

# Getting Started With Crypto

## Coinbase - Mobile App

A simple, phone-only walkthrough for setting up Coinbase, funding your account, finding crypto and making your first purchase.

BEGINNER FRIENDLY

CANADA

APP ONLY

## STEP 1

# Download + set up Coinbase

We are intentionally ignoring desktop. Everything in this guide happens in the app.

1

## Download the official Coinbase app

Open the Apple App Store or Google Play Store and search for Coinbase. Make sure the publisher is Coinbase, Inc. Avoid apps, links or ads that imitate Coinbase.

2

## Create your account

Use an email address you control, create a strong unique password, and enter your real legal information exactly as it appears on your ID.

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## Verify your identity

Coinbase will guide you through identity verification. Have valid government-issued ID ready and follow the in-app prompts.

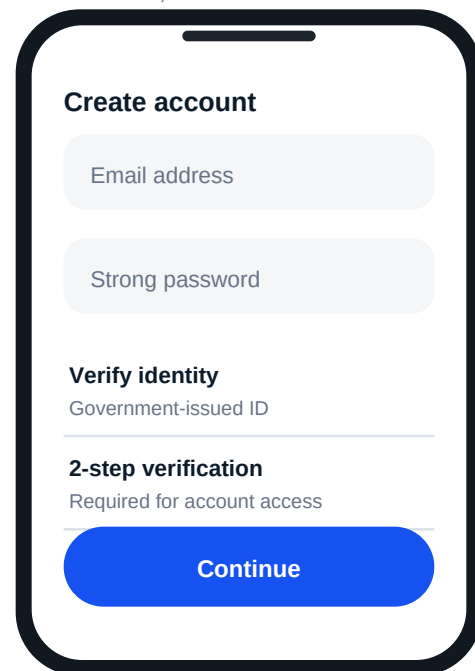
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## Finish the Canadian account questions

Canadian users may be asked additional questions about financial situation, risk profile or trading experience. Answer accurately.

### IMPORTANT

Never create your account from a link sent by a stranger. Open the official Coinbase app directly.



The screenshot shows the 'Create account' screen in the Coinbase app. It features three input fields: 'Email address', 'Strong password', and 'Government-issued ID'. Below the ID field is a section for '2-step verification' with the text 'Required for account access'. A blue 'Continue' button is at the bottom.

## STEP 2

# Secure it before you fund it

The boring part is the important part. Do this before money goes in.

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1

### Turn on strong 2-step verification

Coinbase requires 2-step verification. A passkey or security key is stronger than relying only on SMS.

2

### Use a unique password

Do not reuse the same password you use for email, banking or social media. A password manager makes this much easier.

3

### Protect your email too

Your email is part of your account security. Give it its own strong password and 2FA.

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### Know the golden rule

No legitimate support person needs your password, 2FA code, or remote access to your phone. Never approve a sign-in you did not initiate.

#### JASON'S RULE

If someone creates urgency - "your account is compromised, move your crypto now" - stop. Open Coinbase yourself and verify before doing anything.

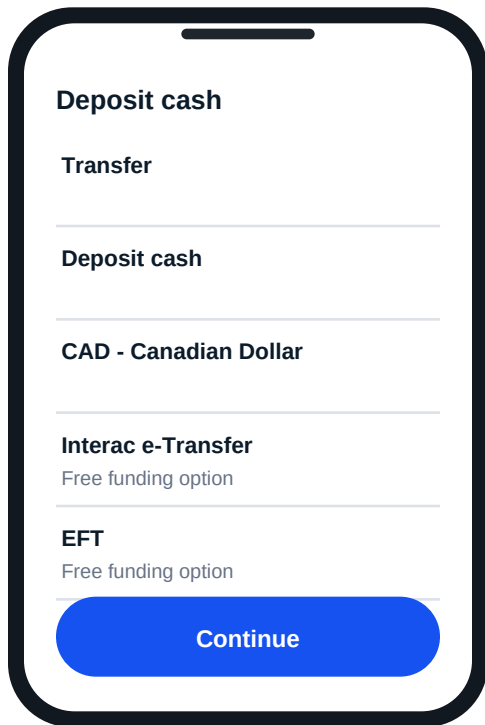
#### BEST PRACTICE

Use Face ID / device lock on your phone and keep the Coinbase app updated.

### STEP 3

# Add Canadian dollars

For beginners, fund the account first, then buy from your CAD balance.



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## Tap Transfer

From the Coinbase mobile app, choose Transfer.

2

## Choose Deposit cash

Select Deposit cash and choose CAD if prompted.

3

## Pick a funding method

In Canada, Coinbase currently supports Interac e-Transfer and EFT for adding CAD. Coinbase says these cash funding options are free.

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## Follow the app instructions

Coinbase will provide the current transfer details. The legal name on your payment method should match your Coinbase account.

### START SMALL

A small first deposit is a good way to learn the workflow before moving larger amounts.

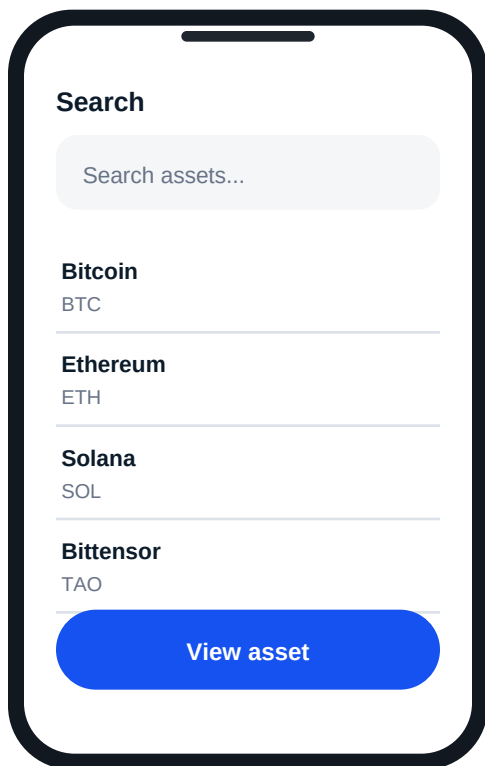
### DO NOT GUESS

If banking instructions differ from this guide, follow the current instructions inside the Coinbase app.

## STEP 4

# Find the crypto you want

Ticker symbols matter. Always confirm you have the right asset before buying.



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### Use Search / Explore

Open asset search and type the full name or ticker symbol.

2

### Confirm the exact asset

Crypto names can look similar. Confirm both the name and ticker - for example Bitcoin (BTC), Ethereum (ETH), or Solana (SOL).

3

### Open the asset page

View the current price, chart and recent percentage change. Coinbase also lets you browse tradable assets.

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### Ignore the noise

A coin being a "top gainer" does not mean it is a good buy. Search helps you find an asset; it does not tell you what to invest in.

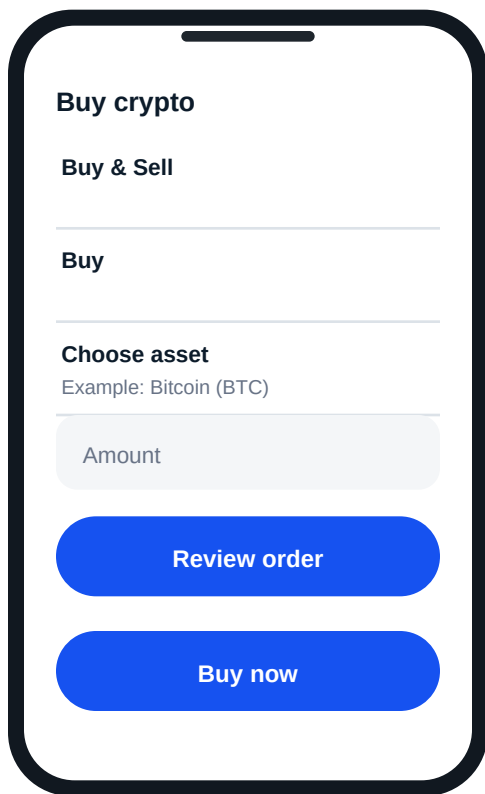
### WATCH OUT

Never buy a token simply because someone DM'd you the name. Verify the asset and research it first.

## STEP 5

# Make your first buy

Keep the first transaction simple: Quick Buy using your funded CAD balance.



1

### Tap Buy & Sell, then Buy

Coinbase's current mobile flow begins with Buy & Sell → Buy.

2

### Choose the asset

Search for and select the crypto you want to purchase.

3

### Enter the dollar amount

You do not need to buy a whole coin. Enter the amount of CAD you want to spend.

4

### Review before confirming

Tap Review order. Check the asset, amount, payment source, fees/spread and total. If correct, tap Buy now.

### PAUSE ON THE REVIEW SCREEN

This is where you catch mistakes. Read it carefully. Do not treat Buy now like a “next” button.

DONE

# Your first Coinbase checklist

If every box below is true, you have the basic workflow down.

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## Account

Coinbase app installed from the official app store and identity verified.



## Security

Strong unique password + strong 2-step verification enabled.



## Funding

You know how to use Transfer → Deposit cash and fund CAD.



## Search

You can find a crypto by both its full name and ticker.



## Buy

You can Buy & Sell → Buy → choose asset → enter amount → Review order → Buy now.



## Safety

You know never to share passwords, 2FA codes, or follow unsolicited “support” instructions.

## NEXT UP

Next: selling, transferring crypto to another wallet, and understanding networks/addresses without making an expensive mistake.

Verified against Coinbase Help / Coinbase Canada on August 17, 2026. App labels can change over time.