

Google Forms Beta FAQ:

Automatically save your response progress

Q: What is the feature in the Beta?

A: When responding to a Google Form, Quiz or Quiz assignment in Classroom while signed into your Google Workspace account, your progress will automatically be saved as a draft for 30 days from your last edit or until the form is completed, whichever is earlier. This means you won't have to start over if you can't complete a form or quiz in one sitting, if you want to switch between multiple devices, or if your internet connection cuts out before your answers have been submitted.

Q: What are the requirements to participate in the Beta?

A: To participate in the Beta, please ensure the following:

- A Google Workspace Administrator has completed the [Application](#) form.
- Institutions are K12 School Districts and Higher Education.
- The domain cannot have [data location requirements](#).
- The domain must have Workspace accounts for students.

Note that these requirements apply only to Beta, and not GA.

Q: When will the Beta be available? And when will this actually launch to everyone?

A: We estimate that the Beta will be available for people who sign up to test in early Q2 2021, and the feature will have general availability during the summer.

Q: Do users need to be logged in to automatically save their response progress?

A: Yes, this feature only works when you are logged in. During Beta, this feature will only work for users on your domain. (If your students use personal accounts, they will not have the feature.)

Q: How do I find a draft?

A: To find your draft response for a form, simply reopen the form URL while logged in to the same Google account you used to create the draft. If you are logged out of your Google account when responding, your draft will not be saved.

Q: For how long are my responses saved?

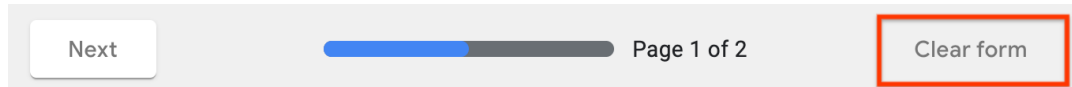
A: The data is temporary and exists only for 30 days from the last edit. You will no longer have access to your draft after you submit or after those 30 days.

Q: How can responders download their response data?

A: Since this is temporary data, if a responder has not yet submitted their response, they can get a copy of their response by copy/pasting their response into another document.

Q: How can I delete a draft?

A: Your draft will be automatically deleted 30 days after your last edit or when you submit the form, whichever is earlier. To delete your in-progress draft, you can also use the Clear Form option at the bottom of a form.



Q: Are there aspects of the feature that won't be available during the beta phase?

A: At least the following aspects of this feature will not be available until it is released to general availability (GA):

- [Data location](#) will be available at GA.
- The ability to disable this feature at the form level (meaning a form owner can disable it for all respondents to their form). This feature will be available at GA.

Q: Can a user have multiple active drafts for a form?

A: No, a logged-in user can only have one active draft response to a particular form or quiz at any given time. This means they will not be able to have two or more separate responses to a form in separate tabs or on separate devices. This also means that students will not be able to share accounts to respond to the same form or quiz.

Q: How will this feature work with shared devices?

A: Similar to other personal information, users should protect their draft responses by logging out of shared devices after use. If you have multiple users responding to the same form on a shared device (e.g. a kiosk or entrance form), you should discourage users from logging into the device or remind them to clear any unsubmitted responses from the form. (Note that post-GA, you will be able to disable draft responses on a specific form for settings like kiosks.)

Q: Are there times when I may lose access to my responses?

A: Here are some of the actions taken by the form owner that may impact your draft:

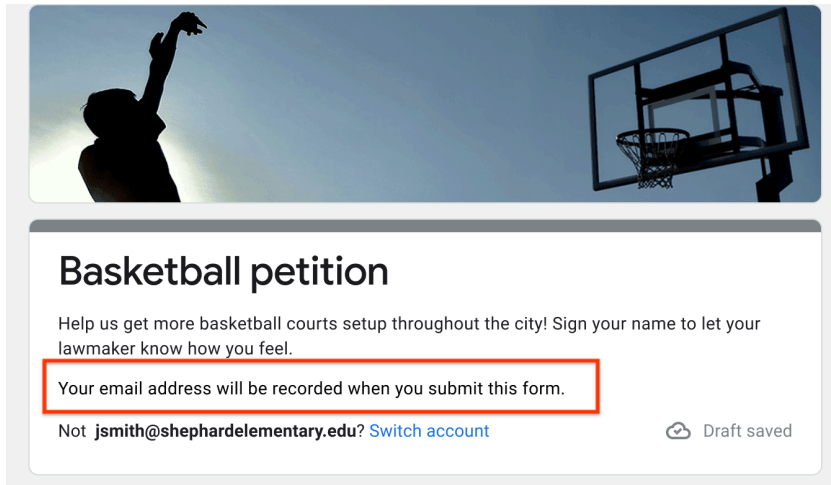
- If you lose access to a form, you will also lose access to your draft for that form.
- If the form owner deletes a question, you lose your draft to that question.
- If the form owner makes a change to a question option that you have selected, it will no longer be selected in your draft. (If the form owner changes other parts of the question, like the question stem or other answer options, your answer will not be affected.)
- Changes to branching logic in a form may result in you losing access to certain pages of a form.

Q: Does this feature work offline?

A: No, you must be connected to the internet for your draft to be autosaved. If you lose your internet connection, you may lose work completed after you lost your internet connection. (This feature does not support [offline mode](#).)

Q: If I'm logged in to use this feature, does that mean the form owner is collecting my email address?

A: If the form owner is auto-collecting your email address, you will see a message indicating this at the top of the form.



Q: Can I still edit my response after submission?

A: If the form owner has enabled this feature, you can still edit your response after submission. However, your edits will not be autosaved after submission, so you need to resubmit any changes before navigating away from the page in order to apply them to your response.

Q: If I have more questions, where can I go to learn more?

A: If you have additional questions after reviewing this FAQ, please email us at edu-pilot-program@google.com with "Google Forms Beta" in the subject line.