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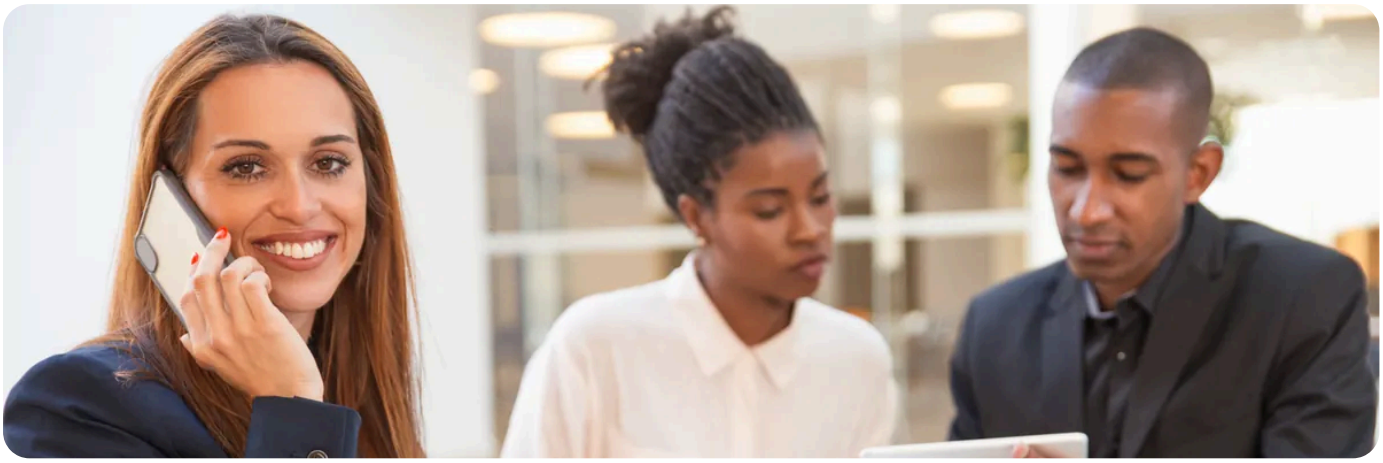
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The short answer: the details are always the same four (server, port, username and password) plus the sender, but every program calls them something different. The table below tells you what to enter under each name you will meet. Where most people go wrong is the **encryption**: port 587 takes STARTTLS, port 465 takes TLS (or SSL).

The name on screen and what to enter

It may appear as	What to enter
Server, Host, SMTP Host, Outgoing server	The server shown in the Email Center Connection card. It is **not** the server of your mailboxes.
Port	**587**, or **465** if 587 is blocked on your network.
Encryption, Security, Secure connection	With 587: **STARTTLS** (many plugins just call it «TLS»). With 465: **SSL/TLS** (older programs say «SSL»).
Authentication, SMTP Auth, «My server requires authentication»	On. If the program asks for a method, leave it on automatic.
Username, Login, User	The SMTP credential username, exactly as the Email Center showed it. It is not your e-mail address.
Password	The credential password, the one shown only once.
From, From address, Sender	An address on a verified domain, for example `no-reply@asuaempresa.co.mz`.
From name	The name your customer sees in the inbox: your company or website name.

It may appear as	What to enter
Reply-To	Optional: a real mailbox where replies should go.

Swapping port and encryption gives a «TLS error».
The rule is simple: **587 with STARTTLS, 465 with TLS. Do not mix them.** Port 25 and «no encryption» are not part of these settings. Why there are three ports is explained in **SMTP ports 465, 587 and 25**.

Where these fields usually are

Program	Where to look
WordPress	In your SMTP plugin, choose «Other SMTP», TLS and port 587. See **moving WordPress to SMTP Relay**.
Laravel and PHP frameworks	In the .env file. See **SMTP Relay in Laravel**.
PHPMailer	In the Host, Port, SMTPSecure, Username and Password properties. See **PHPMailer**.
Node.js and Python	In the Nodemailer or smtplib configuration. See **the examples**.
Printers and devices	On the device configuration page, under E-mail or SMTP. See **connecting devices**.
ERP and billing software	In the e-mail or document sending settings. See **invoices through SMTP Relay**.

Some programs have a «Force From» option.
Turn it on and enter an address on your verified domain: that way no e-mail leaves with another sender and gets refused.

NEED A HAND?

Not sure which field is which in your program? Send us a screenshot of the settings, without the password, and we will tell you what to enter.

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