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Thread: [telegram now forces premium subscription on sign up](#)

DarkLo - September 29, 2025, 3:03 am

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Sparrow-Hunt - September 29, 2025, 3:41 am

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I still have my old telegram account so i don't know about the recent update going on with TG, if that is the case with what you've just explain then that sucks, people will move on to the next.

cad-syak - September 29, 2025, 8:55 am

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Chorozon - September 29, 2025, 10:41 am

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INCREDIBLE - September 29, 2025, 11:30 am

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by ChatGPT

Astaroth - September 30, 2025, 3:11 am

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Jamika - October 1, 2025, 10:46 am

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I haven't actually tried making a new account since about three months, but I did try subscribing to channels, and many of them require paying subscription stars. I don't know if that has anything to do with what you're saying or not.

DarkLo - October 11, 2025, 11:59 pm

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RangoWorld - October 12, 2025, 1:19 am

Strange. This shouldn't be happening and I'll be surprised if they're doing that. Because their CEO and founder is adamant that Telegram has not been about money first.

Fish - October 12, 2025, 1:21 am

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Chorozon - October 13, 2025, 12:22 am

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Its crazy to see this happening since they are worth a 37293288230 dollars and they have normally been all about the users

They have been trying to crack down on people generating accounts for a while now but this is a bad way to do it

I know certain countries will flag i hope this does not become the future of telegrams methods

Charlie Sheen - October 13, 2025, 3:17 am

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I am glad my post produced a chuckle. ?

But I maintain my stance in the matter. Russians don't hand information around like bubblegum, with the exception for Pavel Durov who really caved in. I really think Telegram is dangerously insecure after that incident in France. Just looking at the app give me the shills. Telegram is FBI-Gram now. ?

ACHRAF - October 18, 2025, 11:48 pm

Hey I want to know if you have the method to bypass the Snapchat Ads review process.

Pimping - October 19, 2025, 12:04 am

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Not sure then that is very weird they would add something like that
is it maybe your IP? phone number might be blacklisted? not sure

Scarecrow - November 10, 2025, 1:42 pm

The country of the Number you are trying to use is too expensive for telegram to justify using it for sign up hence why they force Premium down your throat. Try using a different country's number for sign up. 5sim, smspva etc.

alabamablooddogg - November 14, 2025, 9:17 pm

I had the same issue mainly on Android (you don't get the issue on an iPhone). I also didn't use the Google Play Store version because you have to verify your age to download it. (Does anyone remember when you could just download Telegram-FOSS and register an account?) Try changing the IP, SMS service, and country. A couple of months ago, I was able to register an account on an emulator while using a proxy. You can also just buy an account that comes with TDATA, SESSION, and JSON, but you will need a PC and the portable version of Telegram. Note that those accounts can get banned depending on how you use them.

erchan - November 16, 2025, 11:38 am

The fuck? This is bullshit i thought telegram was good

mohamad123d7 - November 23, 2025, 2:45 am

"Yes, I have been creating Telegram accounts in large quantities since the beginning of 2025. This one is paid, and there are also account freezes."