**Google Android Workaround**

**Make a Second Google Account to Change App Store Region**

Make a second Google (aka Gmail) account and set it up for Ireland.

With two Google accounts, you can simply switch between them as needed. Your original account remains intact, so none of your existing apps are affected. This secondary account will simply give you access to the Google Play store in Ireland. While this hack works surprisingly well, the initial setup process is a bit tricky.

First of all, you need to **get an IP address in Ireland**. If you don’t have a VPN, download a VPN app from the Play Store. There are free apps such as HotBot VPN. Set Ireland as the IP Address source.

1. ***First clear Google Play Store Cache***

Open your Settings and select "Apps." The menu name may be different depending on your phone's Android version, so if you don't see "Apps," look for something similar like "Apps & notifications" or "Applications." From there, tap the drop-down menu at the top of the screen and choose "All apps" to show system apps as well.

With all apps now visible, scroll until you find the Play Store app (which may also go by Google Play Store), then select it. Tap "Force stop" at the top of the next page, then press the "Clear Data" button to clear the cache and data.

We aren't actually deleting anything here, don't worry! This process simply resets the application so that it will update your country the next time it's opened.

1. ***Create Google Account***

Now you’re ready to **make a new Google account**, which is most easily done via Gmail. Open the Gmail app (or visit [Gmail.com](https://gmail.com/) in a web browser) and follow the steps to create a new account making sure Ireland is selected as your home country.

As part of the setup, **you *may* be required to verify a phone number**, if that is requested ensure you have an Irish Phone number that will verify the number for you.

Sometimes Google doesn’t require a phone number at all for account registration (it’s seemingly random). If it’s not a required field for you to fill out, then you can just skip this step altogether!

1. ***Google Play store***

Now that the account is created, open the Google Play store app on your phone, tap the user icon at the top-right, and **switch to your new account**.

At this point, you’re *out* of your home country’s app store, but you’re not actually *in* the Irish Play Store — yet. Sometimes, this is enough though, so stop for a moment and just **try to install the app you want**.

If you still get an error message, then you’ll need to go one step further…

You may not actually switch into the Irish Play Store until you **add a local payment method** — even if you only intend to install free apps. Once you’re logged into your **new account** in the Google Play Store, go to Settings, then tap to expand the General section of the settings to access “Account and device preferences.” This is where you can add a payment method *and* change your country in Google Play.

The options to add a payment method include PayPal, or a credit or debit card, but remember: **You need an Irish payment method**. Do not use your bank card or PayPal account from home!

***Hopefully you are now ready to go***