

# How to change the country / region on Google Play Store

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Using Google Play Store is quite simple. You just need to open it, search for the application you want to download and install it on the device.

But what happens if you move to another country? You will need access to the appropriate version of Play Store for payment information. Google Play has different applications for different areas, sometimes allowing or blocking access to certain applications.

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Change contact email

The address where you get information about most of the Google products you use with this account. [More options](#)



Country and profiles

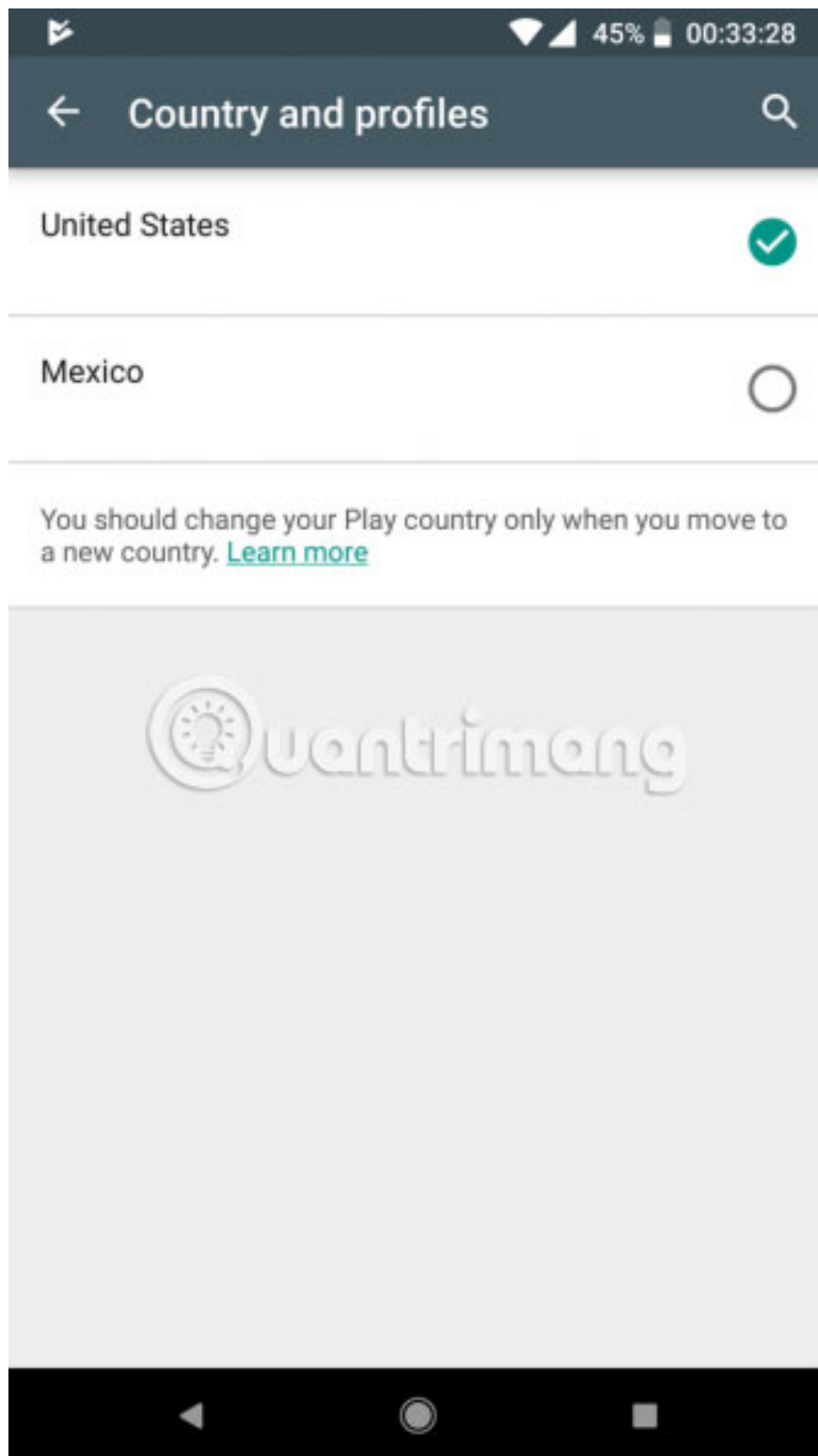
United States

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You should change your Play country only when you move to a new country. [Learn more](#)





1. Open the **Play Store** app on your Android device.
2. Slide the left menu and select **Account**.
3. If you have access to the country switch option, you will see the **Country and profiles** entry in this menu.

4. Click on this **Country** category and select the new country. Continue to follow the prompts to add a new payment method for your current country, if needed.

5. Review the warning prompt and accept the change. Once you've switched countries, you can now browse Play Store for that region. Changes may take up to 24 hours to take effect.

Not everyone has the option to change this country. This option is only visible if you were in a different country than your current one (based on IP address). This means you can't just move Play Store to any country you want.

If you use the **Family Library** feature on Google Play, you will not see the option to change Play Store area.

## Be careful when you change countries in Google Play Store!

When changing positions in your Play Store, you must be aware of some important points.

First, you cannot use the old payment method anymore. You must use a new method in your country. After the conversion, you also cannot spend the remaining Google Play balance from the old country, including any unused gift cards, as well as credits (credits) earned from the Google Opinion Awards.

In addition, you can only change the country in your Play Store once a year. You can access the same menu above again to change back to the old country after this period.

Because of all this, you should only change the country in Play Store, if you actually move to a new country and plan to stay for at least a year. Although you can do this using VPN, it's not worth doing so just to access some other applications. You will be 'locked' into Play Store outside of your living area for a while and this will be an unpleasant experience.

Instead, try using the best Google Play alternatives to find apps that aren't available on Play Store. If you have problems, try the **TipsMake.com** guide to fix common problems on Google Play Store.

Hope you are successful.

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