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Hi Everyone,

Starting June 19, 2026, the Gemini API will stop accepting requests from unrestricted API keys to prevent unauthorized usage and billing risks.

If your Google Cloud project has the Gemini API enabled and contains unrestricted keys, please restrict them immediately.

What to do:

Option 1 (Restrict existing keys): Go to [Google Cloud Credentials](#), select your key, and

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Jun 17

Hello [@emanoel](#),

We are moving away from Traffic keys (Alza) and towards a more secure Authentication Key (AQ). AI Studio will now only generate Authentication Key (AQ) keys. More information on key usage can be found in the Using [Gemini API keys](#) documentation].

[Skip to main content](#) Compatibility issues with services / SDKs etc. in [this form](#) for our engineering team to review. Thanks!

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