



EMAIL TO SMS

In addition to being able to send SMS through your Internet browser and directly from your desktop, FASTSMS also offers the facility to send an SMS in the form of an email.

You can send a text message to any mobile phone from within any email client, including Microsoft Outlook and Outlook Express, Eudora, AOL, Google Mail, Hotmail and Pegasus by following a simple format.

This means that wherever in the world you are you can send and receive text messages provided you have access to email.



You can even receive texts into your email Inbox by adding a Virtual Mobile Number (VMN) allowing you to manage your texts along with your emails.

By using Email to SMS you will have access to all the same great features as any FASTSMS solution, including...

- Send SMS from any email client
- Send to multiple recipients in your 'To' field
- Signature / disclaimer removal making it easy to use
- Send linked SMS messages of up to 459 characters (3 credits)
- Personalise messages with a text label (sender ID)
- Send from a VMN to receive direct replies to your messages
- Integrate into any application with email functionality
- Respond directly to SMS messages that are forwarded to your email

Although Email to SMS is a great way to send a text manually, it is particularly suited to automated applications that are already enabled to send email alerts, such as server failure notification, environmental alert systems, appointment reminders, reservation information and personal alerts such as birthday reminders.

How It Works...

1. Enter the recipient's number in the "**To**" field of your email message. The number must be formatted as 447890123456@email2sms.fastsms.co.uk, where 07890 123456 is the mobile number you want to text to.
2. Enter who the message is from in the **subject** of the email message (This is the message label that appears on the recipient's handset and must be no longer than 11 alpha numeric characters).
3. The message body of the email must be in plain text format & include your **username** on the first line, **password** on the second line and **SMS message** on the third.
4. Once complete send the message as you would a normal email message; this message will then be received immediately as a text by the phone specified.

The screenshot shows an email composition window with the following fields and callouts:

- Callout 1:** Points to the "To..." field containing the email address 447890123456@email2sms.fastsms.co.uk.
- Callout 2:** Points to the "Subject:" field containing the text "FASTSMS".
- Callout 3:** Points to the message body containing the text:
Nsp001
Password
Message to handset
- Callout 4:** Points to the "Send" button.

Other visible details include the "From" field set to "Oliver@NetSecrets.co.uk", a "Cc..." field, a "Bcc..." field, and a status bar at the bottom that says "See more about: 447890123456@email2sms.fastsms.co.uk".

Want to know more...

Get texting right away

Specifically designed so that no additional software or training is required – working solely within your existing email client and with your existing email contact list.

Retain control over employee activity

Add SMS to any application that already supports email, increasing options for effective communication. This is an ideal method of communication if you want your staff to have their Internet access limited to their software-based email client – limiting unwanted activities.

Communicate quickly and effectively

Experience two way SMS communication in an environment familiar to you – send and receive SMS just as you would an email. The extensive FASTSMS feature list is still available to you in this medium meaning that Email to SMS can meet most if not all requirements for a mass communication tool.

We're always there for you

You will have immediate access to the full range of online help documentation, built up over years of working closely with users; this means you will never be lost or dependent on someone else's help - but if what you need isn't there, we're only on the other end of a phone.

"FASTSMS allows us to inform our volunteers much more quickly & co-ordinate rescues easily. We undertake various rescues from helping young people that are lost or those that have been caught in adverse weather conditions, through to climbers that have broken bones. We are extremely pleased that FASTSMS makes our job even more successful."

England & Wales Mountain Rescue

Add an Inbound Number



FASTSMS offer both keywords on shared 5-digit Shortcodes and 11-digit Virtual Mobile Numbers. In most cases we would recommend using a Virtual Mobile Number. By adding a Virtual Mobile Number (VMN) you enable two way messaging. This gives you an 11 digit number resembling a UK mobile number that is yours and yours alone. Any messages sent to that number then go directly to your FASTSMS account, straight into your inbox, just like an email.

A VMN can be positioned with your general contact details as a textline for people to text in requesting information, call backs or contacting you outside of normal working hours. You can even use your VMN in conjunction with your mobile marketing as a means of immediate response; your audience can simply then select 'reply' in their phone.

There really are very few instances where we would not recommend the use of two-way messaging which is why we make them so readily available to our users. For more information visit our pages on Virtual Mobile Numbers.

Send and receive through Outlook



If you use Microsoft Office Outlook you may find you could greatly benefit from using OMS. Outlook Mobile Service is the new feature in Outlook that allows you to create and send text messages to a mobile device from within Outlook in the same way you would email messages. Your messages are still sent through FASTSMS routes, assuring you of the highest delivery rates available. With the addition of a Virtual Mobile Number you can manage all your SMS communications within Microsoft Outlook alongside your email, seamlessly.

Try NetMessenger instead



If you don't think Email to SMS is right for you, we also offer our browser based software, NetMessenger to all our users. This connects you directly to the FASTSMS system, so you have the same level of reliability as any of our other SMS tools.

NetMessenger has the advantage that it is completely mobile, just like you – all you need is your login details and any PC can then be used to access your account.

NetMessenger also offers a multi-user level where you can manage your own sub-accounts as a master administrator, ideal if you have several people using your account and you want to keep an eye on credit use. You can even generate reports on individual or overall usage.

What to do next...

- If you don't yet have a FASTSMS account and would like a no obligation trial of the FASTSMS system we will happily give you **10 FREE CREDITS** to start you off.

You can apply online for this free trial by visiting:

www.FASTSMS.co.uk/information

If you are ready to open an account now you can do so from as little as **£4.90 for 100 credits** by visiting:

<http://login.fastsms.co.uk/newaccount.php>

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