



Practical training and resources for building a successful text marketing business

How to Buy a Twilio Phone Number and Connect It to Your Messaging Service

Use this process to purchase a U.S. local number with SMS capability and connect it to an existing Twilio Messaging Service.

Before you begin: Your Twilio account must be funded, and the Messaging Service you want to use must already exist.

1. Open the Buy a Number page

In the Twilio Console, open Phone Numbers. Under Manage, select Buy a number.

The screenshot shows the 'Buy a Number' page. On the left is a sidebar with 'Account Dashboard', 'Develop' (selected), and 'Monitor' tabs. Under 'Develop', there's a 'Phone Numbers' section with options like 'Manage', 'Active numbers', 'Released numbers', 'Buy a number' (highlighted), 'Verified Caller IDs', 'Twiml apps', 'Port & Host', 'Regulatory Compliance', 'Short Codes', and 'Beta'. The main content area has a 'Buy a Number' heading and a 'Can't find a number?' link. Below this are filters for 'Country' (set to '+1 United States - US'), 'Capabilities' (Voice, SMS, MMS, Fax), 'Search criteria' (Number, Search by digits or phrases), and 'Match to' (First part of number). A 'Search' button and 'Reset filters' link are present. Below the filters is an 'Advanced Search' link. The search results table shows one result: a local number '+1 563 649 4546' in Atalissa, IA, with capabilities for Voice, SMS, and MMS, no address requirement, and a monthly fee of \$1.15. A 'Buy' button is next to the result.

Number	Type	Capabilities				Address Requirement	Monthly fee	
		Voice	SMS	MMS	Fax			
+1 563 649 4546 Atalissa, IA US	Local					None	\$1.15	<button>Buy</button>

Phone Numbers → Manage → Buy a number

2. Search for an SMS-capable number

Select the country. Under Capabilities, select SMS and MMS. If you want a number from a particular area, enter the area code in the search field and click Search.

Tip: Select SMS and MMS only. Voice capability may still be included with an available local number.

The screenshot shows the 'Buy a Number' page with the same sidebar as the first image. In the main content area, the 'Capabilities' section now has 'Voice' unchecked and 'SMS' and 'MMS' checked. The 'Search criteria' section has 'Number' selected and '678' entered in the search field. The 'Match to' section is set to 'First part of number'. The 'Search' button and 'Reset filters' link are present. Below the filters is an 'Advanced Search' link. The search results table shows one result: a local number '+1 678 929 9594' in Luthersville, GA, with capabilities for SMS and MMS, no address requirement, and a monthly fee of \$1.15. A 'Buy' button is next to the result.

Number	Type	Capabilities				Address Requirement	Monthly fee	
		Voice	SMS	MMS	Fax			
+1 678 929 9594 Luthersville, GA US	Local					None	\$1.15	<button>Buy</button>

Search by area code with SMS and MMS selected

3. Choose and review the number

Review the available numbers, location, capabilities, and monthly fee. Click Buy beside the number you want. Twilio will display a review window before completing the purchase.

Review Phone Number



+1 678 929 9594

\$1.15 monthly fee

i You'll be charged \$1.15 immediately. Afterwards, you'll be charged \$1.15/month *in addition* to the usage you incur on the phone number. [Learn more](#)

Capabilities



Voice

Receive incoming calls and make outgoing calls.



Fax

Send and receive faxes.



SMS

⚠ A2P 10DLC registration required

Send and receive text messages.



MMS

⚠ A2P 10DLC registration required

Send and receive multi-media messages.

Review the number, monthly fee, and messaging capabilities



MMS ⚠️ A2P 10DLC registration required

Send and receive multi-media messages.

A2P 10DLC registration required for US messaging.

To send SMS/MMS messages to the US with this US local number, a registration process is required. This process can be performed after the number is purchased. [Learn more about A2P 10DLC registration](#)

Global Routing

Routing 🌐 Regional

Voice and Messaging will be routed to the United States (US1) Region.

You can re-route in the number configuration after purchase.

Cancel

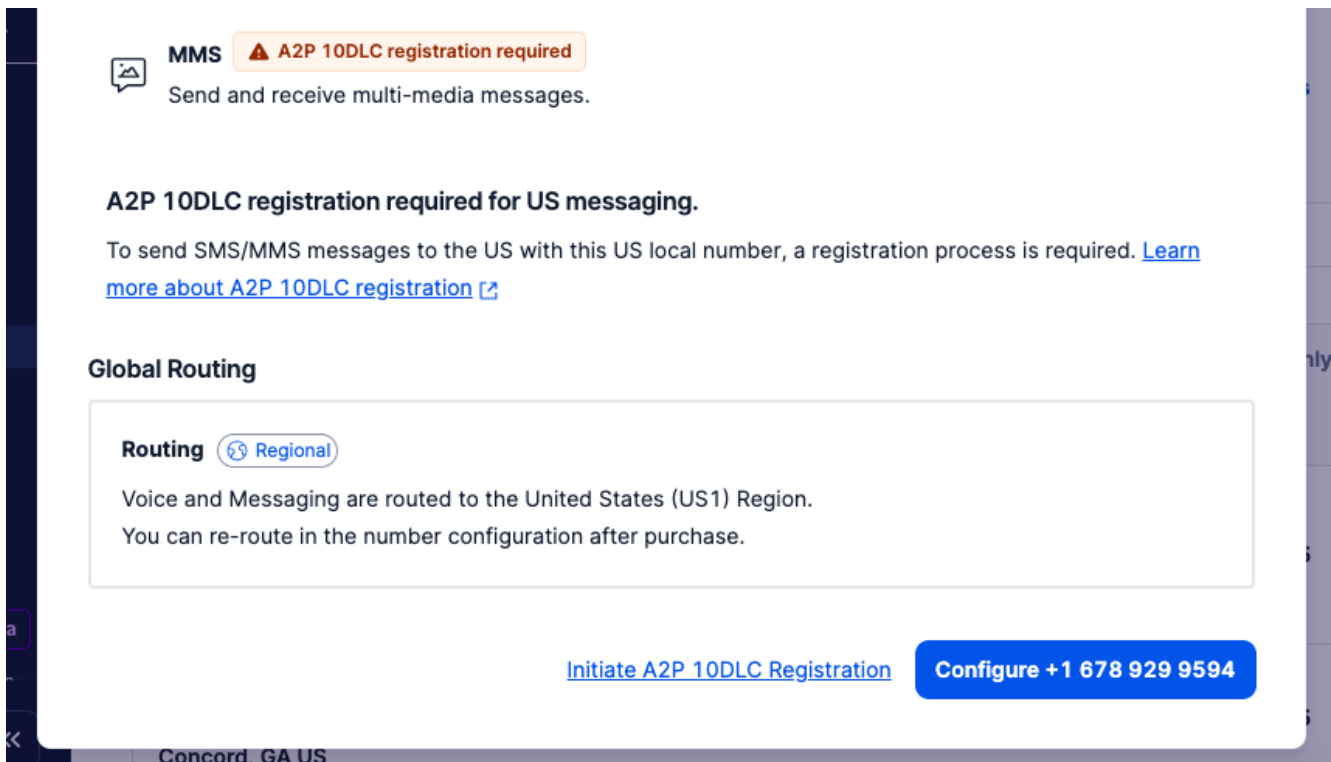
Buy +1 678 929 9594

Review the A2P 10DLC notice, then click Buy

A2P registration: Your A2P 10DLC registration is completed for you as part of your initial platform setup. You do not need to initiate a separate registration from this screen.

4. Open the number configuration

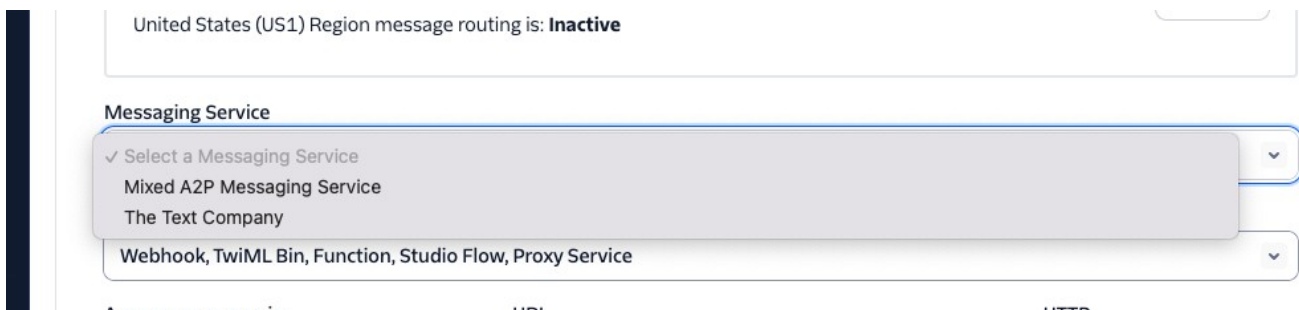
After the purchase is complete, click Configure followed by the new phone number. This opens the settings for the number you just purchased.



Click Configure to open the new number's settings

5. Select the Messaging Service

Scroll to Messaging Configuration. Open the Messaging Service menu and select the service that should use this phone number.



Choose the correct Messaging Service from the menu

6. Save the configuration

Confirm that the correct Messaging Service is displayed, then click Save configuration. You do not need to change the webhook fields shown below it unless you were given separate instructions to do so.

Routing
Regional
Re-route

United States (US1) Region message routing is: **Inactive**

Messaging Service
Mixed A2P Messaging Service

Select or Set up [Mixed A2P Messaging Service](#) to handle incoming messages to this phone number, using the SMS Handlers below.

Configure with
Webhook, TwiML Bin, Function, Studio Flow, Proxy Service

A message comes in
Webhook

URL
<https://demo.twilio.com/welcome/sms/reply>

HTTP
HTTP POST

Primary handler fails
Webhook

URL

HTTP
HTTP POST

Save configuration
Return to Active Numbers

Confirm the service selection and click Save configuration

7. Verify the connection

Return to Active Numbers. In the Active Configuration column, the Messaging section should display the name of the selected Messaging Service.

Number	Friendly Name	Capabilities				Active Configuration
		Voice	SMS	MMS	Fax	
+1 984 357 3649 ▲ Apex, NC, US	(984) 357-3649					Voice Webhook to POST: https://demo.twilio.com/welcome/voice/ Messaging Messaging Service: Mixed A2P Messaging Service
+1 678 929 9594 ▲ Luthersville, GA, US	(678) 929-9594					Voice Webhook to POST: https://demo.twilio.com/welcome/voice/ Messaging Messaging Service: Mixed A2P Messaging Service

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The Active Numbers list confirms the connected Messaging Service

Your number is now connected

The phone number is now attached to the selected Messaging Service. Your A2P 10DLC registration is handled for you during your initial platform setup.

Sources

- Twilio: How to Search for and Buy a Phone Number from Console:
<https://help.twilio.com/articles/223135247-How-to-Search-for-and-Buy-a-Twilio-Phone-Number-from-Console>
- Twilio: Messaging Services: <https://www.twilio.com/docs/messaging/services>