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****Introduction****

This is the best balance I could find between my laziness and speed/cost. It should work for almost every country on Earth. As far as I can tell(not investment advice).

You will need:

- * Credit card
- * Debit card(for US bank account)
- * Skype account(if your country is not on the free phone call list)
- * Smartphone(for US bank account)
- * Photo ID(for US bank account)
- * Document showing your Home Address(may be same as photo ID)
- * Document containing foreign Tax Number(may be same as photo ID)
- * Know how to render your full name and home address in English
- * e-mail account
- * \$GME x 2(to buy Stock Certificate and real GME share)
- * \$30(to expedite verification code)
- * \$10(for Computershare purchase)
- * \$XXXXX to buy new GME shares
- * paper
- * pen

****Buy your first real DRS share.****(10min)

For this I chose GiveAShare(look them up). It is more expensive than most brokerages but it is also easier and DRS is all they do.

You will need to enter your full name, address, e-mail and credit card information and click a couple times to select the option you want.

You can also buy shares for other people but keep in mind they will have to do everything below.

For legal reasons, they will charge you over twice the current market price at the time of your purchase. Remember to choose the cheapest shipment option as that is for their paper certificate replica which is worthless as of today.

After your purchase your one share, you have to wait for a letter from Computershare.

GiveAShare's system lets you track when you become a legitimate shareholder, though. Check out their GameStop FAQ.

****Get a US bank account****(20 min)

You can use the letter wait time to set up a US bank account that you will need to buy shares and get dividends in Computershare.

I used Wise which is cheap and convenient. My local bank also offers US banking services but it is a pain.

Download the app, enter your information and get ready to comply with their identification requirements.

A debit card is apparently cheaper than a credit card here so use that to buy some US cash.

****Wait****(40000 min)

You should receive a letter from Computershare. If you don't get it or want to speed up the process, you can apparently call them but I assumed it was going to be harder without an account. You can spend your time looking at price movement.

****Open your Investor Center account****(10min)

Ignore the W8BEN form. You will fill this online later.

Go to Investor Center in the Computershare ****United States**** website.

Select register, switch to the Holder Account Number tab and fill in your information(Write everything down and keep the paper in a safe place).

After it is over, they will tell you to wait for the verification code.

****Call Computershare for your verification code****

Keep all the information you entered up to this point ready. Be ready to spell out a lot of it. You need a ****credit**** card.

Call Computershare you can use Skype and call the US number(800 522 6645) or call the International Ape Number(+ 800 3823 3823) from a land line if your country is on the list. Both should be free.

Tell the Computershare person you want your verification code expedited.

You will have to give them your information.

Yes I want to pay \$30 shut up and take my money.

You will have to give them your credit card information.

Say thank you.

You should receive an e-mail with your verification code in no time.

****Log in****(5min)

Log in.

Enter the verification code and your security answers.

You will see a purple circle but don't let that distract you.

Your account is not fully set-up yet.

****Fill W8BEN Form Online****(15min)

Change your Computershare ****Regional Settings**** to English(United Kingdom). They have a bug with how they handle dates. *(This solves the W8BEN timeout issue)*

note: Neither the correct regional settings nor the default worked for me but feel free to try.

Fill in form.

Very easy to fill for a tax form(assuming you figured out what to put into the FTIN tax number field beforehand).

Change regional settings back to US unless you want to see weird out-of-place pound symbols everywhere.

****Purchase more shares****

Select the purchase option. You will need your US bank account information which for Wise is easily accesible from the app.

Accept the "plan" and enter the cash you moved. You can buy with all the cash in your account at once. Computershare will take their fees from the whole amount.

Keep in mind that if you do a test purchase you will have to wait for it to settle before you can buy more GME.

The trade will take a few days for the money to leave your account, then a few more to execute, then a few more to settle.

The web is buggy again but you can track the process by clicking on the ****export to pdf**** button.