

STEP BY STEP: Getting a Hotmail E-mail Account

Step One

Click the Hotmail button on the MSN.com home page (<http://www.msn.com>).



Step Two

After the Sign In page opens, click the New Account Sign Up tab.



Step Three

After the Registration page opens, type the requested information.

Note: You must click inside the text field before you can type words.

A screenshot of the Hotmail Registration page. The title is 'Registration'. Below it, a paragraph explains that the account is also a Microsoft .NET Passport. There is a 'Sign In' button. Below this is the 'Profile Information' section, which includes fields for First Name, Last Name, Language (English), Country/Region (United States), State ([Choose One]), ZIP Code, Time Zone (Universal Time - GMT), Gender (Male/Female), Birth Date (Month, Day, Year), and Occupation ([Select an Occupation]). A 'Help' link is also present.

Step Four

Complete the Account Information section.

Note: Your e-mail address does not have to be your name. Your password must be at least six characters long and have no spaces between the characters.

Account Information

E-mail Address @hotmail.com

Password
Six-character minimum;
no spaces

Retype Password

Secret Question Favorite pet's name?

Secret Answer

Services

☒ Hotmail Member Directory

☒ Internet White Pages

Use these check boxes to indicate whether you'd like to be listed in these Internet directories. [More information about directories](#)

Step Five

Click the I Agree button.

[Hotmail Terms of Use](#) [.NET Passport Terms of Use](#)

By clicking **I Agree** below, I am attaching my electronic signature to and agreeing to the Terms of Use for Hotmail and for the .NET Passport Services; I am also accepting the [Hotmail Privacy Statement](#) and the [.NET Passport Privacy Statement](#). I understand that if I do not agree to these terms of use and privacy statements, I should click **Cancel**, discontinue my registration, and refrain from using the Hotmail and .NET Passport Services.

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Step Six

A screen will appear telling you that your information has been accepted and that your e-mail account is now ready to use. Click Next button.

Note: Sometimes your e-mail address name may need to be changed because someone else has already chosen it. You will be given some suggestions for an alternative name.

Step Seven

You will be invited to buy an enhanced version of Hotmail. To get the free version, click the circled link at the bottom of the page.

About MSN Hotmail Accounts

Types of MSN Hotmail Accounts

MSN Hotmail offers two types of email accounts:

- MSN Hotmail offers 10 megabytes (MB) of storage space for a yearly fee (plus applicable taxes). In addition you will be able to send or receive larger attachments (up to 1.5 MB) and you will receive 30 MB of storage space on MSN Groups that you can use to store and share photos, files, etc. Furthermore, your Hotmail account will never become inactive as long as your subscription is valid. Click the 'Continue to Billing Information' button above to sign up for MSN Extra Storage (restrictions apply).
- MSN Hotmail offers 2 megabytes (MB) of storage space, the ability to send or receive 1 MB attachments, and virus scanning for free accounts. If you do not keep your account below the 2 MB storage limit, MSN Hotmail may remove some messages and their attachments. Messages and attachments removed by MSN Hotmail cannot be recovered. You also must log in every 30 days or your account will be marked 'inactive' and all e-mail, addresses, and folders will be deleted. [Click here](#) to sign up for a 2 MB Account.