

Autodesk AutoCAD Download & Student Verification Guide

This guide explains how to download Autodesk AutoCAD (including AutoCAD Electrical) using your educational access and complete the required student verification process.

1. Create an Autodesk account and open the Education Portal

1. Go to <https://www.autodesk.com>
2. If you do not already have an Autodesk account:
 - a. Click **Sign In > Create Account**
 - b. Register using your college email address.
3. **After creating or signing in**, log out of your account. Logging out ensures the correct student options appear during enrollment.
4. Open a web browser and go to:
<https://www.autodesk.com/education/edu-software/overview>

Important: If you are already signed into an Autodesk account, sign out first. The student verification options may not appear otherwise.

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We offer students, educators, and educational institutions free educational access to Autodesk products and services. Once eligibility is confirmed, you'll have access for one year, renewable as long as you remain eligible. Select a product to start confirming eligibility.



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2. Select Your Product

1. Scroll to find the software you want to download (e.g., **AutoCAD Electrical**).
2. Click **Select** on the product.

3. Begin the Education Access Process

1. On the next page, locate the **Student** option.
2. Click **'Go to product'** under the Student section.

4. Again, under the **Student** section, click **Select**. This will take you to the student verification screen.

4. Start Student Verification

1. Enter your **college email address** on the verification page.
2. Click **Continue**.

The screenshot displays the Autodesk Student Verification interface. At the top, a navigation bar includes links for Education, Products, Students, Educators, Administrators, and Get Help. The main content area is divided into three panels. The left panel, titled 'Product details', shows a table with one row: 'AutoCAD' with a quantity of '1'. The middle panel, titled 'Customer details', contains a form for 'Enter account information'. It includes fields for 'Email address' and 'Confirm email address', both filled with 'example@conestogac.on.ca'. A green checkmark and the text 'Emails match.' are visible below the confirm field. A checkbox for 'I agree to the Autodesk privacy statement' is checked. A 'Continue' button is at the bottom of this section. The right panel, titled 'Subscription summary', shows 'Student subscription' for a '1-year term' and a 'Submit' button.

5. Create or Log In to Your Autodesk Account

You will be prompted to log in with your existing Autodesk account. Once signed in, you will be asked to complete additional information for verification, such as:

- Full name
- Date of birth
- School name
- Enrollment status

After entering the required details, click **Submit**.

6. Receive Verification Confirmation

You will receive an email from Autodesk confirming that your educational access has been approved.



Hi Name,

You're eligible for free one-year educational access to Autodesk products through the Autodesk Education Community. Your access is valid through 2026-11-18, and you'll have the opportunity to renew if you are eligible.

To use any of the available products, visit the [Autodesk Education Community](#) and make your product selections. Now—let's start designing and making.

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Still have questions? We've got you covered.

Visit the [Autodesk Knowledge Network](#) for detailed instructions, or [contact support](#).

Best,
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7. Download AutoCAD

Once verification is complete:

1. Visit <https://www.autodesk.com>.

2. Click your **Profile icon** at the top right of the page.
3. Under **Account**, select **Products and Services**.

You will be directed to:

<https://manage.autodesk.com/products/all>

4. Choose the version of the software you want to download.
5. Click **Download**, then run the installer once the file finishes downloading.

8. Install and Sign In

1. Launch the installer and follow on-screen prompts to complete installation.
2. Open the software once installed.
3. When prompted, sign in with your Autodesk account credentials.

Autodesk products use **single sign-on (SSO)**, so once signed in, your educational license should activate automatically.

You're All Set

After completing these steps, you should have full access to AutoCAD with your student license.

If you encounter issues, contact the IT department or Autodesk support for assistance.