QR Payment Guide



PayPal World

Getting set up to pay in stores in China

Paying in stores in China may look slightly different at first. You can scan the merchant's QR code, but **showing yours to the cashier is the most common method**. Just note that before entering the amount, PayPal may need to confirm your location or set up PayPal World. Here's how to get started.

Before paying, you'll just need to:

Use your regular PayPal app
No Chinese app or local bank account required.

Unlock PayPal World
The first time you pay this way, PayPal will take a brief moment to set up your account for regional payments.

Top up your PayPal balance
Make sure you have enough money in your account to cover payment.

Allow location access
This helps PayPal confirm you're in the right region before moving you into the payment flow.

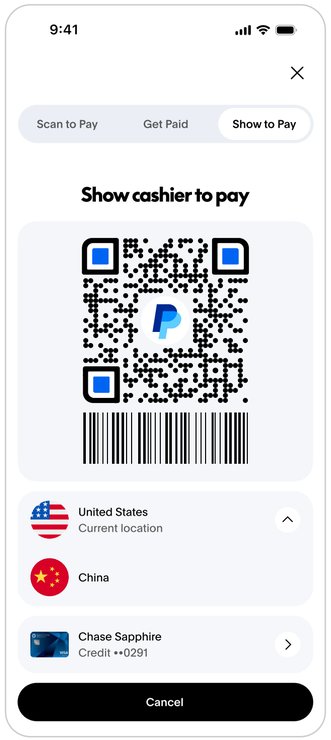
If you're using PayPal World for the first time

You'll follow the same steps to confirm your payment location. It may take an extra moment to set up your account before you continue.

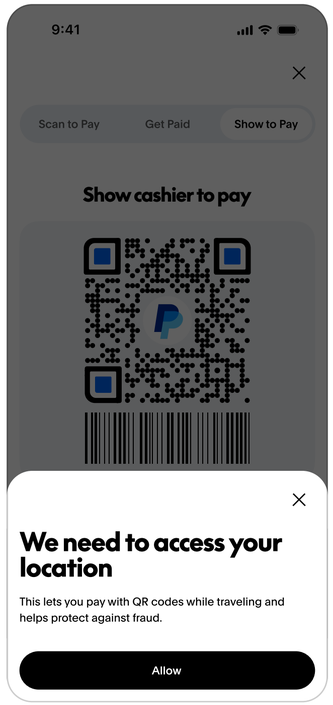
Scan QR code



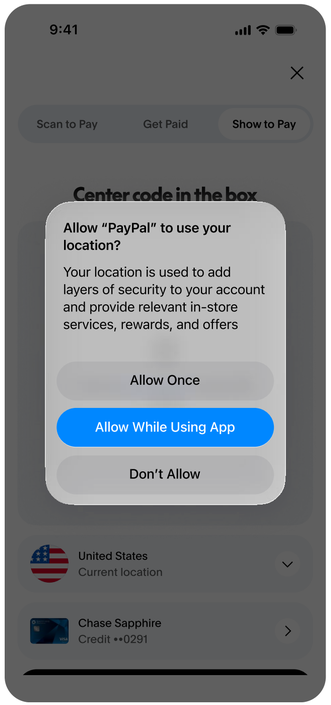
Check your payment location



Allow PayPal to check your location



Grant location access



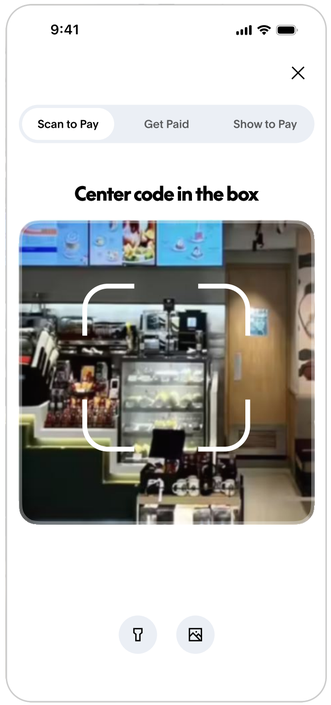
Get access to PayPal World



If PayPal doesn't show China as your payment location:

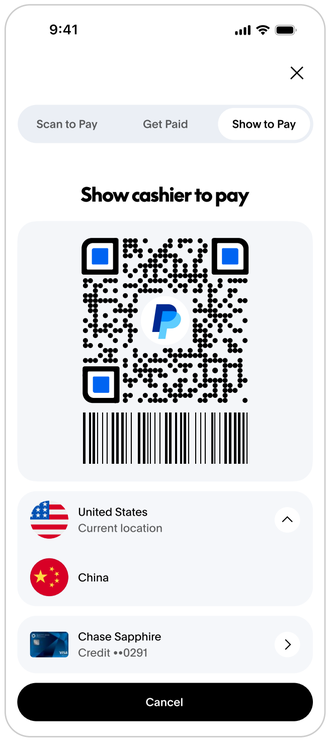
Scan QR code

Point your camera at the shop's QR code.



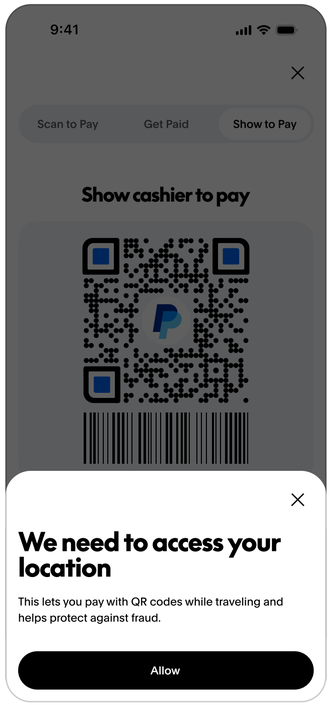
Check your payment location

Choose China from the location list before continuing.

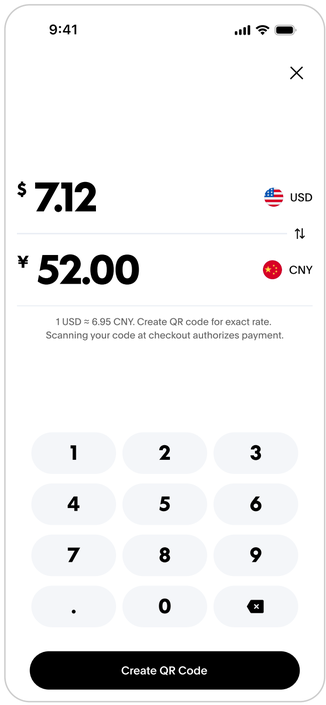


Allow location access

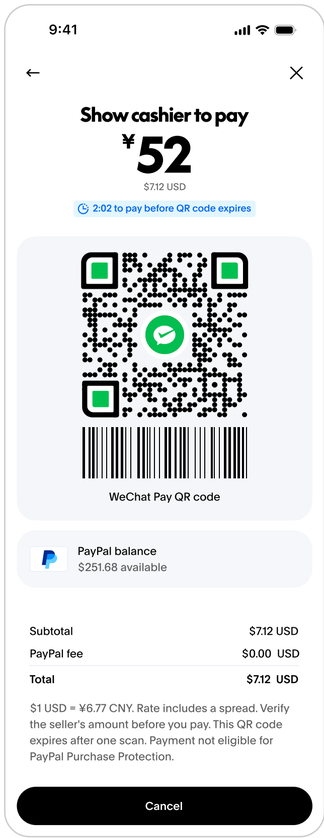
Tap Allow to confirm your location and continue.



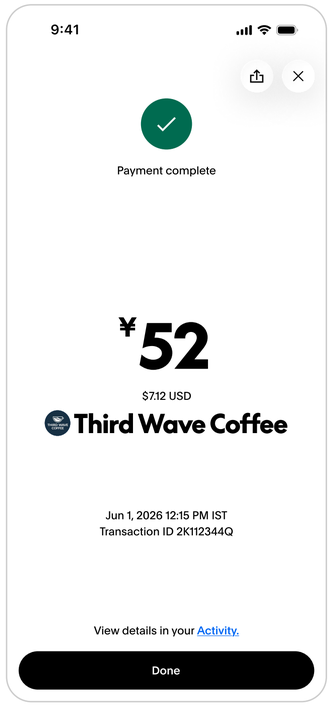
Enter the amount due



Show your QR code to pay



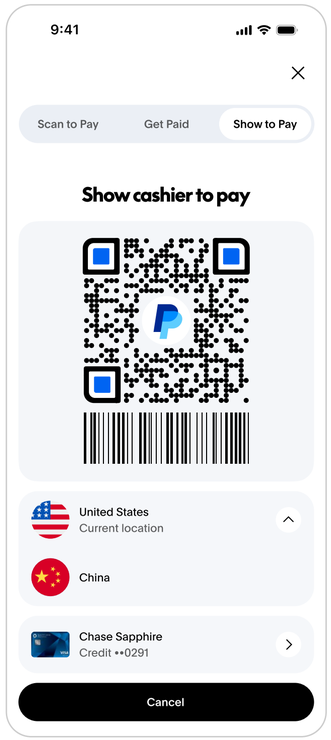
Confirmation



If PayPal recognizes you're in China but still asks for location access:

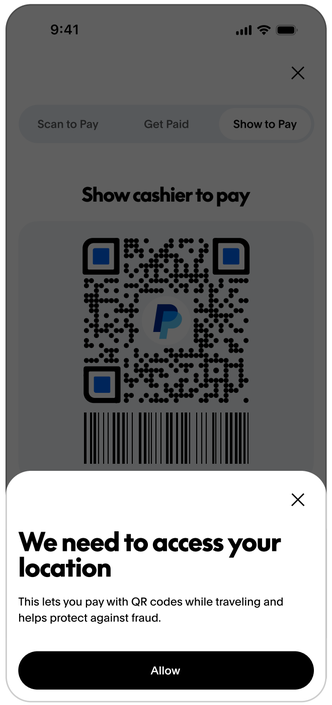
Check your payment location

Choose China from the location list before continuing.



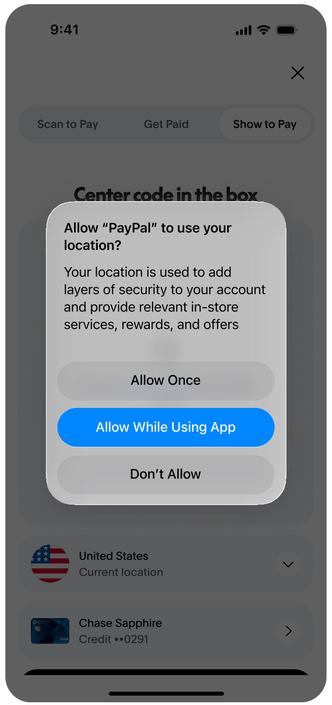
Allow location access

Tap Allow to confirm your location and continue.

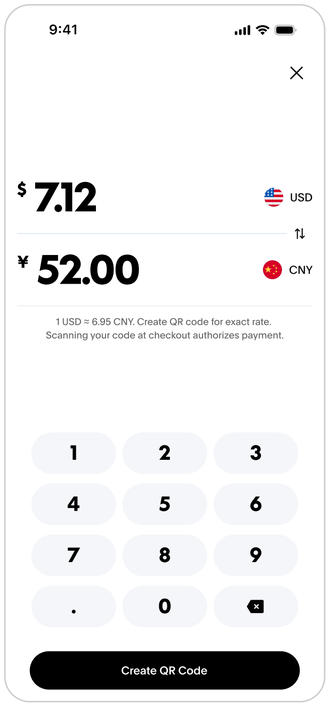


Grant location access

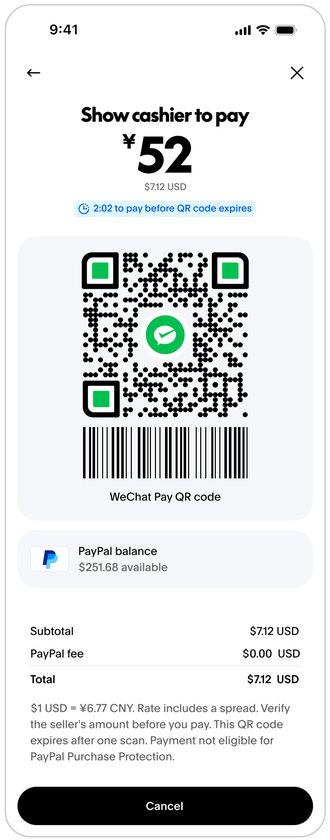
Choose Allow While Using App to continue



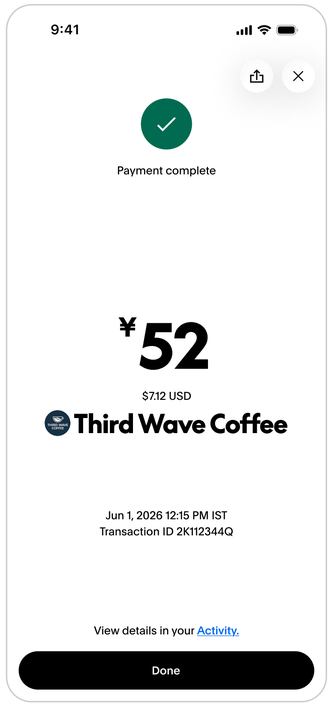
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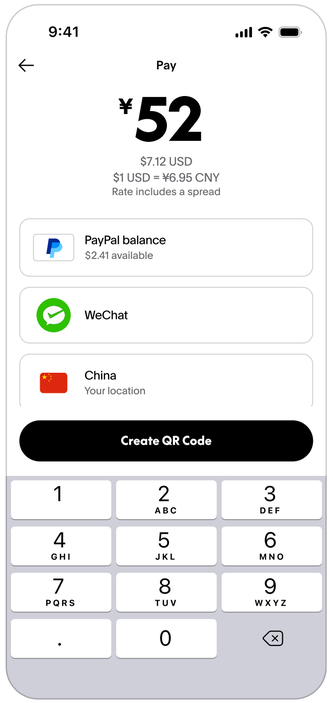
Confirmation



If your PayPal balance is too low

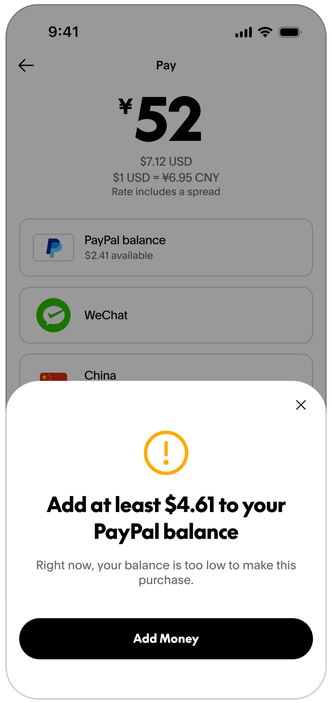
PayPal will prompt you to add money before you can create your QR code.

Enter the amount due



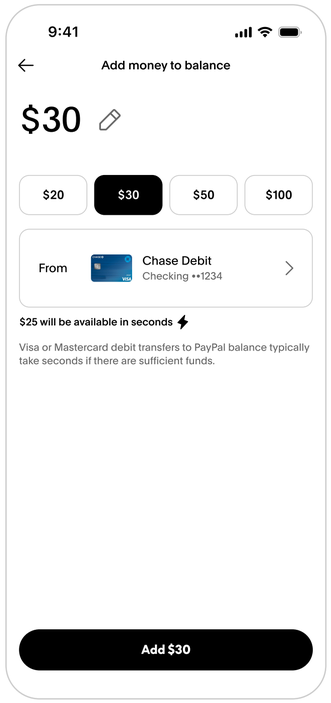
Add money to your balance

Tap Add Money when prompted.



Confirm amount

Review the amount and funding source, then tap Add.



Continue payment

Create your QR code once your balance is updated.

