

Paying more than £5/month on your mobile phone?

You can probably switch sim and save £100s

Sims are the little chip that goes into your phone and dictates the network and tariff. Millions who are out of contract can simply change to a [cheap Sim](#) and pay far less than right now. And there's no need to change your number. To complete a search go to - <https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/cheap-mobile-finder/sim-only-filters/>

Is your phone locked? You can unlock your phone for free!

Mobile providers are now banned from locking devices to their network. But if you purchased your phone through a network before December 2021, chances are it'll be locked to that network. If your phone's locked to a network, your existing provider must unlock it free of charge. For details on how to unlock your phone go to:

<https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/mobiles/unlock-mobile-phone/>

Worried about credit checks?

If you think you're unlikely to pass a credit check, or tried and were declined, it could be better to opt for a 30-day rolling Sim (check for providers that don't do credit checks on these Sims), or a [pay-as-you-go](#) Sim instead.

Want to keep your current mobile number?



Switching to a cheaper deal with another network is easier than ever. Here's what to do:

1. Request a switching code by text. Simply text 'PAC' for free to 65075 on any network and you'll be sent your 'porting authorisation code' (PAC) immediately via text so you can keep your number. Its text must include important info such as any exit penalties, outstanding handset costs or credit balances.
2. You need to give the switching code to your new provider within 30 days. You'll then be switched within one working day. You won't need to contact your old provider again.

What's more, if you're out of your minimum contract period, mobile providers are now banned from charging you for the remainder of your notice period after you've switched (which is typically 30 days), putting an end to paying for your old and new contract at the same time.

If you're still in contract, you could be charged early termination fees for leaving – check how much you'd be charged by sending a text with the word 'INFO' to 85075.