



WeChat for Foreigners

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A Complete Setup Guide in 4 Steps

4 Steps to Get Started

Everything you need to use WeChat & WeChat Pay as a foreign visitor

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Download

Get WeChat from App Store or
Google Play

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Sign Up

Register with your international
phone number

3

Verify

Complete real-name verification
with passport

4

Link Card

Link Visa, Mastercard or other
international bank cards

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Download the WeChat App

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Open App Store (iOS) or Google Play (Android)

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Search for "WeChat" — look for the green chat bubble icon

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Tap "Get" or "Install" and wait for download

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Open the app — the welcome screen will appear

PRO TIP

Make sure you have a stable internet connection.

The app is about 300MB.



WeChat

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Create Your Account

- 1 Tap "Sign Up" on the welcome screen
- 2 Select your country code (e.g., +1 for USA, +44 for UK)
- 3 Enter your international phone number
- 4 Enter the SMS verification code you receive
- 5 Set a secure password (8-16 characters)

IMPORTANT

Use a phone number you can receive SMS on.
A Chinese number is NOT required!

step 1

下载或更新微信/WeChat应用程序
Download or Update your WeChat app

请用手机下载或更新微信/WeChat应用程序至最新版本，使用手机号码注册或登录。

On your mobile phone, **Download** or **Update** your WeChat app to the latest version. Register with your phone number or sign in.



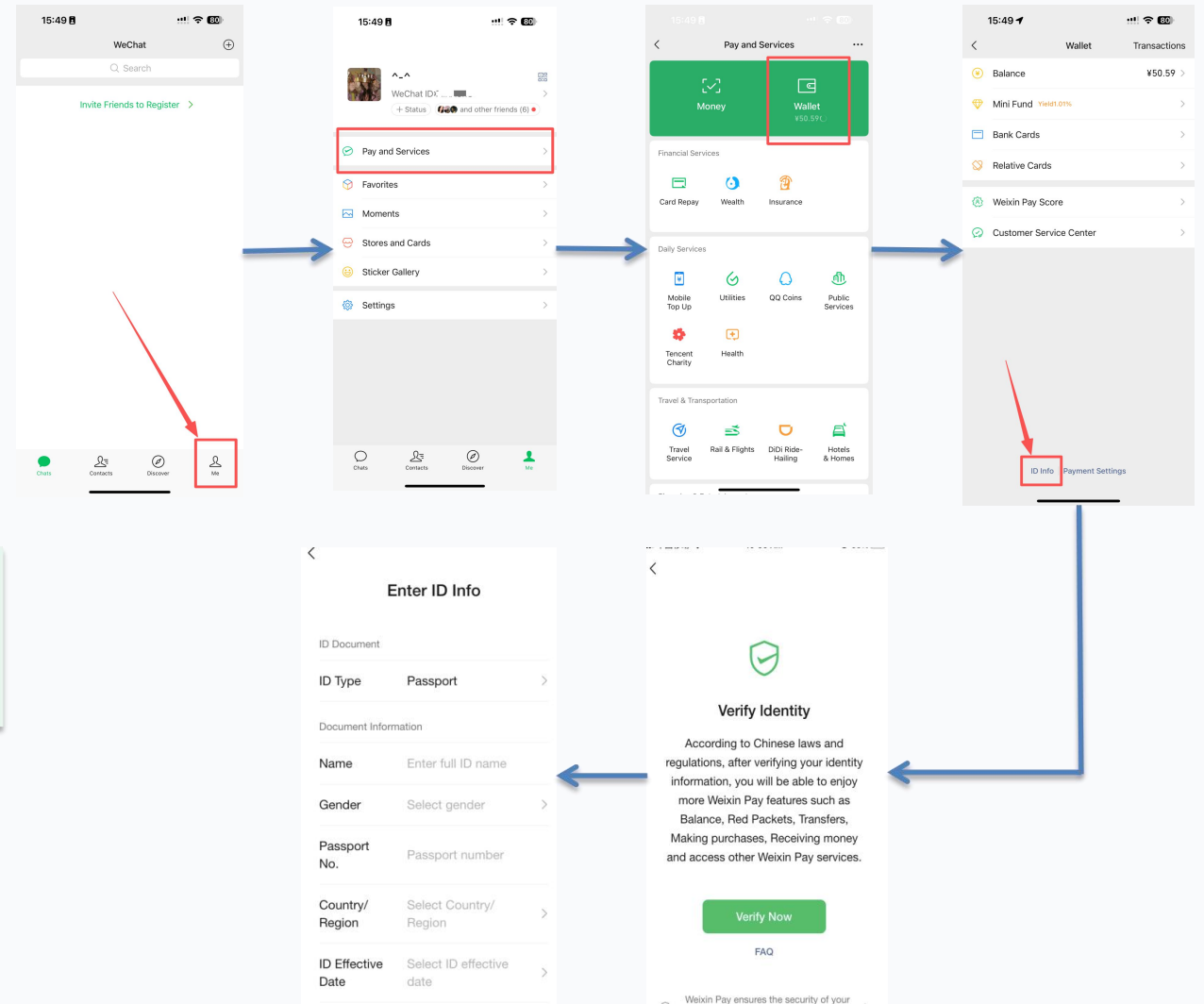
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Real-Name Verification

- 1 Go to "Me" -> "Services" -> "Wallet"
- 2 Tap "ID Info" or "Verify Identity"
- 3 Choose "Passport" as your ID type
- 4 Fill in your passport details and upload photo
- 5 Complete face recognition (follow the prompts)

PROCESSING TIME

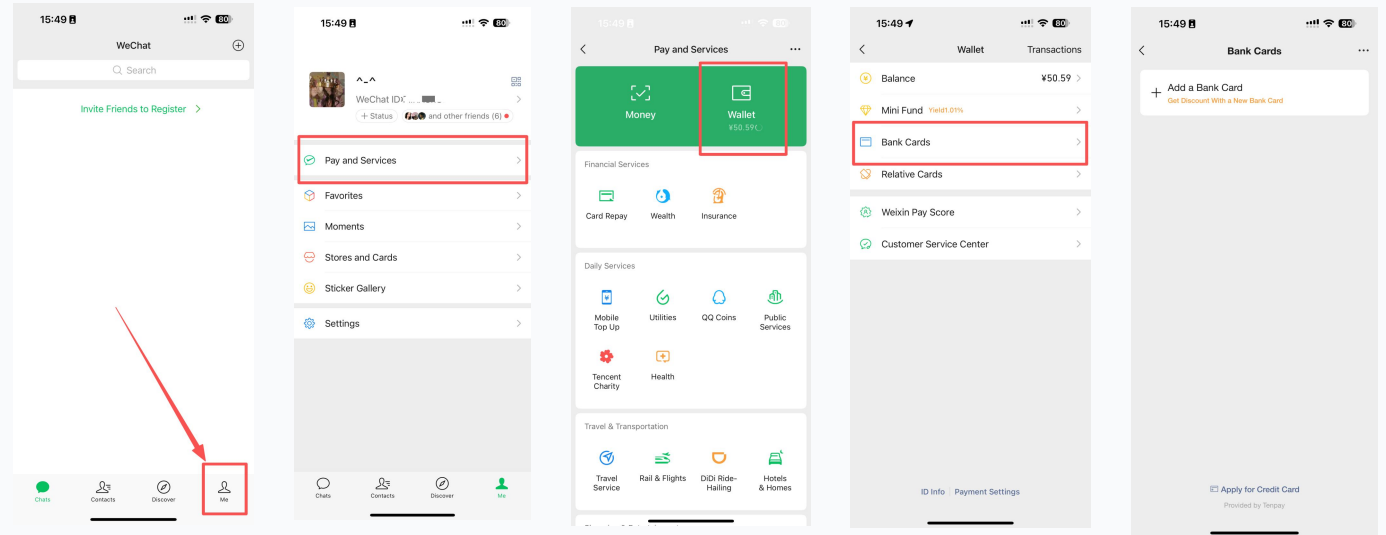
Verification usually takes a few minutes to 24 hours.
You'll get a notification when approved.



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Link Your Bank Card

- 1 Go to "Me" -> "Pay and Services" -> "Wallet" -> "Bank Cards"
- 2 Tap "Add a Bank Card" or the "+" button
- 3 Enter your card number manually or scan it
- 4 Fill in expiry date, CVV, and billing address
- 5 Enter the SMS verification code from your bank



SUPPORTED CARDS

Visa, Mastercard, Diners Club, Discover, JCB
and most major international cards are supported.

OK

You're All Set!

You can now chat, scan QR codes, pay at restaurants, ride public transport, shop online, and enjoy cashless life in China with WeChat.

Msg
Chat

QR
Scan to Pay

Bus
Transport

Cart
Shopping