

YouTube

Verify Your Account

When you try to upload your first video over 15 minutes long, you will be told you have to verify your account in order to do so. Follow these steps to complete the verification process, BEFORE you try to upload your first video over 15 minutes long. It is REALLY easy.

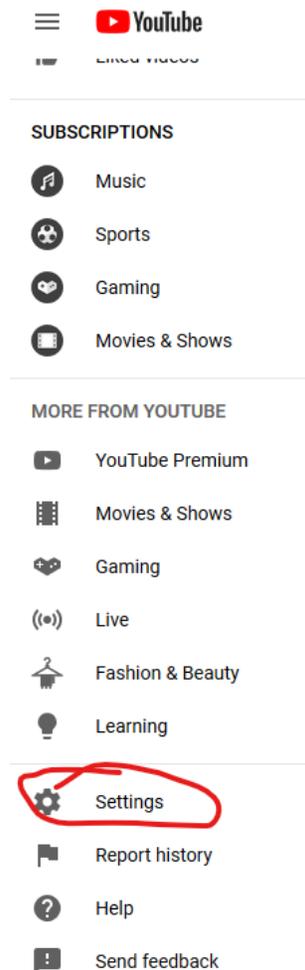
You need to verify your account so you can gain access to the following features:

- Access to Custom Thumbnails
- Upload videos over than 15 minutes long
- Live stream
- Appeal any content ID claims.

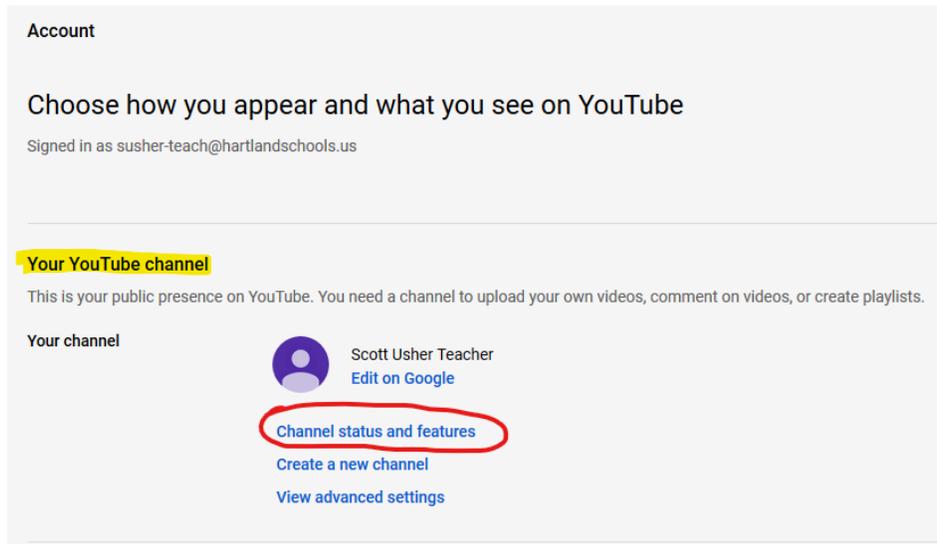
Why does YouTube need your phone number? It uses your phone number to verify who your account belongs to and to help protect the platform against abuse and SPAM.

YouTube ONLY lets you verify two accounts per phone number per year.

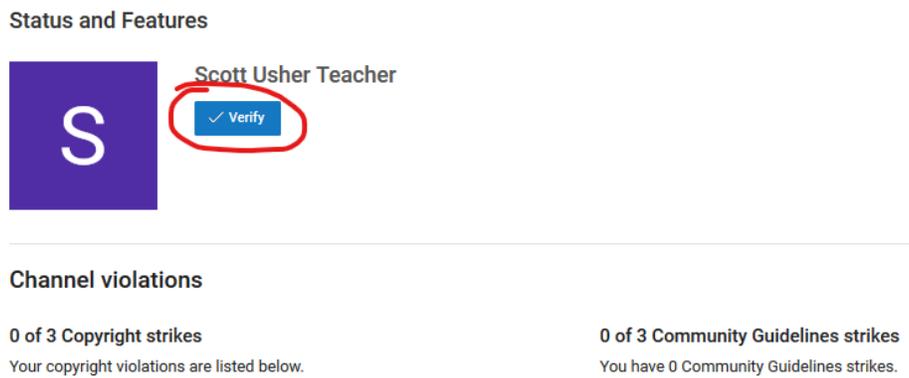
1. Open YouTube making sure that you are logged into your account.
2. Scroll down the left-hand side tab and find the option for “Settings” and click on it.



3. In the center, find “Your YouTube Channel” and then click on “Channel status and features”.



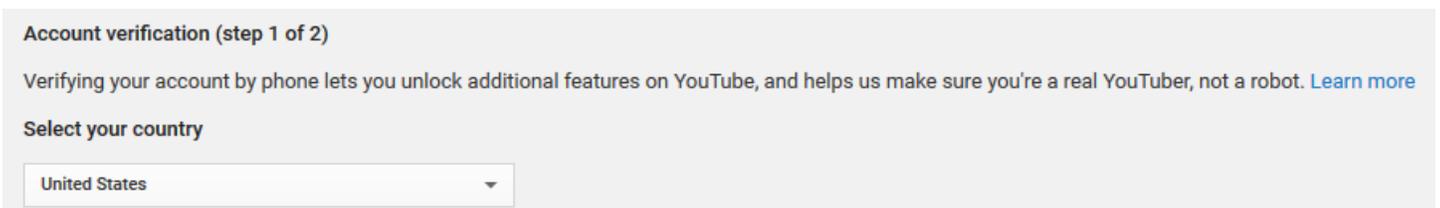
4. Under your channel name you will see a blue “Verify” button. You can click on that button.



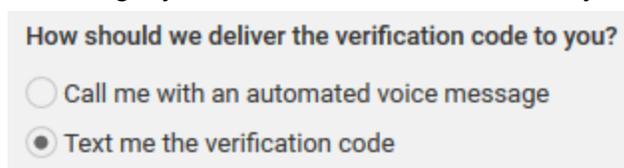
* For a shortcut on simply be sure you are logged into your Google Account in your Chrome Browser and type in youtube.com/verify in the URL field:



5. Select your country.

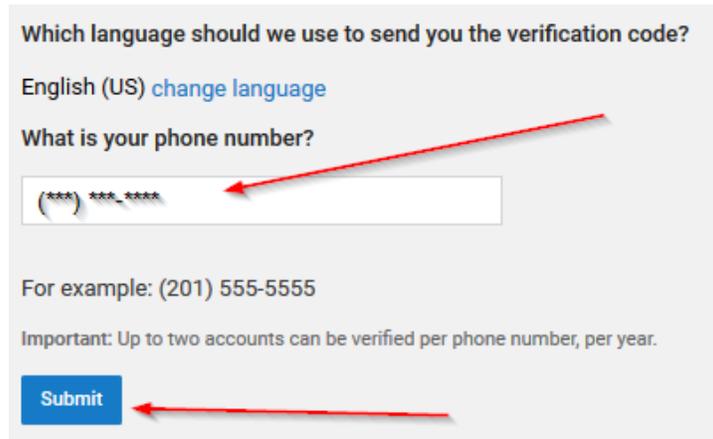


6. Select the radial button indicating if you want YouTube to call or text you with your verification code.



- a. *If you selected the TEXT option and you wait over 5 minutes, go back and select the “Call me with an automated voice message” and you will receive the call almost immediately.*

7. Type your phone number in the format provided in the field. AND click the “Submit” button.



Which language should we use to send you the verification code?
English (US) [change language](#)

What is your phone number?

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For example: (201) 555-5555

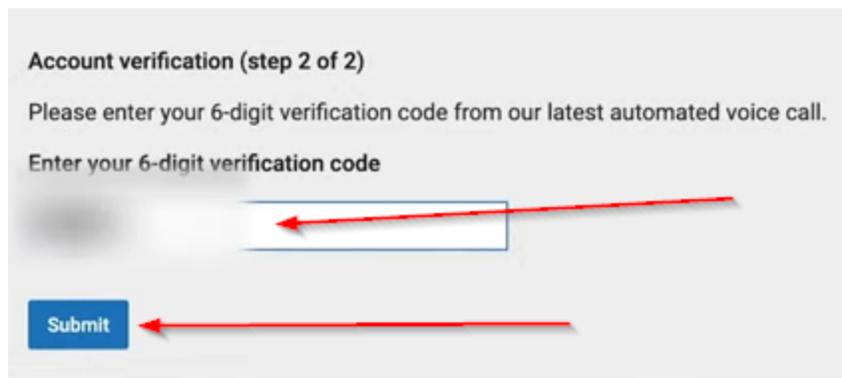
Important: Up to two accounts can be verified per phone number, per year.

Submit

This screenshot shows a form for phone number verification. At the top, it asks for a language preference, with 'English (US)' selected and a 'change language' link. Below that, it asks for the phone number, showing a masked input field with the format '(***) *** -****'. An example '(201) 555-5555' is provided. A note states 'Important: Up to two accounts can be verified per phone number, per year.' At the bottom, there is a blue 'Submit' button. Red arrows point to the phone number input field and the 'Submit' button.

8. YouTube will either call you or text you a verification code.

9. Enter that 6-digit verification code in the field provided.



Account verification (step 2 of 2)

Please enter your 6-digit verification code from our latest automated voice call.

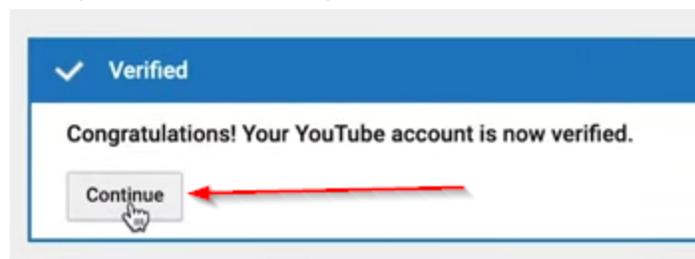
Enter your 6-digit verification code

Submit

This screenshot shows the second step of account verification. It asks the user to enter a 6-digit verification code received from a voice call. There is a text input field for the code and a blue 'Submit' button at the bottom. Red arrows point to the input field and the 'Submit' button.

10. Click the “Submit” button.

11. You will then see a message that states “Congratulations! Your YouTube account is now verified.”



✓ Verified

Congratulations! Your YouTube account is now verified.

Continue

This screenshot shows a success message. At the top, there is a blue header with a checkmark and the word 'Verified'. Below that, the text reads 'Congratulations! Your YouTube account is now verified.' At the bottom, there is a 'Continue' button with a hand cursor icon. A red arrow points to the 'Continue' button.

12. If you wish, you can check to confirm your account has been verified.

13. While still logged into your Chrome browser, browse to youtube.com/verify.

14. You should now see a message confirming that your account is now verified and you can click on the “Continue” button.

✓ Verified

Your YouTube account has already been verified.

Continue

