

Setting up for working with photos and videos



Setting up your devices

- Important settings
 - Turn on your backup – see info [here](#)
 - Choose between iCloud Photo Library and My Photo Stream – see info [here](#)
 - Syncing your devices and PC – see info [here](#)
 - Get the Google Photos App (optional)– see info [here](#)

Setting up your camera

- Choose a file format. Go to Settings, Camera and tap Formats. Choose High Efficiency (HEIC) or Most Compatible (JPG). HEIC images will use almost half the space as JPGs.
- Set HDR to automatic or manual. Go to Settings, Camera and choose Auto HDR to have the camera decide or leave this off to decide yourself. With this off, when you open the Camera App you will see a setting at the top labeled HDR where you can set it to Auto, On or Off. If you turn on Auto HDR in the Camera Settings and turn on Keep Normal Photo, when you take an HDR photo, a non-HDR or Normal photos will be saved in addition to the HDR photo. This adds to your storage. Remember to hold the camera still when taking HDR photos since the camera takes several photos and combines them.

Setting up Google Drive and Google Photos (this step is optional)

- Google Photos
 - Open the App and tap the menu (3 lines at upper right as shown below)

 - Tap settings at upper right as shown below

 - Tap Backup up & sync. Turn this on.
 - Go back to settings and turn on Google Drive
- Google Drive

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- Tap settings at upper right as shown below



- Tap Photos
 - Turn on Auto Backup
 - You can also turn on Google Photos Folder, but this will create a folder named Google Photos in your Google Drive and add to your quota. Remember, you only get 15 Giga Bytes for free. If you turn this on with one of your devices, it will turn on automatically on all your devices. If you turn this off, you will have to delete the folder manually.

Setting up your PC for working with HEIC format photos and videos

- What you can do is convert HEIC files to JPG using a free app (such as [iMazing HEIC Converter](#) or [Apowersoft's HEIC to JPG converter](#)) or an online converter such as [HEIC to JPG](#).