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To help you make the best choice of a VPN for your mobile devices, we analyzed 17 VPNs. We looked at how robust and enhanced their security and privacy features are, and how well they bypass restrictions to give you access to your favorite content. Also, we considered their cost, ease of use, connection capability, user experience and more.

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What Is a Mobile VPN?

A mobile VPN is simply a network you join to mask your online identity when you're using your mobile phone or tablet. You can use it to shield the sites you visit, your logins and passwords and change your IP address to protect you from anyone who might be fishing for information.

Essentially, a mobile VPN is no different than a desktop version and it can be used for the same purposes. A VPN can be used to protect you, but it's also used to unlock media from other countries that may be banned or blocked in yours. A bonus feature of some mobile VPNs is that they can stay active as you switch between using your data and unsecured public Wi-Fi. This feature ensures you're protected even if your phone reconnects to Wi-Fi.

How To Choose the Best Mobile VPN

Choosing the best mobile VPN for you should come down to basics such as pricing, ease of use, device allowance and server location. You can also look at extras, add-ons and trial periods.

Essential VPN Features

All mobile VPN services offer basic features to keep your information safe while you're online—whether you're using your own data or public Wi-Fi. These are the ones to look out for:

Encryption: The encryption most mobile VPNs use is standard for the industry: AES-256. This type of encryption is safe from brute force attacks (it would take literal years to break it).

Split tunneling: This feature allows you to choose which apps should be encrypted and which should run on an unprotected network. This feature helps you save bandwidth (if you don't have an unlimited plan) and experience less lag.

No-log policy: Most mobile VPN services have a no-log policy, which further protects you. This means a service won't keep logs of its customers' online activity, so if a government agency asks for the data, there's nothing to give. With that said, most VPN services log temporary data, but that's expected and shouldn't give you pause.

Kill switch: An important feature for anyone using a mobile VPN is a kill switch, which will disconnect you from an open Wi-Fi connection if you lose your connection to your VPN.

IP randomizer: Most mobile VPNs should offer this privacy feature that automatically changes your IP after a certain amount of time. Although using a VPN gives you a different IP from your static one to hide your actual IP and location, randomizing it at intervals can further protect you from being tracked.

Proxy: Some mobile VPN services include a proxy option, which you can use to block or allow specific websites or anonymously access the internet. Comparing a [proxy vs. VPN](#) shows that a proxy isn't as secure as a VPN, but it is helpful in some situations.

Server Number and Location

Device Compatibility and Multi-Device Support

Mobile VPN services vary when it comes to how many devices you're allowed to use with your VPN subscription. You can find some that let you use all the devices you and your family have or they may limit you to five devices. Usually, a business VPN will allow more devices but limit them per user.

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A free plan isn't going to give you bandwidth enough for over one or two data transfers. A mobile VPN free trial can give you enough time to make sure it's easy to use and has the features you need, though.

Benefits of a Mobile VPN

A mobile VPN is almost a necessity for companies that have remote workers or have adopted a hybrid work policy. Your employees may conduct the majority of their work off your intranet, which means they're probably using unsecured networks to check email or even connect to your business servers. A mobile VPN can protect their work and your proprietary information. There are multiple benefits of using a mobile VPN for personal or business purposes:

Public Wi-Fi security: Working on the go is necessary sometimes and it isn't always possible to use your phone's data. It's tempting to connect to public Wi-Fi, but it may be monitored by cybercriminals. A VPN can protect user IDs, passwords and internet activity when your employees use public internet connections.

Protect your data: If you have a bring-your-own-device (BYOD) policy, your employees may be exposing your company data by using unsecured networks. A mobile VPN can protect your info on any connection.

Enhances trust: In a recent survey by ExpressVPN and Pollfish, [59% of employees reported feeling anxiety](#) about digital surveillance by their employer. Providing workers a mobile VPN to keep their online activity private may increase morale and improve trust between employee and employer.

Keep in mind that a mobile VPN is just one layer of security. A VPN cannot protect against identity theft or malware.

How To Set Up a VPN on Your Phone

For the most part, setting up a mobile VPN on your phone should be the same across all services. After you've chosen your preferred mobile VPN service, you should be able to find the app in the appropriate store for your device, such as Apple's app store or Google Play. Some VPN services include links to their apps on their home page or in an email after you sign up.

Download the app on your devices. Launch the app and go to "Settings" and then "General" or "Network" to find where you can add a VPN. After you add your mobile VPN service's details, you'll want to use your account login and password. Instructions may be different based on whether you're using iOS or Android operating system and which mobile VPN software you choose. Learn [how to set up a VPN](#) on different devices so you can safely use the internet.

Methodology

To determine the best mobile VPN, Forbes Advisor compared and ranked more than a dozen different VPN services available. Find out what contributed to our final scores.

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Features

Since you're getting a VPN because you want a secure data exchange between your mobile device and the internet, we examined the primary functions and details of selected VPNs. We looked at whether or not they provide general VPN security and privacy features, such as anonymous browsing and DNS protection measures, and nice-to-have features, including split tunneling, kill switch and multifactor authentications. Additional features contributing to our weighted scoring of 35% include VPN stance on no-logs policy, and, of course, whether or not they offer browser extensions.

We also looked at how many devices you can use per subscription—some services limit you to five or six, while others don't limit you by device. Then, we considered the number of servers and server locations for more options overall.

Pricing

We gave more stars in our 5-star rating system to mobile VPN services with affordable annual plans and cheaper rates for long-term commitment. VPNs providing users with free trials, free versions or longer days to explore their features, with their risk-free money-back guarantees, also got our attention. We weighted pricing at 15% of the total score.

Speed

Since we don't expect users to sacrifice speed for security, we tested VPNs to determine whether or not they're the best mobile VPNs. We looked out for the average download speed and upload speed of each VPN. We also connected to different servers to check for consistency. Thanks to their protocols and proprietary speed enhancers, these VPNs turned out well. We weighted speed at 20%.

Service and Support

To ensure you can reach your VPN's support team whenever necessary, we examined each VPN to determine its performance. We sent queries, asked to speak with support agents, recorded their response time and the quality of their help. We also considered how many support channels they have and the types of support (resources, phone, live chat, email, tickets, etc.) they offer. This one accounts for 7% of the weighted final score.

Customer Reviews

Most mobile VPN users leave reviews in app stores or review sites, so we sifted through these to see the issues users have with mobile VPNs. We also considered the average star rating from users and number of reviews. This aspect accounts for 10% of our total weighted score.

Experts Score

Our panel of experts also looked at additional criteria, including popularity, standout details, ease of use and value for money, to determine the best mobile VPNs for individuals and businesses. Our expert analysis forms 10% of the total score.

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20%

Pricing

15%

Ratings and Reviews

10%

Expert Score

10%

Service and Support

7%

Mobile Apps

3%

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