

# SWITCH edu-ID, MFA Multi-Factor-Authentication - set up

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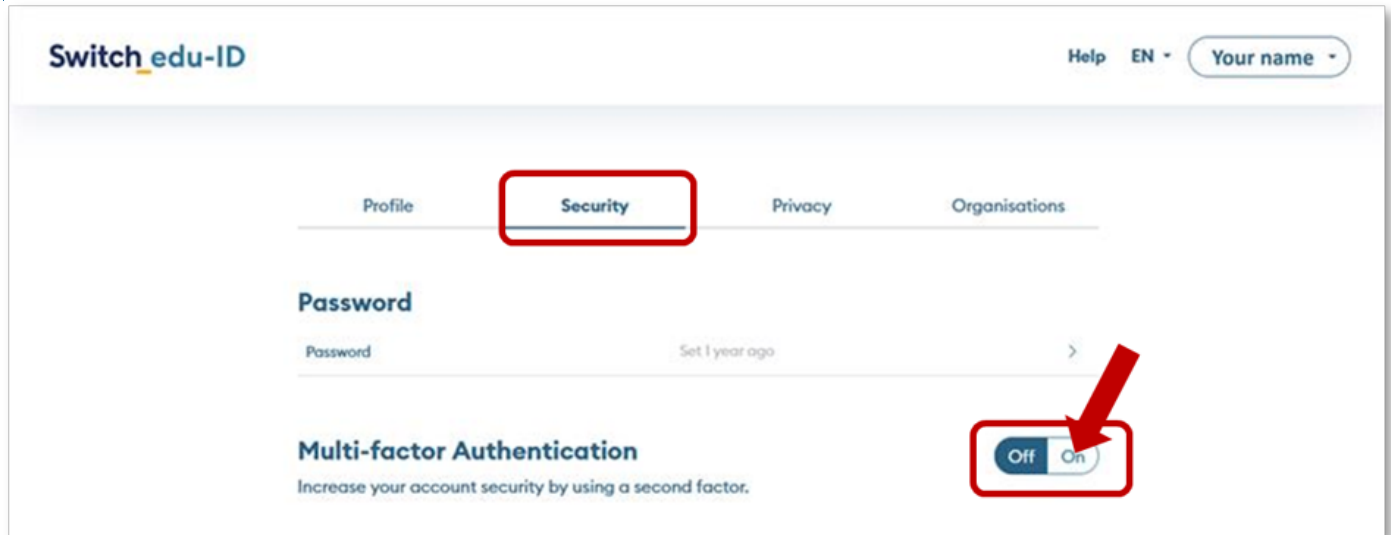
How to set up multi-factor authentication for your SWITCH edu-ID

## Setting up MFA in SWITCH edu-ID – step by step

Please activate multi-factor authentication in your SWITCH edu-ID by following the steps below.

Log in to your personal SWITCH edu-ID: Login: [SWITCH edu-ID](#).

In the '**Security**' menu, slide 'multi-factor authentication (MFA)' to **On**



Select an option for your multi-factor authentication.

We primarily recommend using an **authenticator app**. However, you can also select a **passkey** or 'other option' as a supplement or alternative. The 'authenticator app' option is described below.

Recommendations for the 'passkey' option are listed further down.

## Set Up Multi-factor Authentication

### Passkey

Use the passwordless login method, which uses biometric information such as fingerprint or Face ID. Passkeys replace the first and second factor of a login.

### Authenticator App

Use an authenticator app like Google or Microsoft Authenticator. This method is used in combination with your password to provide a multi-factor authentication.

More options

Open your authenticator app on your smartphone. If you do not have one yet, please download and set one up. There are various providers of authenticator apps. You can download and set up one of the following apps:

- Microsoft Authenticator ([iOS](#), [Android](#))
- Google Authenticator ([iOS](#), [Android](#))
- Other password managers (LastPass, etc.)

## Register your Authenticator App

### 1. Open your authenticator app

Frequently used applications:

- Google Authenticator ([iOS](#), [Android](#))
- Microsoft Authenticator ([iOS](#), [Android](#))
- Password manager

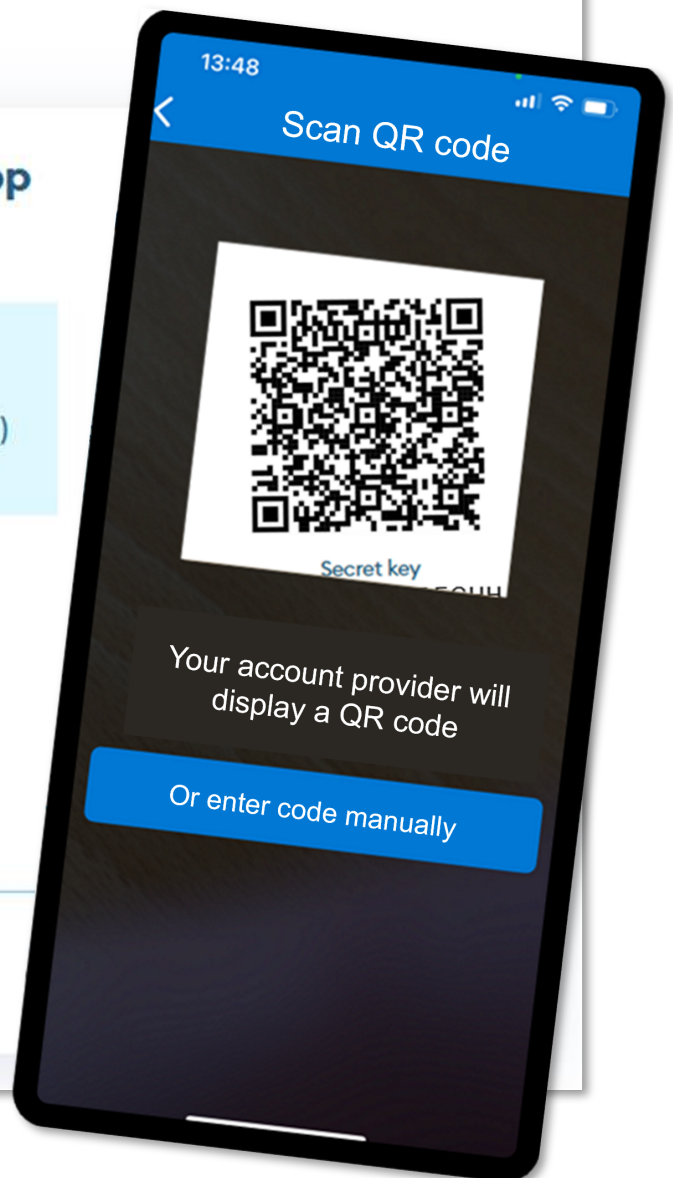
### 2. Add a new item

### 3. Scan the QR code

### 4. Enter the 6 digits below

Verification code

**123456**



Add a new entry to your authenticator app (+)

If your authenticator app offers this option, select: Business or school account

Scan the QR code

Enter the 6-digit verification code displayed in the app for your SWITCH edu-ID.

Click Continue.

## Your New Recovery Code

Keep the recovery code in a **safe but retrievable place** (e.g., password manager or safety box).

1234 5678 9123 4567 

☐ I have stored it

 **Continue**

You will receive a new recovery code, which you will need if your password and email address are no longer available. Keep this in a safe but easily accessible place.

Click Continue.

Your SWITCH edu-ID is now MFA-enabled.

### Passkey

When setting up a passkey for multi-factor authentication, we recommend using the 'Face' (Windows Hello) or 'PIN' (number combination, as used for login) options on Windows devices, which allow you to authenticate via your laptop/computer. You can store multiple passkeys for different devices, but these can only be used on the respective device.

On smartphones, tablets and Apple devices, Passkey setup is somewhat more complex, as there are a wide variety of scenarios depending on the apps available (e.g. different password managers) and device configuration, which we cannot describe in detail at this time. On such devices, we currently recommend that only experienced users use Passkey.