Guide 4: How to Set Up a Microsoft 365 Passkey on a Mac

Yes, your Mac can join the passwordless party. There is still a guest list.

This guide uses **Apple Passwords/iCloud Keychain** to store a synced passkey for a Microsoft 365 work or school account.

Use this route only if your firm approves synced passkeys and the Apple Account involved. Microsoft Entra supports Apple's synced passkeys on macOS 13 and later, but your organization can restrict the providers and passkey types you may use. Keep macOS and Safari updated to versions supported by your firm. Microsoft Learn

Set up the passkey

1. **Confirm the approved Apple Account.** Do not save a work passkey to your personal Apple Account unless your firm permits it.
2. **Enable iCloud Keychain.** Open **System Settings > your name > iCloud > Passwords**, then enable **Sync this Mac**. Older versions may label the section **Passwords & Keychain**. Your Apple Account must have two-factor authentication enabled. Apple Support
3. **Open Microsoft's Security info page in Safari.** Enter mysignins.microsoft.com/security-info, sign in with your work account, and complete the requested verification.
4. **Start registration.** Choose **Add sign-in method > Passkey** and continue. Microsoft Support
5. **Save through the approved Apple provider.** Follow Safari's passkey-saving prompt and authorize it with Touch ID or the verification option presented. Complete any naming and confirmation prompts. Check that the new passkey appears in Microsoft's Security info. Apple Support
6. **Test a fresh Microsoft 365 sign-in.** Choose the passkey sign-in option, select the saved credential, and complete the Apple verification prompt. Keep your original session available until the test succeeds. Microsoft Support

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What if the firm does not allow iCloud-synced passkeys?

Use the alternative IT approves, such as a FIDO2 security key or a passkey already registered in Microsoft Authenticator on your phone.

For the phone-based option, choose the nearby-device option on the Mac and scan the displayed QR code. Both devices need Bluetooth and internet access. On an iPhone, use the regular Camera app for this sign-in QR code, not Authenticator's built-in camera. Microsoft Learn

Do not create an unapproved personal-cloud copy just to get past the setup screen.

Finally, have IT confirm the new method and recovery plan before removing anything that currently works.

The objective is a more secure login, not a surprise lockout with excellent typography.

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