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How to apply for Claude Mythos, the model you're not supposed to have

Anthropic gives Mythos 5.2 only to people and teams it has verified, for security and life sciences work. This guide follows Anthropic's own docs: which program to apply to, what the form asks for, and how to switch Mythos on once you're approved.

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The guide page: graniteai.co/tools/claude-mythos-access

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What you will have at the end

One application or interest form sent to the right program, and Mythos on wherever you use Claude. There are two tracks. Track 1 is for one person on a Claude plan at claude.ai, with no API needed. Track 2 is for anyone with an Anthropic Console account, a team or a solo developer.

- [ ] Which program fits you: the Cyber Verification Program for security work, or the Life Sciences program for biology research
- [ ] The ID, documents and security settings the application asks for, ready before you start
- [ ] Mythos turned on in your Claude plan, or in a Console workspace as claude-mythos-5-2
- [ ] A plan B if you're turned down: Fable 5.2 is the same model with its safeguards on, and needs no approval on the Claude API

What Mythos is

In Anthropic's words, Claude Mythos 5.2 is "the same underlying model as Fable 5.2 without certain cybersecurity or biology safeguards." Anthropic released it on November 9, 2026, and gives it only to people and organizations it has verified. Fable 5.2 needs no approval on the Claude API, but its safeguards will block most cybersecurity-related tasks.

Pick the program

Program	Who it is for	Where it runs
Cyber Verification Program	Security work. Organizations, and individuals such as independent researchers, open-source maintainers and bug bounty hunters.	Pro, Max, Ultra, Team, Enterprise and the API. Not the Free plan.
Life Sciences program	Biology research, for teams and institutions: academic labs, startups and pharma. Access to Mythos, Opus and Sonnet with more permissive biology safeguards.	In beta on the Console (API) and on Claude Team and Enterprise plans. Not individual plans.

For the Life Sciences program you register interest at claude.com/form/life-sciences-verification-program. Anthropic says "the form we link to is an expression of interest, not an application." The rest of this guide covers the Cyber Verification Program.

Cyber Verification Program tiers

Tier	Who and which plans	Review target
Defense Access	Organizations and individuals. Pro, Max, Ultra, Team, Enterprise, API.	Two days.

Red Team Access	Organizations only, up to 75 approved users. Team, Enterprise, API.	Two weeks. Reviews are currently taking longer because of high demand.
Specialized Access	Organizations only, up to 25.	No set target.

Individuals can apply only for Defense Access. If an organization qualifies for a lower tier, Anthropic grants it while the rest of the application is reviewed.

BEFORE YOU OPEN THE FORM

Have these ready

Everyone

- [ ] An Anthropic account. If you don't have one, create one and set up billing first.
- [ ] Multi-factor authentication (MFA) on your account. Defense Access asks you to attest to it.
- [ ] API keys replaced at least every seven days, if you use any. Defense Access asks you to attest to that too.
- [ ] From December 15, 2026: phishing-resistant MFA, and no static or long-lived API keys. Anthropic recommends Workload Identity Federation.

Applying as an individual

- [ ] A Claude Pro, Max or Ultra plan
- [ ] A valid government-issued photo ID, the physical document: a passport, driver's license, or a state, provincial or national ID. No photocopies.
- [ ] A phone with a camera, for a possible live selfie

Applying as an organization

- [ ] One person to submit: an Owner or Primary Owner for a Claude account, or an Admin for a Console account. Nobody else should apply separately.
- [ ] The organization's legal name, address and business registration number
- [ ] For Red Team Access: phishing-resistant MFA, accounts on your company domain, organization-controlled devices, outbound network controls and background checks
- [ ] For Specialized Access, on top of that: SSO, and managed devices with malware protection

Good to know: approval does not carry over to your other organizations. Each one applies on its own.

TRACK 1

Only me, on a Claude plan

For one person who uses claude.ai on Pro, Max or Ultra and has never touched the API. Words in quotes are the labels on Anthropic's screens.

1. **Get your ID and phone ready.** The physical photo ID, and a phone with a camera for a possible live selfie.
2. **Check your security settings.** MFA on, and any API keys replaced at least every seven days.
3. **Sign in to the Verification Portal** with your Anthropic account at portal.anthropic.com/programs.
4. **Choose "Cyber Verification Program", click "Apply"** and fill in the application. As an individual, you apply for Defense Access.
5. **Accept the terms and submit.** You cannot edit or cancel the application after this, so read it over first.
6. **Watch your email.** Anthropic emails you with a decision or a request for more information. The target for Defense Access is two days.

Where to check your status

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Verification Portal > Programs > Cyber Verification Program
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Your part: if the review runs past the target, wait. You don't need to reapply.

Once you're approved

Your plan	What happens
Pro	Access turns on automatically. Mythos models are available only with usage credits.
Max and Ultra	Access turns on automatically. Mythos and Fable share up to 50% of your weekly usage limit. After that, you use usage credits if you have them turned on, or switch models.
Team	Access turns on automatically for every user.
Enterprise	An Owner or Primary Owner assigns the program to a custom role, under Organization settings > Roles.

TRACK 2

I use the Claude Console (API)

For anyone with an Anthropic Console account. An organization applies once, through one Admin. A solo developer can apply as an individual, for Defense Access. After approval, an organization Admin or Owner assigns the program to a workspace.

Apply

1. **Pick the program that covers your use case.** Security work goes to the Cyber Verification Program. Biology research goes to the Life Sciences interest form.
2. **Sign in to the Verification Portal** at portal.anthropic.com/programs. For an organization, one Admin applies for everyone. On your own, you apply as an individual.
3. **Choose "Cyber Verification Program" and click "Apply".** Pick your tier. As an organization, fill in its legal name, address and business registration number. As an individual, you apply for Defense Access with your photo ID.
4. **Accept the terms and submit.** Then watch for Anthropic's email.

Signing in through a cloud account instead

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1. Go to https://portal.anthropic.com/linked-accounts
2. "Link account"
3. "I've granted access"
4. "Verify"
5. Programs > Cyber Verification Program > Apply
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Assign Mythos to a workspace

The program reaches the API through a workspace. You need an organization Admin or Owner, and the grant from your approval.

1. **Create a dedicated workspace.** Go to platform.claude.com/settings/workspaces and click "Create workspace". The default workspace cannot be used.
2. **Open the Programs page** at platform.claude.com/settings/programs and click your program.
3. **Click the workspace name, then "Add grant".** Select the program.
4. **Make sure the grant is "Active".**

Your part: to check status, open Organization settings > Programs. The Qualifications panel lists any requirement you have not met. If you go over a seat cap, the assigned workspaces lose access.

Call the model

Call it from the workspace you assigned, with the model ID for your platform.

Claude API, Google Cloud and Microsoft Foundry

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claude-mythos-5-2
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Amazon Bedrock

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global.anthropic.claude-mythos-5-2
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Context window: 1M tokens. Max output: 128K tokens. Mythos 5.2 shares one combined rate limit with Mythos 5.1 and Mythos 5. It requires 30-day data retention and isn't available under zero data retention (ZDR) arrangements unless Anthropic expressly authorizes it.

When something goes wrong

What you see	What it means	The fix
You can't assign the program to your workspace	The default workspace cannot be used.	Click "Create workspace" at platform.claude.com/settings/workspaces, then add the grant to that one.
A workspace lost access	A requirement is unmet, or you went over a seat cap.	Open Organization settings > Programs and read the Qualifications panel.
The review is taking long	Red Team reviews are currently taking longer because of high demand. Specialized Access has no set target.	Check status under Verification Portal > Programs > Cyber Verification Program. You don't need to reapply.
You were turned down	You keep the generally available models and any tier you were approved for.	Reapply after seven days. Meanwhile, use Fable 5.2: on the Claude API it doesn't require access approval.
You're on Pro and Mythos doesn't run	On Pro, Mythos models are available only with usage credits.	Turn on usage credits.
You reach the Mythos share of your limit on Max or Ultra	Mythos and Fable share up to 50% of the weekly usage limit.	Use usage credits if you have them turned on, or switch models.
You're on the Free plan	The Cyber Verification Program is not available on the Free plan.	Move to a paid plan, or apply through the Claude Console (API). On Pro, Mythos runs only with usage credits.
You need to change a submitted application	You cannot edit or cancel it.	Answer Anthropic's email if it asks for more information.

Sources

All read 18 November 2026. Where two of Anthropic's pages differ, this guide uses the support article's wording.

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The guide page

Both tracks, the model IDs and the answers to common questions live on the page too: graniteai.co/tools/claude-mythos-access

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