

Android's New Developer Verification Security Layer

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1. What is the primary purpose of the new security layer being added to Android?

- A) To increase app download speeds
- B) To make installing apps safer by verifying developers**
- C) To reduce the storage space required for apps
- D) To allow users to install apps from any source without restrictions

2. When will Android require all apps to be registered by verified developers to be installed on certified devices?

- A) October 2025
- B) March 2026
- C) September 2026
- D) Starting next year**

3. Which of the following is a key reason for implementing developer verification?

- A) To encourage anonymity for developers
- B) To prevent malicious actors from impersonating developers and creating fake apps**
- C) To limit app distribution to Google Play only
- D) To reduce the cost of app development

4. According to the text, where is malware from internet-sideloaded sources found to be significantly more prevalent than on Google Play?

- A) 5 times more
- B) 10 times more
- C) Over 50 times more**
- D) About the same amount

5. What analogy is used to explain the developer verification process?

- A) A digital signature on a document
- B) An ID check at the airport**
- C) A password for a secure website
- D) A fingerprint scan for device unlock

6. What is NOT being reviewed as part of the developer verification process?

- A) The developer's identity
- B) The content of their app**
- C) Whether the developer is registered
- D) The developer's brand image

7. Which countries are mentioned as the initial rollout locations for these new requirements?

- A) United States, Canada, Mexico
- B) Brazil, Indonesia, Singapore, and Thailand**
- C) Germany, France, Italy, and Spain
- D) China, Japan, South Korea, and India

8. When did verification requirements on Google Play begin to be implemented?

- A) 2023**
- B) 2024
- C) 2025
- D) 2026

9. Which Brazilian organization has expressed support for the new developer verification initiative?

- A) Google Brazil
- B) The Central Bank of Brazil
- C) The Brazilian Federation of Banks (FEBRABAN)**
- D) The Ministry of Justice of Brazil

10. How did Indonesia's Ministry of Communications and Digital Affairs describe the new initiative?

- A) A necessary evil
- B) A restrictive measure
- C) A balanced approach**
- D) An overreach of authority

11. What is being built to streamline the verification process for developers who distribute apps outside of Google Play?

- A) A new Google Play Store interface
- B) A separate Android Developer Console**
- C) A mandatory app review team
- D) A global developer database

12. How will student and hobbyist developers be accommodated with the new verification process?

- A) They will be exempt from verification
- B) They will use the same console as commercial developers
- C) They will have a separate type of Android Developer Console account**
- D) They will need to register through Google Play

13. What freedom will developers retain despite the new verification requirements?

- A) The freedom to distribute apps without any verification
- B) The freedom to use any app store or distribute directly via sideloading**
- C) The freedom to bypass Google Play policies
- D) The freedom to not disclose their app's source

14. What is encouraged for developers to do to prepare for the new requirements?

- A) Wait until the requirements are fully in effect
- B) Stop distributing apps outside of Google Play
- C) Sign up for early access**
- D) Contact the Android security team directly

15. When does early access for the new developer verification begin?

- A) March 2026
- B) September 2026
- C) October 2025**
- D) 2027

16. When does verification open for all developers?

- A) October 2025
- B) March 2026**
- C) September 2026
- D) 2027

17. What is the planned timeline for rolling out these requirements globally?

- A) Immediately after the initial rollout
- B) By the end of 2026
- C) 2027 and beyond**
- D) Only in specific regions

18. Who posted the article about the new Android security layer?

- A) A Google Play developer
- B) Suzanne Frey, VP, Product, Trust & Growth for Android**
- C) An Indonesian government official
- D) A representative from FEBRABAN

19. What type of attacks has Android been working to increase developer accountability against?

- A) DDoS attacks
- B) Phishing attempts
- C) Attacks targeting financial data**
- D) Viruses that slow down the device

20. What does the Developer's Alliance consider this new measure to be?

A) A minor inconvenience

B) A critical step

C) An unnecessary complication

D) A step backward for developers