



Alipay and WeChat Pay now connecting to overseas bank cards

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During November 2019, Alipay and WeChat almost simultaneously announced their new services to bind foreign bank cards. Both services had previously only supported Chinese domestic bank cards.

On the 6th November 2019, WeChat Pay announced its partnership with Visa, Mastercard, American Express, Discover Global Network (Diners Club) and JCB, and announced its binding services with the latter. The steps to bind foreign bank cards are as follows:

- Enter passport information;
- Enter an overseas bank card number;
- Enter an overseas mobile phone number.

On the 5th November 2019, Alipay announced that international mobile numbers may be used to register for an Alipay account and international bank cards may be used to bind with the account. The steps to bind Alipay with an overseas bank card are:

- Download the overseas version of the Alipay APP;
- Enter an overseas mobile number;
- Open the Tour Pass in the APP;
- Top up the amount of credit to between 100 ~ 2000 RMB*;
- Enter passport information;
- Enter an overseas credit card or debit card number.

**Note: Any top up will only be valid for a period of 90 days; The balance will be returned by the end of the period. The user may top up again.*

Links to original sources (Chinese)

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