# Buying a store in seven simple steps

Know what you are buying, prepare your accounts and check each asset before confirming completion. Our admin team guides the transaction. Keep all deal communication and payment on-platform.

✓ **Admin-guided deals** ✓ **Free buyer protection** ✓ **Funds held until confirmed**

STEP **1**

## Find a store and make an enquiry

Create an account, verify your email, add your WhatsApp number and click **Enquire**. Check the store's current account status and supporting figures. Financials are seller-provided unless stated otherwise; identity verification is recommended. [1]

STEP **2**

## Agree the price and what is included

Confirm the exact store, domain, accounts, exclusions and support. Ask about transfer restrictions and outstanding bills. Agree who handles existing orders, refunds and subscriptions. Make sure every important asset and obligation is recorded in the agreement before signing. [2]

STEP **3**

## Both parties sign the agreement

Buyer and seller electronically sign the **Asset Purchase Agreement** in the deal chat. Each signs their own copy; the other party appears by anonymous reference. Payment is only requested after both signatures. [3]

STEP **4**

## Pay through GMC Marketplace

Follow the payment instructions in your deal chat. Wait for admin confirmation that funds have arrived before transferring sensitive assets. GMC Marketplace holds settlement funds pending confirmed handover. [3]

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## Transfer the agreed assets

**BUYER** Have your receiving email, Google account and verified registrar account ready.

**SELLER** Transfer each agreed asset and help resolve access issues.

**The usual store package includes:** [2]

- ☐ **Store ownership**
  Shopify or WooCommerce, including agreed store content
- ☐ **Domain**
  Ownership and control of the domain and its DNS
- ☐ **Merchant Center or Meta**
  Existing account access agreed in your contract
- ☐ **Advertising accounts**
  Google Ads or other ad accounts, where included
- ☐ **Other agreed assets**
  Email, credentials, tracking, apps, social accounts, supplier handover

**BUYER** Complete your billing and payment-provider setup, secure passwords and recovery access, and keep business details accurate. An active seller payment account does not guarantee your future payment-provider status. [2, 4]

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## Check everything and confirm receipt

Test ownership and access yourself, including the domain, accounts and email. Confirm completion in the deal chat **only** when every agreed asset is received. If anything is missing or blocked, tell admin before confirming. [2, 3]

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## The seller receives payment

After buyer confirmation, GMC Marketplace releases the seller's funds minus applicable seller fees. Buyers pay no marketplace commission. Payouts to non-USA bank accounts carry a $25 wire fee deducted from the seller's payout. [1, 3]

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### How long does a deal take?

Most deals complete within a few hours of payment being confirmed. Some take up to two days, usually because buyer and seller are in different time zones. Have your accounts ready and reply promptly in the deal chat and my team will keep things moving. Buyer Protection supports the handover itself, not future approval or performance; if anything needs resolving, raise it in the deal chat and the signed agreement governs.

Sources [1] FAQ · [2] Asset handover · [3] Deal process · [4] Buyer Protection · [5] Transaction Terms