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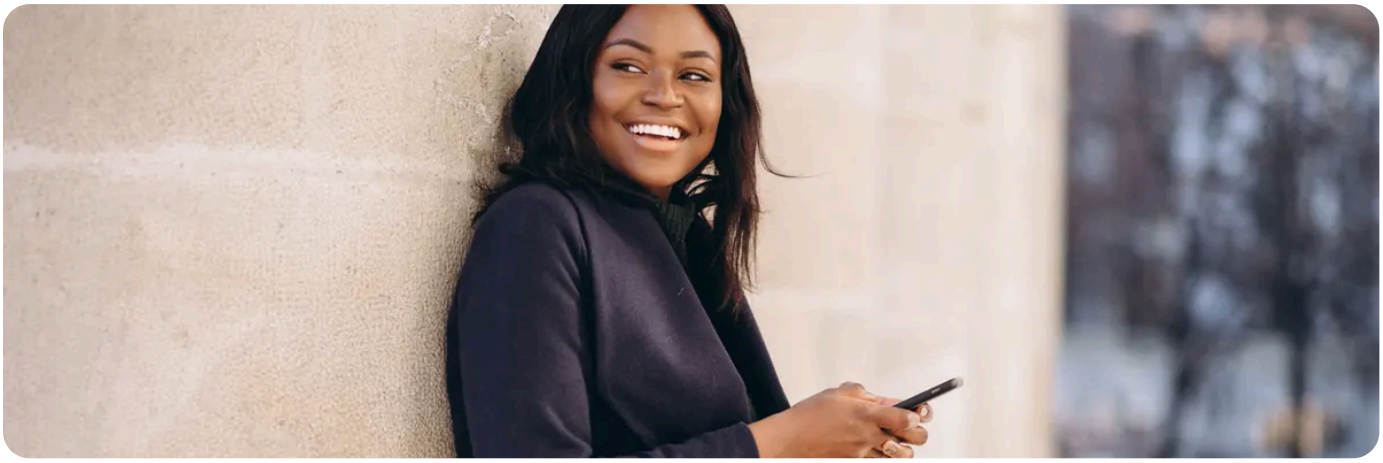
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The short answer: each code uses the credits for its SMS, usually **one**, and checking it costs nothing. The price of each credit goes down with the amount you buy at once, from $0.0092, and the minimum purchase is 1,000 credits. To estimate a month, count the verifications, add the resends and multiply by the parts in each SMS.

What costs credits and what does not

Operation	Credits
`POST /v1/sms/otp` **(send)**	The SMS's: one per part. The default text fits in one part
`/resend` **(resend)**	Another SMS, more credits
`/verify` **(check)**	None
`GET /v1/sms/otp/{id}` **(status)**	None
`/cancel` **(cancel)**	None; the SMS already sent is not refunded
Everything, with a Sandbox key	None: nothing is sent and nothing is charged

The price per credit

There are no bundles: you type how many credits you want, from 1,000, and **the whole purchase** is charged at the price tier for that amount.

Credits bought	Price per SMS
Up to 1,000	$0.0167

Credits bought	Price per SMS
1,001 to 5,000	$0.0150
5,001 to 10,000	$0.0142
10,001 to 25,000	$0.0125
25,001 to 50,000	$0.0117
50,001 to 100,000	$0.0100
Over 100,000	$0.0092

A monthly estimate

1. **Count the verifications per month:** new sign-ups, logins with a second step, confirmed payments.
2. **Add the resends.** If, say, one customer in ten asks for another code, multiply by 1.1.
3. **Multiply by the parts.** With a short text it is 1. A Portuguese text with accents that goes over 70 characters counts as 2.
4. **Pick the tier.** With the total credits, look up the price in the table and compare it with buying for several months at once, which may land in a cheaper tier.

An example: 2,000 sign-ups a month, with one in ten asking for a resend and a one-part text, gives 2,000 × 1.1 × 1 = **2,200 credits a month**.

What blows up the bill is not the price, it is abuse.
Without limits, a bot on your form can spend a month's credits in a day. Turn on the account rules and your site's brakes: see **fraud through your code form**.

A Sender ID is a separate cost
, $49.95 per name and per country, and does not change the credit price. Without one, codes go out from NETMSG, free. Credits are paid with the same **payment methods** as our other services and reach your SMS balance once paid.

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See SMS prices →

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