

Converting FIAT Currencies into Cryptocurrencies: A Step-By-Step Guide

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By using this guide, you'll avoid hefty transaction fees that some exchanges charge and be well on your way to trading or holding mainstream or altcoins long-term



Why make this guide?

Over the past few weeks, I've been gouged a few different ways converting USD to LTC and BTC in order to fund my exchange accounts. 10% here, 20%, it was frustrating to see some of my profits eaten away by transaction fees. I wanted to put together a simple guide so you guys don't repeat my same mistakes. Hopefully this can make the market a little more accessible. You know what they say, a rising tide lifts all boats... Whether you're a day trader or a strong-handed HODLER, I hope this guide can help you and your portfolio. Good luck!

Recommended Source of Funds: [Coinbase](#) | [LocalBitcoins](#) (US) | [Local Bitcoins](#) (online payments & Global) |

Recommend Exchanges: [Binance](#) (Instant Verification) | [HitBTC](#) | [Bitgrail](#) (XRB Exchange)

Required Credentials: Identification required for funding Fiat to LTC/ETH in Coinbase and LocalBitcoins only. Email address only for trading on Binance.



Barebone Requirements

1. Funds (Fiat Currency or cryptocurrency)
2. A way to convert Fiat Currency into LTC or ETH ([Coinbase](#) or Localbitcoins account)
3. An Exchange: I recommend a [Binance](#) account to exchange and store a variety of cryptocurrencies in real-time
4. A Wallet: Deposit LTC or ETH into Binance account

Enjoy and happy Trading!

Lets get started by setting up the necessary accounts for this guide:

Required: You will need a [Coinbase](#) or [Localbitcoins](#) account.

FOR NON-US RESIDENTS: [Wall of Coins](#), [Panda: Buy & sell Bitcoin and Ethereum](#), IN THAT ORDER

- Set up an account on any of the above websites and follow all the steps needed in creating an account.
- This is required to fund your trading account with the currency of your choosing. If you already have some form of cryptocurrency, open up an Exchange account and transfer it in to begin trading
- LocalBitcoins is faster and cheaper than Coinbase, but it is more work. If you want to get money in the game ASAP, go through Coinbase and purchase on a credit card. If you're willing to wait a day or 2, go through LocalBitcoins

Required: You will need a [Binance](#) account.

Binance is a very popular exchange and will be used to trade your ETH, BTC or LTC into other up and coming currencies on binance e.g Ripple, IOTA, NEO etc. It has ZERO identity

verification in order to start trading, the fastest inbound/outbound transfers, and has MUCH lower transaction fees than Bittrex, HitBTC, GDAX, etc..

- Use the below Binance link to direct 50% of your fees to myself instead of Binance. This doesn't change how much you pay, it merely gives me a tip for writing this out :)
- <https://www.binance.com/?ref=13153018>
- You can also directly type in 13153018 to give me some credit, thank you!
- Follow the account set up instructions. You don't need to verify to start trading or withdrawing!
- If you've already set up an account, but you haven't funded it yet, you can create another account with my ref link without an issue. When I see you pop up, I'll send you a small token of appreciation. 13153018

Why Binance? Good question.

I recommend Binance for a few reasons. However, Bittrex, HitBTC, and Bitgrail are also decent.

1. Cheapest and most transparent transaction fees: Binance charges 0.05% per transaction w/ BNB. This is lower than Bittrex (0.25%) Bitgrail (0.20%) and HitBTC (0.50%)
2. INSTANT verification and trading: No need to submit any identity documents until you start trading above \$30,000.
3. Loyalty programs: For each friend you sign-up, Binance takes 50% of their fees and gives them to you. Great way to offset the already low fees.
4. Variety of coins: No other exchange has close to the different coins available for exchange, new listings, or trading options as Binance does
5. Different Marketplaces: Purchase your alt coins in BNB, BTC, LTC, ETH, or USDT (US dollar tether). This insulates you from a portfolio meltdown if BTC were to crash.

Pro Tips and info on how to pay the lowest fees!

Funding your Coinbase account via bank transfer or wire is cheaper than with a credit card, but has a much higher chance of getting caught up and is inherently a longer process. I'd go with a debit card to start solely because of the holiday season and the manual nature of the banking system.

In addition to bank transfers and cryptocurrency deposits, Coinbase also allows you to use credit cards to make purchases. They also allow users to make withdrawals using PayPal.

Coinbase is a great site to get started and purchase a base currency. To instantly purchase a currency, you'll have to use a debit or credit card. Coinbase actually offers some of the

lowest credit card buy/sell fees in the industry. Their prices aren't the best, and they've been pretty slow to respond, but you can still buy LTC and transfer it to the wallet of your choosing very cheaply.

If you want to fund using a bank transfer (recommended for lowest fees) then you can also buy through Gdax which is a platform by Coinbase. I don't recommend GDAX, as I'm a little wary on Coinbase as a whole, and GDAX owns Coinbase.

If neither of the above is realistic for you, turn to Localbitcoins.com. You can set up a meet-up for a cash transaction, schedule something through Venmo, buy it through QuickPay, whatever you want really. Just ensure you find a verified seller and you'll be fine. This might be the quickest route to fund your account with USD.

Accounts set up? Now we can start to trade:

This will show you how to purchase coins via coinbase or Gdax and then how to trade them with other coins listed on the [Binance](#) exchange. Click the link, go to register in the top right hand of the screen, and you can create an account and starting trading up to 2.0BTC with just an email address.

Buy a currency from [Coinbase](#) or LocalBitcoins

- Go to the buy and sell option in your coinbase account and use funds from a bank transfer or credit card to buy ETH or LTC. Follow all the steps through and confirm payment. You will now have currency in your Coinbase wallet.
- DO NOT BUY BTC. The transaction fee to send BTC will hover around \$30 regardless of amount. You're much better off purchasing LTC or ETH which have a transaction fee of under a dollar.
- If funding via bank transfer and not credit card then go to Binance and use your funds there to buy some ETH or LTC on the /USD exchanges.

It is cheaper than using your bank funds directly on coinbase. Also your coinbase and GDAX accounts are linked and you can move funds between them. You are exchanging your dollars for someone else's ETH, BTC, BCC or LTC which results in low fees. You should also get true market value this way.

Then head over to [Binance](#)

- Go to **Funds** and then **Deposits withdrawals**.

- Search for your ETH or BTC wallet on the binance wallet list. Type ETH or BTC in searchbox to find them quicker.
- Click on Deposit and then copy the deposit address from your binance wallet.

Then transfer your ETH/LTC from Coinbase/Gdax to Binance

- Go to "Accounts" on Coinbase and select your wallet
- Click on "Send" and paste your Binance deposit address.
- After the transfer is confirmed you will see your the coins in your Binance wallet balance.

You can now use your coins to buy any cryptocurrency binance supports.

- Go to Exchange > basic > in the top right corner select the currency you bought (ETH, BTC)
- Search for a coin you're looking to buy.

How to purchase on Binance using IOTA as an example:

- Click on IOTA/(ETH/BTC) in the Exchange , basic section.
- At the bottom you can now see 'Buy IOTA', 'price', 'amount', 'percentages', 'Total' and 'Buy IOTA'.

If you want to use all your cryptocurrency to buy IOTA select 100%, if you only want to buy 25% select 25%, this way you won't have to calculate anything.

- Click on 'Buy IOTA' and you will now see your balance under Funds > Deposits withdrawals .

Using Ethereum as the base currency is recommended as it has less fees and will move faster out of coinbase than bitcoin. You could also buy Litecoin and then exchange that on [Binance](#) for ETH or BTC.

Tracking Your Transactions

Use the following two websites to track the status of your Bitcoin or Ethereum Transactions going out of Coinbase into Binance.

Enter your binance wallet address to check the Balance or search the transaction hash to see pending status.



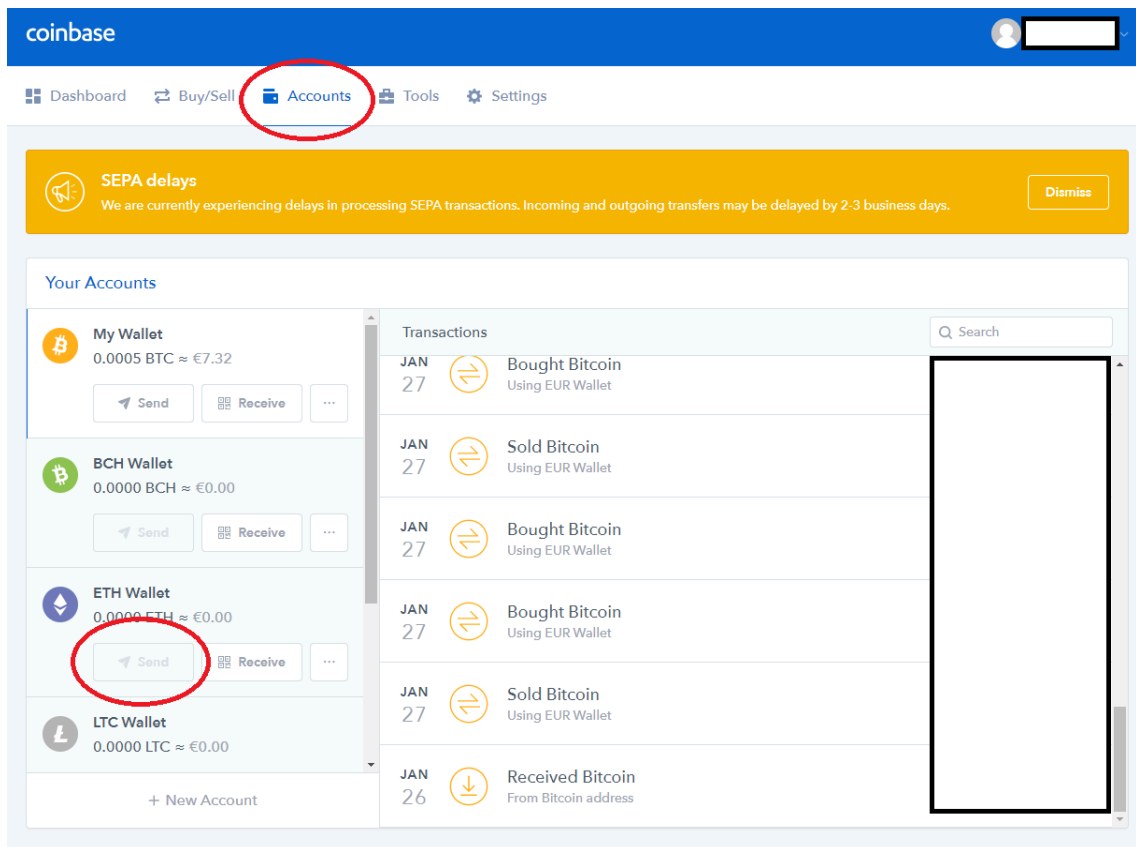
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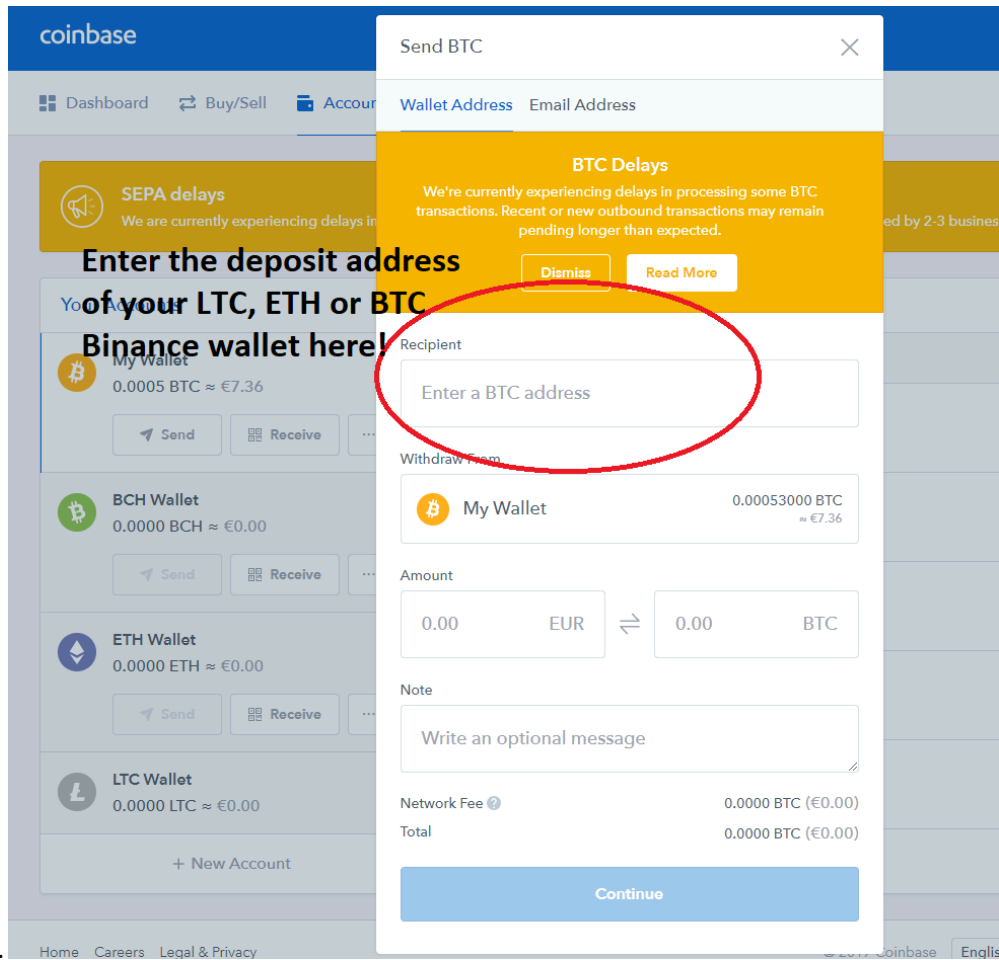
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Screenshot guide on how to Purchase, Transfer and Trade Cryptocurrencies

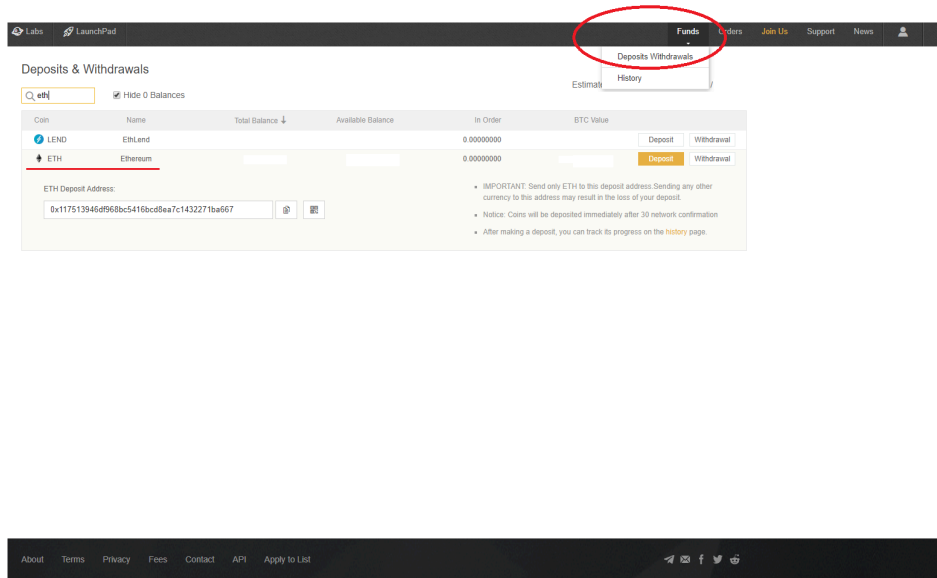
1. To send your currency go to accounts on coinbase and then select your currency wallet.



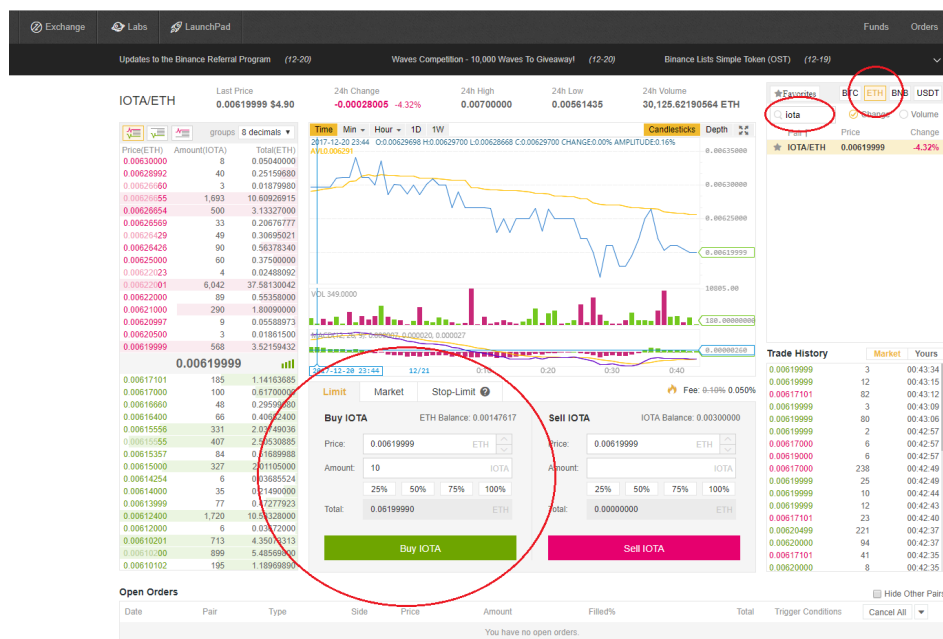
2. Then you will have to enter the address of your [Binance](#) deposit wallet. Make sure you select the correct currency on [Binance](#) before you send. To find the deposit address check the next photo.



3. On [Binance](#), go to funds up top and then select the currency you will be sending from coinbase. Copy the address and enter it into coinbase and finish the transaction.



4. To trade and buy other coins go to the exchange section and chose basic. Then search for the coin you want to trade.

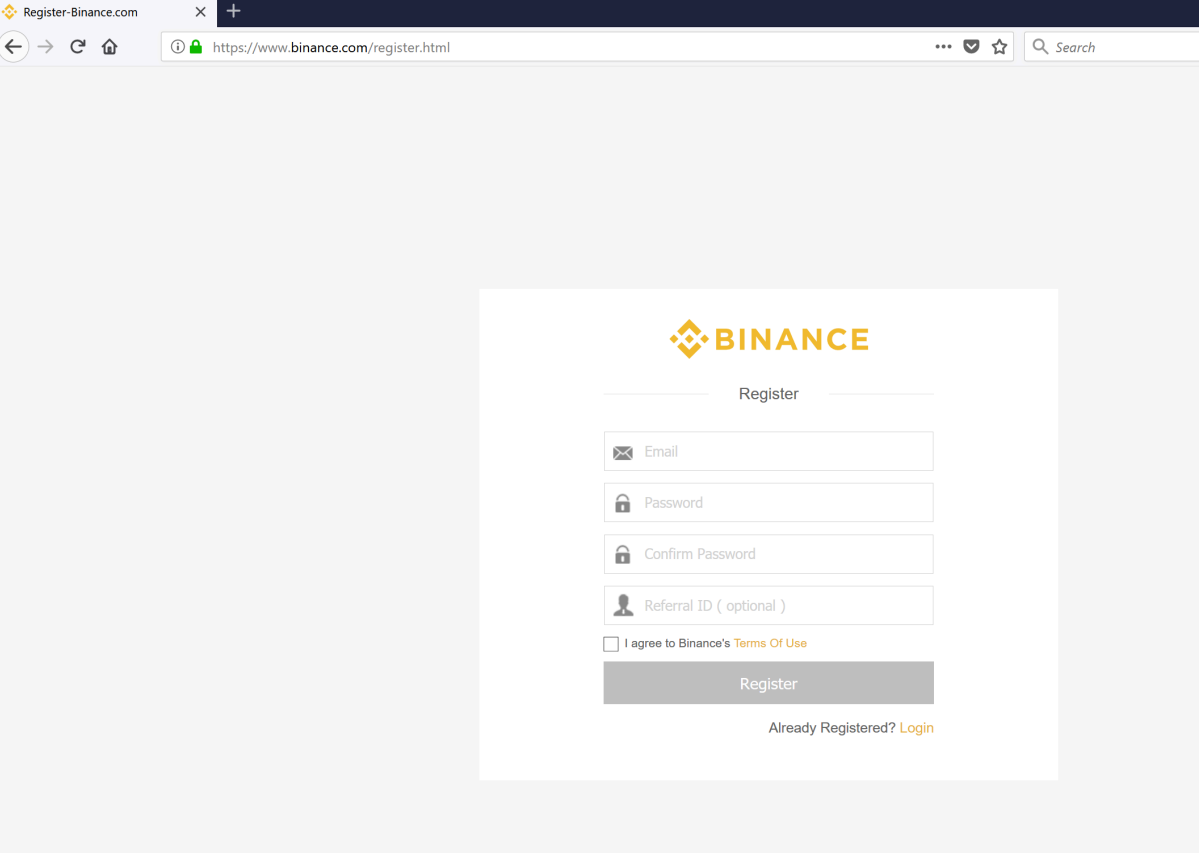


Alternatively, if you're okay with sticking with the Coinbase/GDAX combination, which I don't exactly recommend, but thousands of people disagree with me here. Check out Reddit User u/ RandyinLA recommends:

*"1. Wire transfer USD into coinbase USD wallet, initiating the process from your bank's website. \$10 flat fee on coinbase and different banks charge a different flat fee
2. Log into GDAX (same login credentials as your coinbase account) and move the USD from coinbase's USD wallet over to GDAX's USD wallet instantly and for free
3.. Buy BTC on GDAX using limit buy option for free
4. Transfer your BTC out of GDAX to your own wallet or over to an exchange... for free. GDAX even covers the btc transaction fee."*

If you have any crypto questions feel free to message me on reddit, i will get back asap!

If you appreciated this guide, please use 13153018 when you create your Binance account :) I would really appreciate it! Binance pays you a few points of BTC when you sign up a friend, helps me out a bunch.

A screenshot of a web browser showing the Binance registration page. The browser's address bar displays "https://www.binance.com/register.html". The page features the Binance logo at the top, followed by the heading "Register". Below this, there are four input fields: "Email", "Password", "Confirm Password", and "Referral ID (optional)". A checkbox labeled "I agree to Binance's Terms Of Use" is positioned below the referral ID field. A grey "Register" button is located at the bottom of the form. At the very bottom of the page, there is a link that says "Already Registered? Login".

Mutually beneficial offer: If you open a [Binance](#) account through my referral link in conjunction with a qualifying [Coinbase](#) account creation, I'll deposit the \$10 Coinbase sign-up bonus into your Binance wallet. In conjunction with the \$10 bonus you'll be getting on your end, it's a quick way for a free \$20 to get you started with alt-coins. You can even create a new Binance account if you already have one, I won't stop ya :)

\$150 paid out so far

Contact me on Reddit to follow up.

Like what you read, already have a Binance account, and for some odd reason want to send me a small tip for putting this together?

In that unlikely scenario, here's my Binance LTC deposit address:

Binance LTC Address: LThpJTKD4ngnfcLXHJ9h4Z3XpzoJmve4Dv

Thank you and Happy trading!