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# Guide to creating an Apple ID on an iPad

## Using Apple iCloud to create Apple IDs without email addresses

It is very useful to have a child Apple ID to get the best out of an iPad. If parents already have their own Apple ID and Apple device they can add a child to their own ID as a Family Sharing member. See our Guide 13 Setting up iTunes Family Sharing if this sounds like your situation.

If you don't already have an Apple device and Apple ID of your own, here's how you can create an account for your child on the child's iPad.

- On the iPad, go into the Settings app, and select iCloud in the column on the left.
- Tap the Create a new Apple ID link.
- Enter a date of birth - you must be over 13 to create your own Apple ID. For younger children, the parent should enter their own date of birth.
- Enter the child's name for the account.
- Next ask for a free iCloud email address. Create an email address which is unlikely to have been used elsewhere. "johnsmith" will already be taken, but a little trial and error should find an available name. Remember that the child will keep this account forever, so avoid anything too embarrassing.
- Enter a password with at least 8 characters, including a number and a capital letter. As a parent, you can decide whether to let your child have this password or keep it secret, but do make sure to remember it, as it's needed every time anything is downloaded in the App Store.
- Choose and answer 3 security questions. You could make these things you as a parent will know, but write them down!
- You don't have to enter a rescue email address but you could enter your own.
- Best to turn off email updates from Apple if this is a child's iPad.
- Agree to the Terms and Conditions, having read them all thoroughly.
- You now have an Apple ID, which needs one more step before it can be used for app and book purchases. Go to "Buy a free app" below.

## Buy a free app

You now need to turn the iCloud address into a fully fledged Apple ID, so that apps, books, music and other services are available. Whatever you might have heard elsewhere, there really is only one way to create an account without needing a credit card number, and here it is.

- Tap on the App Store app to open it.
- Find a free app. Any app will do but it must be free. If you're not sure, search for iTunes U in the search bar top right.
- Click the Get button on the free app.
- If you created an iCloud account for this iPad, type it into the Apple ID box now, along with its password. You will be asked for a little extra information, such as your postal address, but otherwise the iCloud account will be turned into a full Apple ID very quickly.
- Agree to any terms and conditions which pop up. These will relate to the use of apps in the App Store and music in iTunes.

## Downloading apps

As no credit card is associated with this ID, the child can download free app as long as they know the password, but not apps with a cost. If you ever enter credit card details they will be remembered on the iPad unless you delete them again after purchasing apps. An alternative is to give your child an iTunes voucher or gift card, available in most supermarkets.