

WhatsApp Business Management - Add Phone Numbers API | Developer Documentation

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API for adding phone numbers to a WhatsApp Business Account.

This endpoint allows businesses to add phone numbers to their WhatsApp Business Account for messaging purposes.

POST `/{Version}/{Business-ID}/add_phone_numbers`

Add a preverified phone number to a WhatsApp Business Account. This endpoint is used by Partners to create a pool of Partner owned numbers that end clients can purchase.

Use Cases:

Add new phone numbers to scale messaging operations

Set up phone numbers for different business locations

Manage phone number inventory for business messaging

Configure phone numbers for specific messaging workflows

Rate Limiting:

Standard Graph API rate limits apply. Use appropriate retry logic with exponential backoff.

Phone Number Requirements:

Must be in E.164 format (e.g., +1234567890)

Must not be already registered to another WhatsApp Business Account

Must be capable of receiving SMS for verification

Must comply with WhatsApp's business messaging policies

Request Syntax

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Select language

Select status code

Header Parameters

User-Agentstring

The user agent string identifying the client software making the request.

Authorizationstring·required

Bearer token for API authentication. This should be a valid access token obtained through the appropriate OAuth flow or system user token.

Path Parameters

Versionstring·required

Graph API version to use for this request. Determines the API behavior and available features.

Business-IDstring·required

Your WhatsApp Business Account ID. This ID can be found in your Business Manager or through business management APIs.

Required

Phone number to add to the business account

Content Type: application/json

Schema: AddPhoneNumbersRequest

Show child attributes

AddPhoneNumbersRequest

phone_numberstring·required

Phone number to add to the business account. Accepts E.164 format or formatted numbers with spaces, hyphens, and parentheses (e.g., +1234567890, +1 (631) 555-1000, +1-631-555-1000).

The phone number will be normalized and validated by the endpoint.

Responses

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200

Phone number successfully added

Content Type: application/json

Schema: AddPhoneNumbersResponse

Show child attributes

AddPhoneNumbersResponse

idstring·required

Unique identifier for the preverified phone number entity that was created

400

Bad Request - Invalid parameters, malformed request, or phone number already registered

Content Type: application/json

Schema: GraphAPIError

Show child attributes

GraphAPIError

errorobject·required

Show child attributes

messagestring·required

Human-readable error message

typestring·required

Error category type

codeinteger·required
Numeric error code

error_subcodeinteger
More specific error subcode when available

fbtrace_idstring
Unique identifier for debugging and support requests with Meta

is_transientboolean
Indicates whether this error is temporary and the request should be retried

error_user_titlestring
User-friendly error title for display purposes

error_user_msgstring
User-friendly error message for display purposes
401
Unauthorized - Invalid or missing access token
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403

Forbidden - Insufficient permissions or access denied

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404

Not Found - Business ID does not exist or is not accessible

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422

Unprocessable Entity - Request parameters are valid but cannot be processed

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429

Too Many Requests - Rate limit exceeded

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500
Internal Server Error - Unexpected server error
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Authentication

| Scheme | Type | Location |
|------------|-------------|------------------------------------|
| bearerAuth | HTTP Bearer | Header: <code>Authorization</code> |

Usage Examples

bearerAuth:
Include `Authorization: Bearer your-token-here` in request headers

Global Authentication Requirements

All endpoints require:

bearerAuth

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