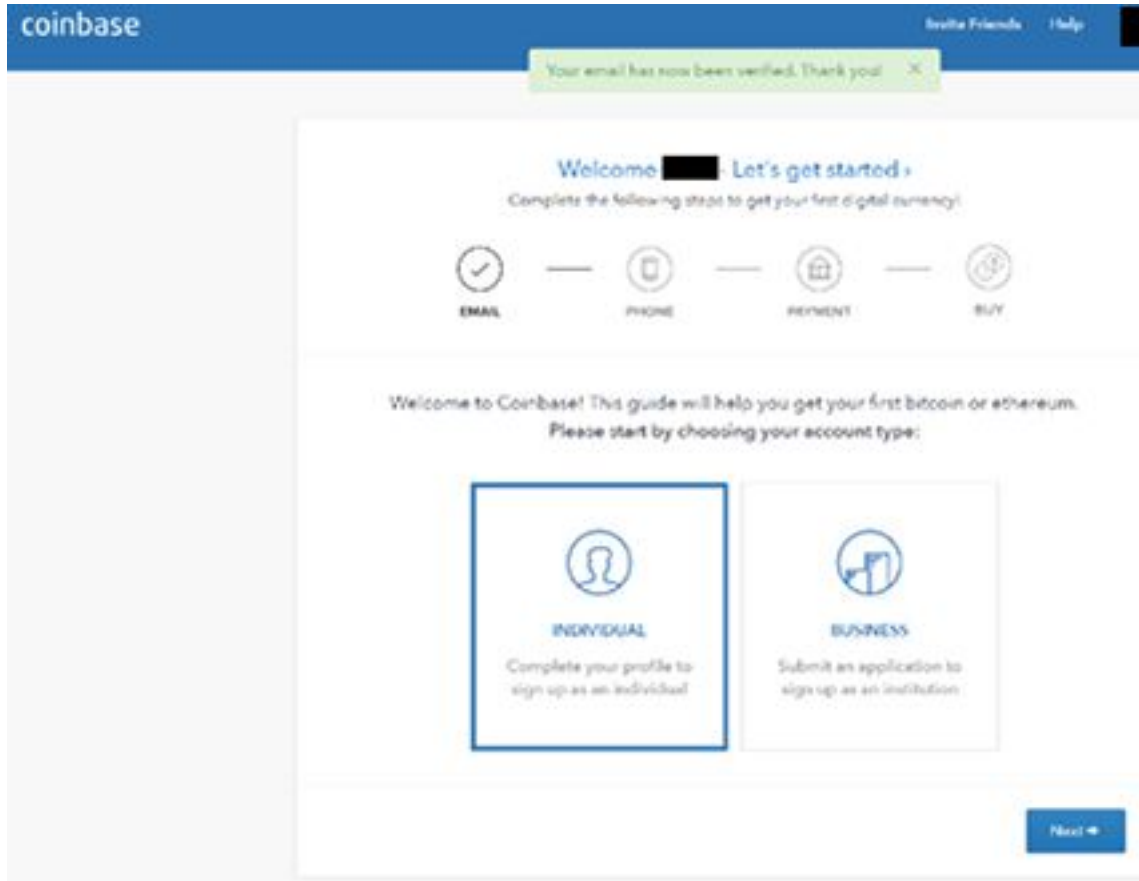
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8. ▶ Open the inbox of the email address you gave while registering for your Coinbase account. ◀

9. ▶ Locate the email entitled "Please Verify Your Email Address" from no-reply@coinbase.com. ◀

10. ▶ Click the link inside, which will redirect you to the Coinbase website. ◀

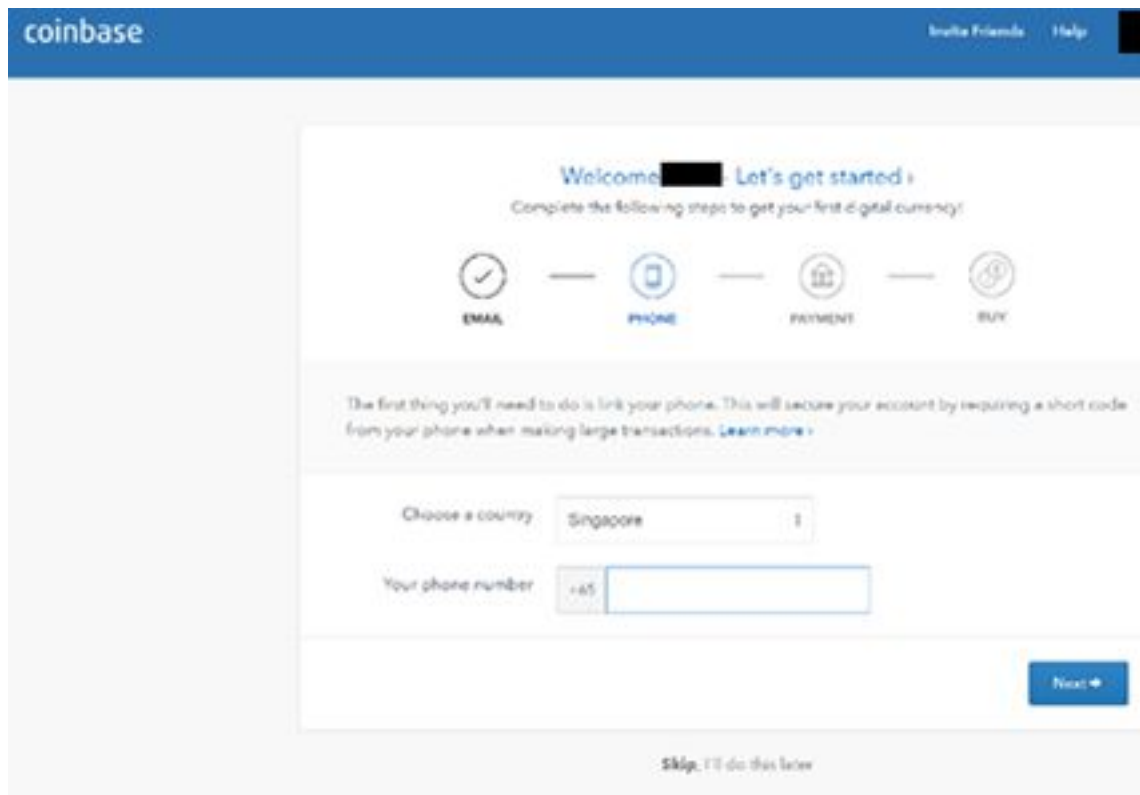
11. ▸ Choose the type of your Coinbase account (personal or business): ▸



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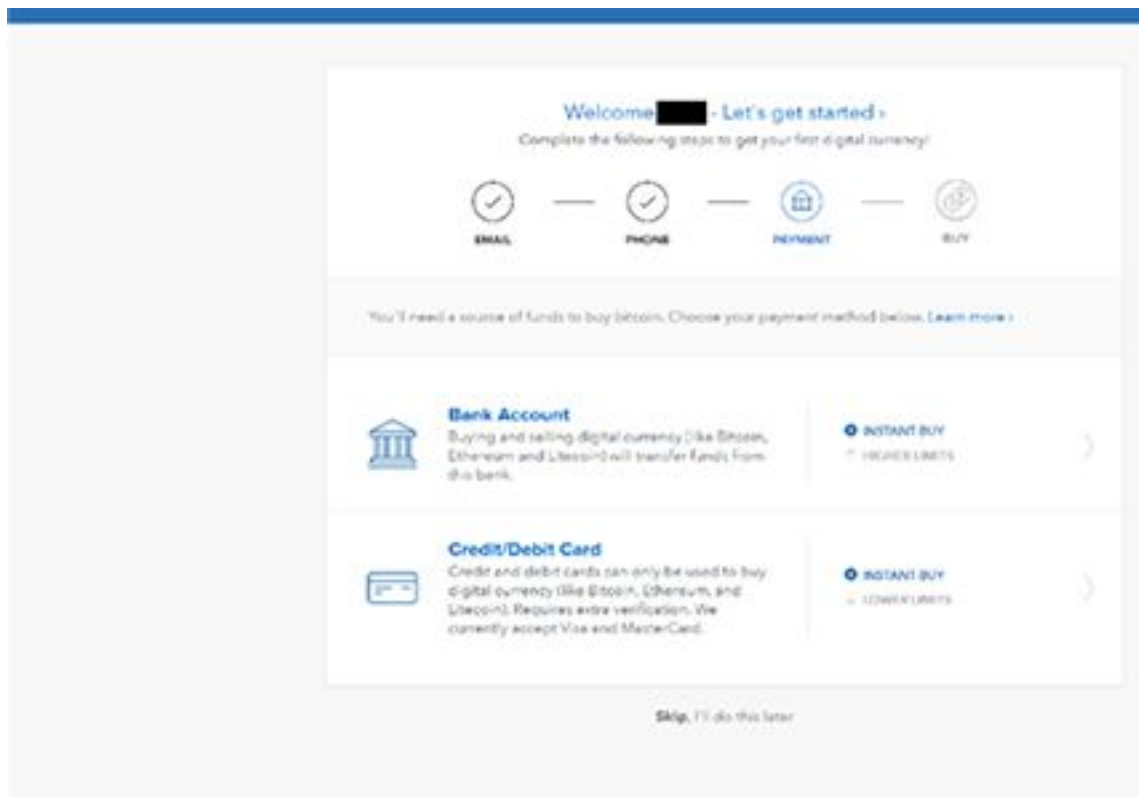
12. ▸ Click "Create Account."◀

13. ▸ After choosing your type of Coinbase account, you will arrive at a page asking you to enter your local phone number, which Coinbase will use for two-step verification at login and, in certain circumstances, verifying its customer's desire to perform a transaction that Coinbase finds suspicious. ▸

The image shows the Coinbase account creation interface. At the top, the Coinbase logo is on the left, and 'Invite Friends' and 'Help' links are on the right. The main heading says 'Welcome [redacted] Let's get started'. Below this, it says 'Complete the following steps to get your first digital currency!'. A progress bar shows four steps: 'EMAIL' (checked), 'PHONE' (active), 'PAYMENT', and 'BUY'. Below the progress bar, a message states: 'The first thing you'll need to do is link your phone. This will secure your account by requiring a short code from your phone when making large transactions. [Learn more](#)'. The form has two fields: 'Choose a country' with a dropdown menu showing 'Singapore' and 'Your phone number' with a dropdown showing '+65' and an adjacent input field. A 'Next' button is at the bottom right. At the very bottom, there is a link that says 'Skip, I'll do this later'.

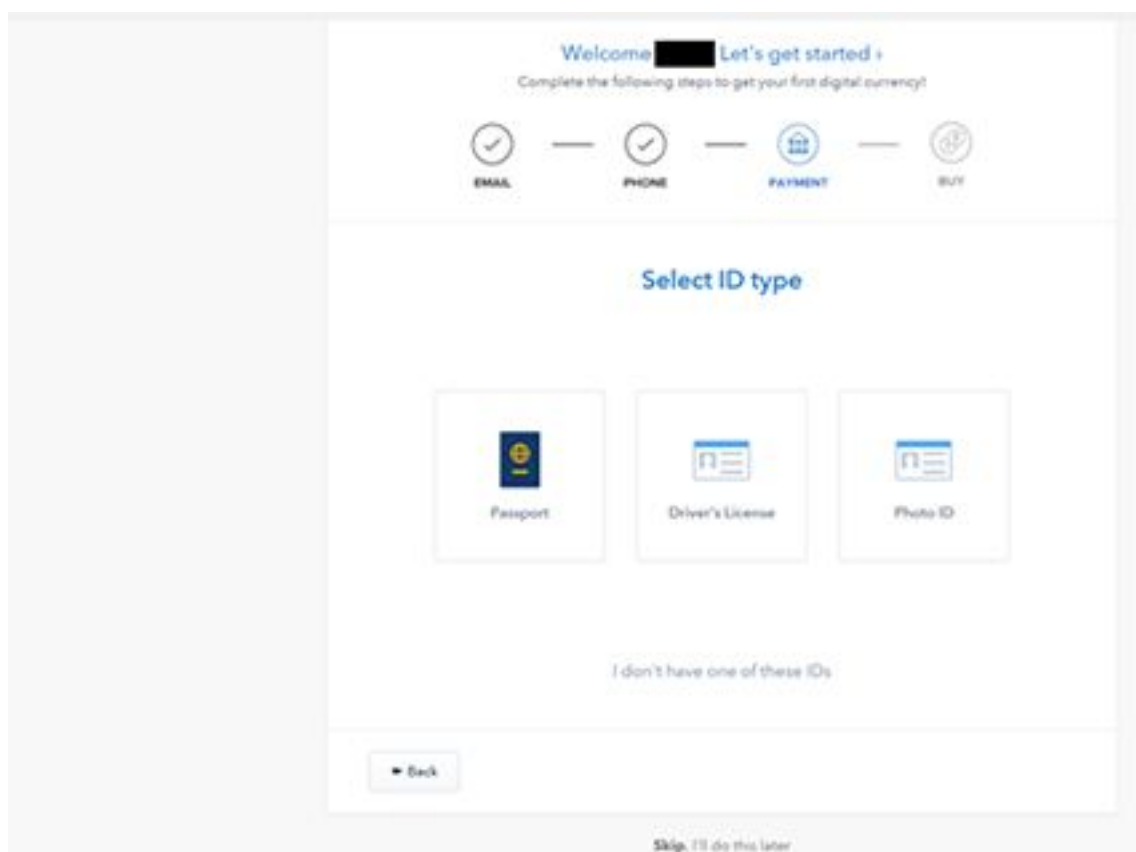
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14. ▶ After entering your phone number to help secure your Coinbase account, you will next connect your bank account, debit card, or credit card to your Coinbase account. This will allow you to buy Bitcoin using your local currency, or to sell your Bitcoin in exchange for its value in local currency.▶



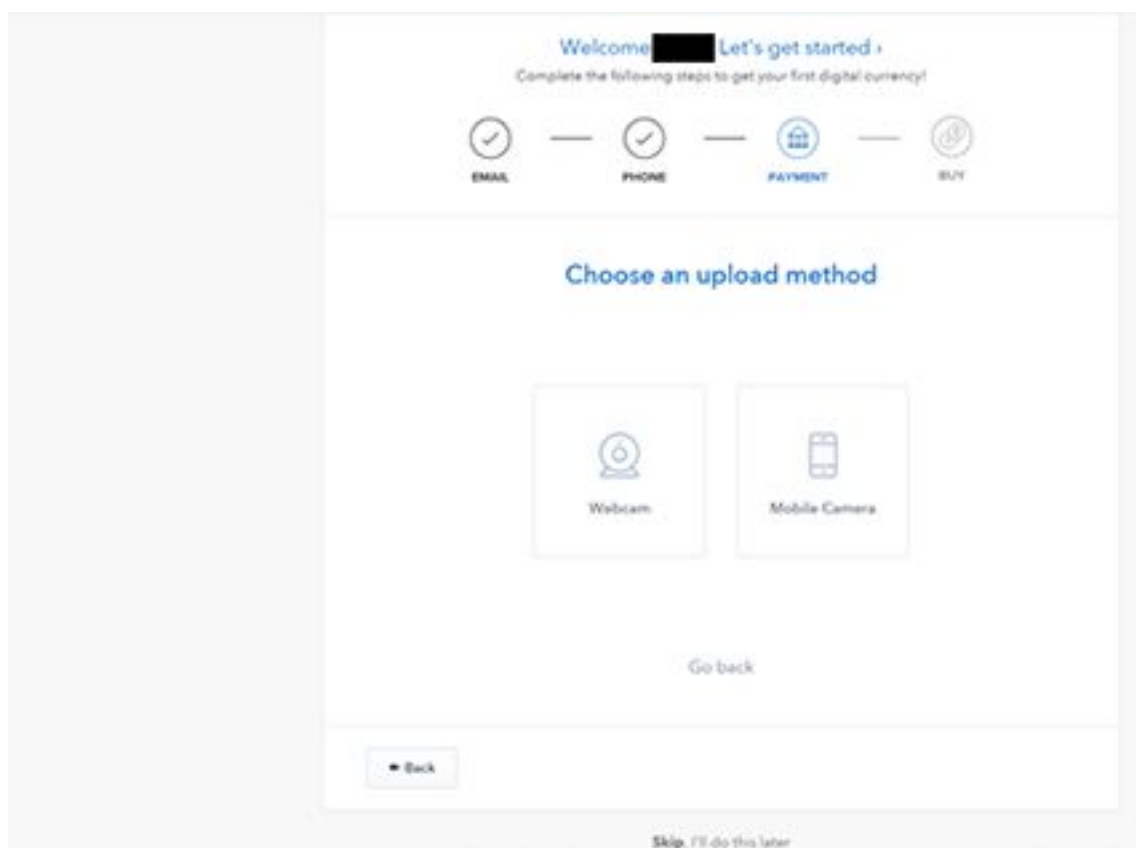
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15. ▶ In order to verify your personal identity, and therefore your ownership of the bank account, debit card, or credit card you provided, Coinbase will redirect you to a page asking you to upload a copy of your passport, driver's license, or other photo identification in order to confirm your identity. (Note: you may skip this or any following steps and still possess a Coinbase account, but you cannot buy, sell, or transfer Bitcoin until after having completed Steps 15-24.)▶



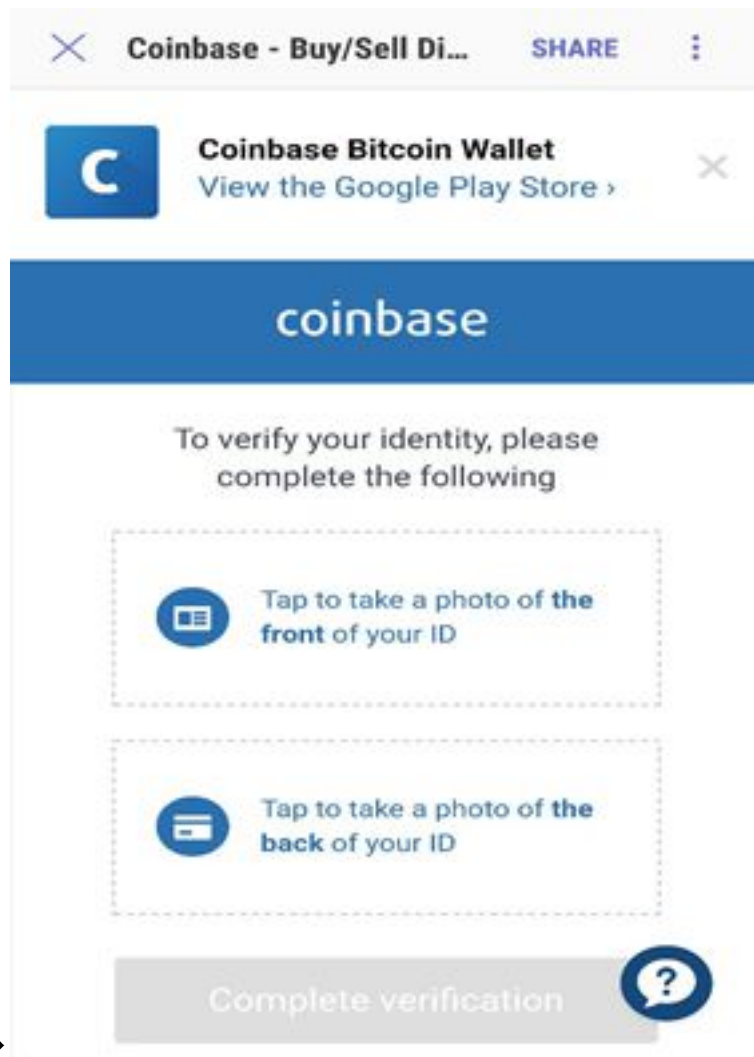
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16. ▶ Coinbase will provide you with two options for uploading these documents, using either a webcam or a smartphone camera. ▶



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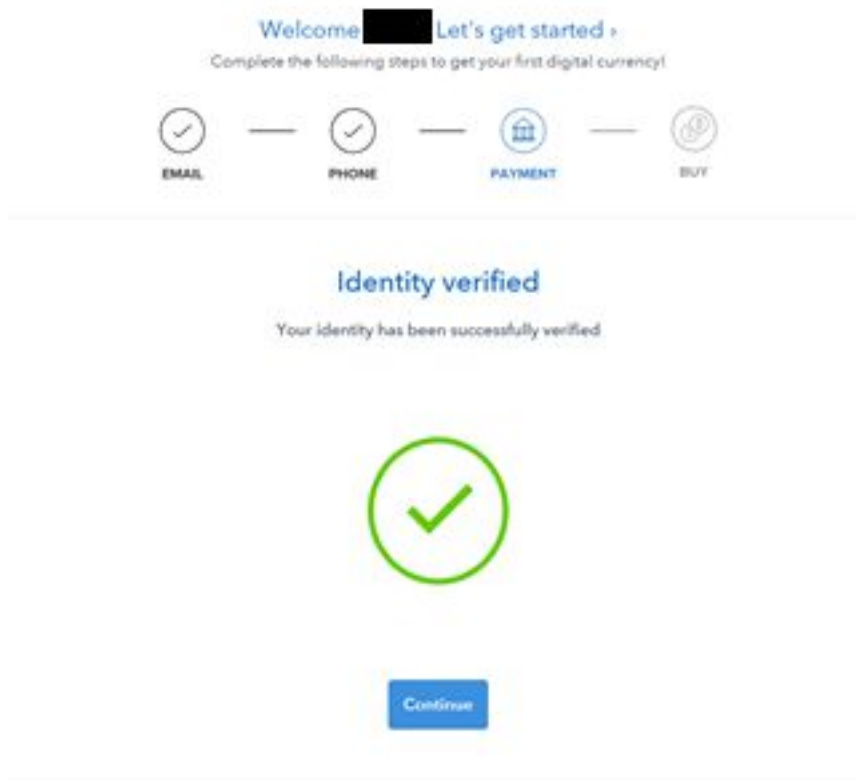
17. ▸ If you chose "Mobile Camera" as your upload method, Coinbase will send a text message to the phone number you provided earlier containing a link that will lead you to the following screen, at which you can upload your



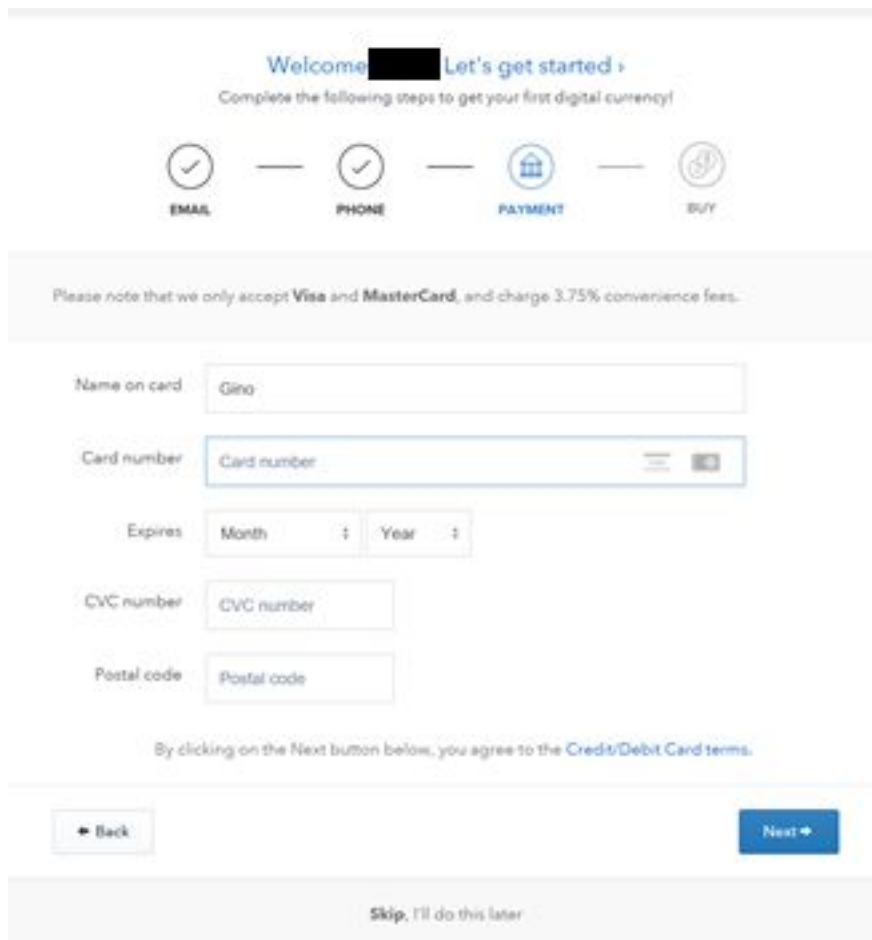
identification:▷

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18. ▷ After having uploaded your documents (either via webcam or mobile upload), and assuming these documents contain no discrepancies, Coinbase will display the following image to confirm that your identity has been successfully verified:▷

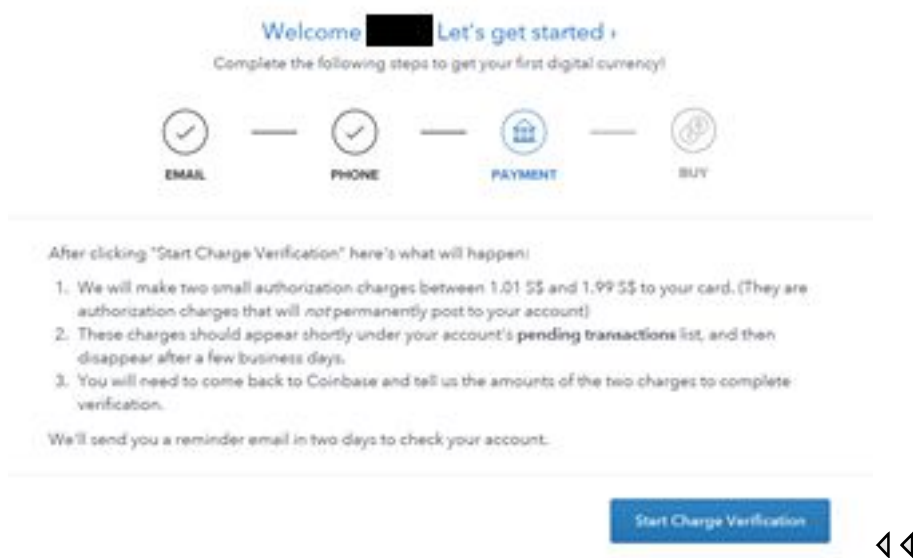


19. ▶ With your identity verified, you can now select your preferred payment method for performing transactions between your traditional bank accounts and your Coinbase account, thereby exchanging traditional currency for digital currency:▶



The image shows the 'Payment' step of the Coinbase account creation process. At the top, a progress bar indicates four steps: EMAIL, PHONE, PAYMENT (current), and BUY. Below this, a note states: 'Please note that we only accept Visa and MasterCard, and charge 3.75% convenience fees.' The form contains several input fields: 'Name on card' (filled with 'Gino'), 'Card number' (with a placeholder 'Card number' and a Visa logo), 'Expires' (with 'Month' and 'Year' dropdowns), 'CVC number' (with a placeholder 'CVC number'), and 'Postal code' (with a placeholder 'Postal code'). Below the fields, a line of text reads: 'By clicking on the Next button below, you agree to the [Credit/Debit Card terms](#).' At the bottom, there are three buttons: a 'Back' button with a left arrow, a 'Next' button with a right arrow, and a 'Skip, I'll do this later' link.

20. ▶ After selecting your preferred payment method, log in to the bank account for that preferred method. Coinbase will make a pair of deposits into your chosen bank account, which will appear under that bank account's "Pending Transactions." ▶



21. ▶ Click "Start Charge Verification."
22. ▶ Visit the bank account representing your preferred payment method.
23. ▶ Provide Coinbase with the amount of each deposit listed in your bank account's "Pending Transactions." Below you will find an example of how these deposits may appear on the statement you receive from your traditional bank account:▶

Transaction Pending Settlement (as at 03 Jun 2017, 05:14 PM)

Transaction Date	Description	
03 Jun 2017	COINBASE UK CHEAPSIDE GBR	
03 Jun 2017	COINBASE UK CHEAPSIDE GBR	
		Total

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24. ▶ When you have received these deposits in your bank account's "Pending Transactions," return to Coinbase. The site will ask you to verify the last two digits of these deposits from your account's "Pending Transactions":▶

Welcome [REDACTED] Let's get started ▶

Complete the following steps to get your first digital currency!

EMAIL — PHONE — PAYMENT — BUY

Please enter the two amounts (in cents) we charged to your card. This should appear soon or instantly under the pending transactions area of your card statement.

First Amount



Second Amount

For example, enter 1.25 \$\$ as "25". You can enter the amounts in either order.

[Help me identify verification charges on my card statement.](#)

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25. ▶ Click "Verify Charge Numbers."◀

26. ▸ You can now use Coinbase to transfer local currency from your traditional bank account in exchange for Bitcoin (BTC), Ethereum (ETH), or Litecoin (LTC), which Coinbase will store in a "wallets" specific to each coin. With a balance of BTC, ETH, or LTC in one of your account's wallets, you may buy and sell those currencies on Coinbase, or if you have  ▸ [another account](#) [▾] (*page*) with a wider variety of digital currencies available for users to trade, you can  ▸ [transfer](#) [▾] (*page*) BTC, ETH, or LTC from Coinbase to that account. [▾]

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