Why would I need to authorize my account and how do I do it?

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Levels of access

WorldCat registry has multiple levels of access. An authorized account has the highest level of access.

The following information will help you understand why you would authorize your account:

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<th>LEVEL OF ACCESS</th>
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<td>Authenticated</td>
<td>An authenticated user is one who has created a new user account or signed in with one of several accepted OCLC service accounts. Authentication proves to OCLC that you are who you say you are, but it does not recognize you as being affiliated with (or authorized to act on the behalf of) any specific institution. An authenticated user can search for institutions or create a new institution but cannot update an existing institution.</td>
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<td>Authorized</td>
<td>An authorized user is one whose user account is authenticated and has been given full authority to manage and edit institutional information in the registry.</td>
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How to authorize your account

To authorize your account:

1. Sign in to [OCLC Service Configuration](https://help.oclc.org/WorldCat/WorldCat_registry/FAQ_about_the_WorldCat_Registry/Why_would_I_need_to_auth...).
2. Submit a request to OCLC for authorization.
3. The request will be processed manually by OCLC personnel. They will review your affiliation with the institution and grant authorization. You will be notified via email.