

## To register for the first time:

1. Click the “Register” link at the top of most eBay pages.  
**Note:** To register as a business instead of as an individual, click the “register as a business” link. (See [Registering as a Business](#) to learn more.)
2. Enter your name, address and phone number.
3. Enter your date of birth.
4. Enter your email address. Be sure to enter an email address that you can check right away.  
**Note:** If you register using a Web-based (anonymous) email address, such as an email address from Yahoo! or Hotmail, you'll need to place a valid credit or debit card on file to verify your identity. Your card will be used for identification only and will not be charged. If you don't want to place a credit or debit card on file, you'll need to register with an email address from a company or paid Internet Service Provider, such as AOL. Learn more about [Providing Identification for Registration](#).
5. Read the eBay User Agreement and Privacy Policy then select the **I agree to the following** check box.
6. Click the **Continue** button.
7. Choose your User ID and password.
8. Choose a secret question.
9. Click the **Continue** button.
10. Check your email for a message with a link and instructions for confirming your registration. [Haven't received your registration email yet?](#)
11. Open your registration email and click the link. A registration confirmation message displays.
12. If you've done this but nothing happens, do the following:
  - Find your confirmation code near the bottom of the registration email.
  - Enter your confirmation code in the specified box (if it isn't already entered for you).
  - If your email is not already displayed on this page, be sure to enter the email address you originally registered with, and then click the **Continue** button.

If you have any problems registering, see [Problems Registering?](#)