

1. Create an Apple ID

First, ensure you have an Apple ID with **two-factor authentication** enabled. Use a real email (ideally your company domain) and enter your legal first and last name (no nicknames or company name in the name fields) developer.apple.com/docs/nuvei.com. This Apple ID will be used to sign in to Apple's Developer site.

- **Go to** appleid.apple.com and complete the “**Create Your Apple ID**” form docs.nuvei.com.
- **Verify** the account via the email and SMS codes Apple sends you docs.nuvei.com.
- **Enable 2FA:** On your iPhone or via appleid.apple.com, turn on two-factor authentication (required for Developer enrollment)
- developer.apple.com.

2. Get a D-U-N-S® Number (Iraq)

Apple requires a D-U-N-S Number to verify your organization's legal identity developer.apple.com. This is a free 9-digit business identifier issued by Dun & Bradstreet (D&B).

- **Check existing:** First use D&B's lookup tool to see if your company already has a D-U-N-S. dnb.com
- **Request a D-U-N-S:** If not listed, apply via D&B's official site (free). Provide your legal business name, address, phone, owner's name, year founded, structure, etc. D&B may call to verify your info; standard processing takes up to 30 business days dnb.com. (You can pay to expedite 8 business days if needed, but it's free otherwise.)
- **Contact D&B for issues:** In difficult cases, email D&B at appdeveloper@dnb.com or use their Apple-specific support portal (e.g. support.dnb.com/?CUST=APPLEDEV)
- onlinesupporthelp.zendesk.com/onlinesupporthelp.zendesk.com. If the D-U-N-S request fails, these are the recommended contacts.
- **Receive D-U-N-S:** D&B will email you the number when ready. Record it exactly as given.

3. Enroll in Apple Developer Program (Organization)

Now enroll on Apple's Developer site as an Organization. Use the same Apple ID from Step 1.

- **Sign in to Apple Developer:** Go to developer.apple.com/programs/enroll (or open the Apple Developer app) and sign in with your Apple ID.
- **Select organization enrollment:** Choose “**Enroll as an Organization.**” When asked for a country/region, select **Iraq** (Iraq has been supported since 2018) bluemix.github.io. Apple will use this to apply your membership fee in local currency if available.
- **Enter business details:** Provide your **legal company name (exactly as on your D-U-N-S record)**, address, and work email (must match your organization's domain) developer.apple.com/onlinesupport/help.zendesk.com. Apple requires the name and address to match official records. Copy/paste the name from your D-U-N-S listing to avoid name mismatches onlinesupport/help.zendesk.com.
- **Provide D-U-N-S and authority:** Enter the D-U-N-S Number obtained in Step 2 developer.apple.com. You must be an owner or have legal authority to bind the company; if not the owner, be prepared to list a senior employee as a reference developer.apple.com.
- **Verify and pay:** Apple will review your info. Once verified, agree to the license and pay the annual fee (in USD or local currency, see below) developer.apple.com.

4. Documents, Fees, and Timelines

Gather the required documents and plan for expected delays.

- **Documents needed:** Have your company's business registration or incorporation certificate and official ID of the enrolling executive. Apple may ask for *notarized* copies (e.g. notarized by a public notary or municipal office) to certify authenticity developer.apple.com. If documents are not in English, have certified translations ready.
- **Fees:** The standard Apple Developer Program fee is **99 USD per year** developer.apple.com. (Apple charges in local currency if available.) Government, non-profit, or educational entities can request a fee waiver in the app. As of July 2020, Apple accepts payment from Iraqi bank cards (e.g. Iraqi Islamic Bank MasterCard) bluemix.github.io. In other words, you can now pay the fee directly with a local credit card.

- **Timelines:** D-U-N-S processing can take ~4–6 weeks dnb.com. After submission, Apple verification may take several days. Note that Apple’s support often works Monday–Friday, so submissions on weekends may not be processed until Monday. Plan accordingly.

5. Common Pitfalls & Best Practices

Avoid these frequent issues during enrollment:

- **Exact business name:** Always use your *exact* legal name (as in D-U-N-S) when enrolling onlinesupporthelp.zendesk.com. Apple’s system will reject slight mismatches (even punctuation or “LLC” vs. “L.L.C.”) onlinesupporthelp.zendesk.com.
- **Consistent info:** Ensure your Apple ID, payment info, and enrollment info all align. Mismatched country or address (e.g. using a UAE address earlier) can cause verification delays bluemix.github.io. If Iraq is selected now, your Apple ID should ideally also list Iraq (or at least an address you can document).
- **Answer verification calls:** Apple often calls to verify your authority. Be prepared to pick up calls from unfamiliar numbers. (One Iraqi developer reported an English-speaking call from a local mobile number, confirming the account bluemix.github.io.) Always answer promptly to avoid delays.
- **Use organization email/website:** Use a business email tied to your company’s domain and have a public company website. Apple checks these during enrollment developer.apple.com.
- **Contact D&B if rejected:** If Apple’s system says your D-U-N-S isn’t a legal entity, first check name matching onlinesupporthelp.zendesk.com. If problems persist, contact D&B via appdeveloper@dnb.com or their Apple-specific support portal onlinesupporthelp.zendesk.comonlinesupporthelp.zendesk.com. They can update your D&B profile so Apple’s check will pass.
- **App Store availability:** Note that Iraq has no local App Store listing. Your apps can still be distributed globally. For maximum reach, select a broad App Store availability (e.g. worldwide). Some developers target neighboring countries (Jordan, Kuwait) as primary markets forums.developer.apple.com.

6. Helpful Links & Resources

- **Apple Developer Enrollment:** developer.apple.com/programs/ – official overview (enroll link) developer.apple.com.

- **D-U-N-S Information:** Apple's D-U-N-S support page – explains D-U-N-S requirement.
- **D&B D-U-N-S Lookup:** Dun & Bradstreet – How to Get a D-U-N-S Number – official guide and registration (free) dnb.com.
- **Apple Enrollment Support:** Apple Developer Program Enrollment Support – details on organization enrollment developer.apple.com.
- **Apple ID Setup:** appleid.apple.com – create/ manage Apple ID (verify email/phone).