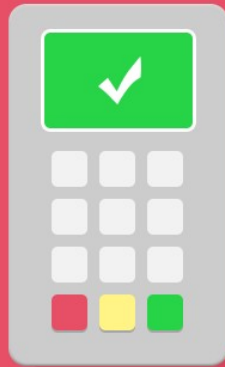# How to Connect an Existing Stripe Account with Shopify

If you already have a Stripe account, you might be banging your head against a wall trying to connect it to your Shopify store. Here's what's happening, and what you can do.

- [ ] Check to see if you're eligible for Shopify Payments: http://bit.ly/2YlwnfK

- [ ] If you are eligible, you can use that option (it's powered by Stripe). Unfortunately you will need to create a new account.

- [ ] If you aren't eligible for Shopify Payments, you can connect an existing Stripe account.

- [ ] From your Shopify admin, go to "Settings" (at the bottom left of the screen) > "Payment providers."

- [ ] In the "Accept credit cards" section, click "Add a provider."

- [ ] In the "Change provider" dialog box, select "Third party credit card provider."

- [ ] Select Stripe as the provider that you want to use from the drop-down menu, and then click "Continue."

- [ ] Enter your account credentials for Stripe.

- [ ] Click "Activate."

- [ ] Need more help? Contact the Shopify support team: http://bit.ly/2Xwd325