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The Google Business Verification Trap

Why Your Google Business Profile Verification Keeps Getting Rejected (And What to Double-Check Before You Try Again)



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Section 1: Why You're Stuck in the Verification Loop

You've done everything you were supposed to do. You built your profile, uploaded your photos, filled in every field. Maybe you even submitted an appeal, or two. However, Google keeps saying, "No."

Here's what nobody tells you: every failed appeal makes the next one harder. Repeated appeals without correcting the underlying issue are unlikely to produce a different result and may create additional delays or complications.

The problem isn't that Google thinks you're running a fake business. The problem is that somewhere in your profile, your paperwork, or your documentation, there's a mismatch.

This checklist is updated regularly to reflect Google's current verification policies and requirements. Always check the last updated date in the footer to make sure you are working from the most current version.

This is the Verification Trap. You don't know what's wrong, so you keep appealing. Google keeps saying, "No.", and now you're running out of chances.

The way out isn't another appeal. It's slowing down, finding the exact problem, fixing it completely, and then appealing with confidence.

That's what this checklist is for.

Section 2: The Pre-Appeal Checklist, Double-Check Everything Before Your Next Appeal

Appealing without fixing the problem first is like arguing with a vending machine. It may feel productive, but you're probably not getting the result you want.

Work through every item below before you submit another appeal. If you can't check every box, you've found your problem.

Business Entity

- ☐ Your business is registered as an LLC, S Corp, has an active business license, or has a recent utility bill with the company name on it.
- ☐ Your Google Business Profile name matches your legal registration exactly, not approximately, not close enough. Exactly.
- ☐ Sole proprietor? Your supporting documentation must clearly prove the business name, address, and phone number. A personal utility bill in your name alone won't cut it.

Address

- ☐ You use a real, current physical address where your business actually operates. This includes service-area and mobile businesses; you still need a verifiable home base.
- ☐ No PO Boxes, virtual offices, or mail forwarding addresses. Google no longer accepts those, full stop.
- ☐ If you share a building, your suite number is unique to your business, not shared with another tenant.

 **Unfiltered Tip:** Run a service-area or mobile business from home? Your home address does not appear publicly on your Google Business Profile or Google Maps. You still need to provide Google with the real, current address where your business operates behind the scenes. However, when your profile is properly set up as a service-area business, your address remains hidden from customers. Only the cities, regions, or service areas you select appear publicly.

So, if you've been avoiding verification because you don't want customers seeing your home address...

You can stop worrying about that part. Google still needs to know where your business actually operates. Your customers don't.

Supporting Documentation

If Google requests supporting documentation, have current accepted business documents available that clearly show the business name and address associated with your profile.

- ☐ Examples are 2 months of utility bills, electric, water, internet, or VoIP phone service, in the company name at the current address.

 **If it is not on Google's accepted documents list, assume it is not accepted. Period.**

Signage

- ☐ Service-area business? Your vehicle has visible signage with your business name and current phone number. It does not need to be a full vinyl wrap. Door magnets or vinyl decals count.
- ☐ Storefront business? Your signage is visible on the door or exterior and clearly displays your current business name.
- ☐ In an office building with your own suite? Confirm that the building directory displays your business name and suite number, and that it matches your GBP exactly.

Phone

- ☐ Your phone number is unique to this business and not shared with another business.

Video Verification

- ☐ The video must be recorded live on a mobile device through the verification flow in your Google Business Profile.
- ☐ Someone must be physically present at the address being verified during the recording.

Section 3: You've Completed the Checklist. Here's What Comes Next

You now have a practical framework for understanding what Google may evaluate during the verification process. Running through this checklist before your next verification attempt could help you avoid unnecessary delays or having to start over.

Most business owners never bother to check any of this before trying again.

You just did.

The next challenge is knowing exactly how to correct potential issues and prepare for your next verification attempt.

WANT TO HANDLE IT YOURSELF?

The **Google Business Profile Verification Playbook** provides practical, step-by-step guidance to help you prepare for verification, avoid common mistakes, understand what Google is looking for, and navigate the process with greater confidence.

 [Get the Google Business Profile Verification Playbook](#)

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NOT EVERYONE WANTS TO D.I.Y. THIS. THAT'S OKAY.

If you'd rather have someone review your specific situation and help determine the best path forward, we're happy to help.

 **Schedule an Initial Verification Consultation**

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