

How to get a Verified Profile on Up Work?

At the beginning of 2019, Upwork launched the Identity Verified Badge which was made available to all the earning freelancers on the platform. The reason was to inculcate confidence in clients so that they could be sure that they know who they are planning to hire.

As of now, 44,000 freelancers have earned this badge, helping to build trust with the clients. Presently, Upwork is a part of maintaining online freelance marketplace globally, which is safe, and fraud-free.

If you are new to the platform and want to get your profile verified. The freelancers fall into any of the following categories;

1. **Group 1:** This category consists of freelancers who've received an email or notification where they have been told that they are required to earn the badge
2. **Group 2:** This group of freelancers received an email or a notification letting them know that they are eligible, but earning the badge is not a requirement for them
3. **Group 3:** Finally, this group of freelancers did not receive any notification or an email, thus they aren't eligible to earn the badge.

If you fall in the first two categories, you must pass the following two stages of verification

1. Provide a valid National Identity Card issued by the government, (although in some cases, freelancers ask for a green card, passport, or a driver's license, depending on the location of their residence). The photo on the ID card should not be altered in any way. Refrain from using filters. All four corners of the ID should be easily seen in the photo. The following photo formats are accepted; PNG, JPEG, BMP, PDF.
2. Complete a video call for verification.

Once the freelancers receive this badge, the clients can be assured of their identification. The complete process takes about 10-minutes or so. Rest assured, your confidential information is for Upwork agents exclusively, (the agents have passed strict background checks). Once you have earned the badge, the clients can see a '*tick*' sign on the side of your name on the profile.

Things to Remember

1. When the freelancers receive an email. They have 7-days to complete the process.

2. After the 7-day period, the freelancer won't be able to withdraw earnings and submit proposals
3. Make sure your webcam is working before you receive a verification call
4. Ensure that the microphone is working as well
5. The following questions will be asked during the video verification;
 - Name
 - Username
 - Email address
 - Residential address
 - Phone number
 - Freelance activities you offer on Upwork

Now that you've received all the information you wanted, make sure you get your Upwork profile verified now to keep the proposals and interviews coming.