

How to Open your Cryptocurrency Trading Account

Our CryptoPulse Quant (CPQ) model trades cryptocurrencies consistent with the coins offered by Coinbase Pro and Kraken trading platforms. Both of these exchanges offer built-in custody wallets where you can safely store your holdings.

We have experience using both the Kraken and Coinbase Pro exchanges. The most noticeable differences between these platforms are that Coinbase typically lists new coins more often, while Kraken offers a better selection of technical indicators and interactive charting functions.



There are 3 major steps to creating your Coinbase Pro account:

[Estimated time to complete ≈ 20-30 Minutes]

- 1. Account Setup**
- 2. Document Upload**
- 3. Funding your Account**

Coinbase Pro: <https://pro.coinbase.com/>

Account Setup:

1. Click the blue 'Get Started' button in the center of the Coinbase Pro homepage
2. You will be required to provide the following personal details to begin setting up your profile:
 - a. Name (First, Last)**
 - b. Email**
 - c. Password (write this down!)**
 - d. State of Residence**
3. You'll receive a verification email once you've submitted the previous step. In order to activate your account, you simply need to click the link sent to you by Coinbase Pro
4. Once you've activated your account, you will be prompted to add your personal phone number to serve as 2FA (2-Factor Authentication).
 - a. After providing your mobile phone number, you will receive a text message with a 7-digit one-time code. Enter and Submit this code when prompted in Coinbase
5. You will be prompted to confirm your country of citizenship, simply select your country and Submit.
6. Once again you will be required to provide a handful of personal details including:
 - a. Name (First, Last)**
 - b. Date of Birth (Month, Day, Year)**

- c. **Street Address (Street, City, State, Zip)**
 - d. **Last 4-Digits of Social Security Number (SSN)**
7. You will be asked to clarify a few details about yourself such as your intended use of your Coinbase Pro account and your source of funding. These prompts are multiple-choice.

Document Upload:

8. You will need to upload photos of a federal identification document (**Driver's License, Photo ID, or Passport**).
9. Once you select the form of document you would like to provide, you will be prompted to use either your **webcam, file upload, or mobile phone camera**. (We recommend using your Mobile Camera as the most simple option)
10. Congratulations! You are officially registered to trade with Coinbase Pro. Continue below to see options for funding your new trading account

Funding your Account:

11. Once you have completed the previous step you will be prompted to 'Deposit USD'. If you don't see this on your screen, you can also add funds to your account by locating the 'Portfolio' tab in the top right corner of your screen. Within the Portfolio page, simply click the 'Deposit' button and select 'USD' as the currency you wish to deposit.
12. You will have 3 available methods to provide funds to your new account:
- a. **Bank Account** (Quickest and easiest)
 - b. **Wire Transfer** (Typically same day deposits if initiated before 1:00 pm PT)
 - c. **Coinbase.com** (Only if you were already registered with Coinbase, allows you to transfer funds from Coinbase to your Coinbase Pro trading portfolio)

For more detailed instructions on adding funds to your Coinbase Pro account click [Here](#).

Note: There may be temporary restrictions from being able to transfer your cryptocurrencies to an external wallet or cryptocurrency exchange (up to 14 days). This is normal, and typically will be as a result of pending confirmation on an ACH or Wire Transfer. This will not prevent you from trading/investing your funds within the Coinbase Pro platform.



There are 3 major steps to creating your Kraken account:

[Estimated time to complete ≈ 20-30 Minutes]

- 1. Account Setup**
- 2. Verification / Document Upload**
- 3. Funding your Account**

Kraken: <https://www.kraken.com>

Account Setup:

1. Click the white 'Create Account' button in the top-right corner of the website homepage
2. You will be required to provide the following personal details to begin setting up your profile:
 - a. Email**
 - b. Username (something you'll remember)**
 - c. Password (write this down!)**
 - d. Country of Residence**
 - e. State/Province of Residence**
3. You'll receive a verification email once you've submitted the previous step. In order to activate your account, you can either click the link sent to your email or you will need to copy the 'activation key' (typically a 6-digit number) from the verification email into Kraken. You will be prompted to provide this key once you've finished the previous step shown above.
4. Once you've activated your account, you will be able to log in to the Kraken website.

Verification / Document Upload:

5. Upon logging into your account after completing your account activation, you will need to verify your account by clicking the dropdown menu in the top right corner under your Kraken username and selecting "Get Verified". You will be prompted to select one of three options from the *Account Features and Limits* page. There are multiple options for different verification levels that will unlock different features. Click [Here](#) to see details on the verification tiers.
We recommend completing the Intermediate verification tier when first creating your account
6. For *Intermediate* verification you will be required to provide the following personal details:
 - a. Name (First, Last)**
 - b. Date of Birth**

- c. **Occupation**
 - d. **Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code)**
 - e. **Phone Number**
 - f. **Social Security Number**
7. Once you have provided the above information, you will need to upload photos of a federal identification document (**Driver's License, Photo ID, or Passport**).
 8. Once you select the form of document you would like to provide, you will be prompted to use either your **Webcam or File Upload**.
 9. Next, you will be prompted to either take or upload a selfie in order for Kraken to match you to the document that you uploaded.
 10. You should expect your verification to be processed within about 5 minutes, after which you will receive a confirmation email letting you know that you can now fund your account!

Funding your Account:

1. In order to fund your account, you will need to start by selecting 'Funding' from the main menu tabs in purple at the top of the kraken website.
2. Once you are on the 'Funding' page you will see a purple 'Deposit' button located within the white box titled 'Account Balances'.
3. Upon clicking 'Desposit' you will be directed to deposit the fiat currency that is accepted based on your geographic location. If you are based out of the United States, select 'US Dollar'
4. You will be redirected to a page that asks you to type the amount of cash you would like to fund into your account. If you haven't completed the *Intermediate* verification level, you will be restricted to a \$9,000 maximum deposit per day.
5. Upon filling out the amount that you would like to deposit, you will see bank details with the information needed to initiate a money wire from your bank. You can either use your bank's online services to send a wire (if available), or you can print the wire information from this page and bring it to a representative at your nearest bank branch where you can initiate the wire in person.

Note: There may be temporary restrictions from being able to transfer or withdraw your cryptocurrencies to an external wallet or cryptocurrency exchange immediately after funding your account, as well as an automatic 72-hour hold on your first deposit.