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## About this Help Guide

This is the Android 17 update features Help Guide for the following models.

- Xperia 1 VIII
- Xperia 1 VII
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The timing of the software update varies depending on the model. This Help Guide does not cover all the features and functions of Android 17. This Help Guide primarily explains features whose operating procedures have changed after the software update. Some features, functions, settings, and screen designs after the update may differ from those described in this Help Guide. If you are not sure which Android version your device is running, you can check it in the Settings menu.

### Note

- System and application updates can present the features of your device in another way than described in this Help Guide. The Android version might not be affected in an update.

## To check the current Android version of your device

Find and tap as follows.

[Settings] > [About phone]

The current Android version is displayed under the following.

[Android version]

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## Using your device by connecting to an external display (Desktop mode) (Xperia 1 VIII/Xperia 1 VII/Xperia 1 VI only)

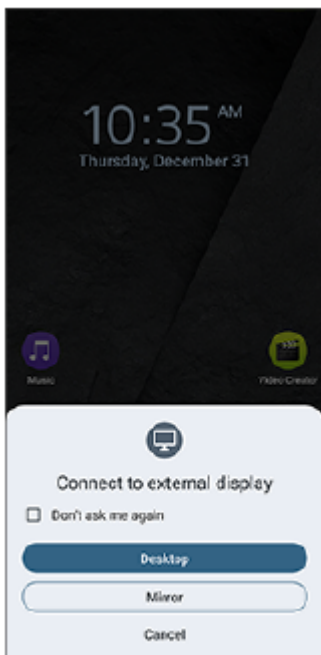
You can operate the apps of your device like a computer on a large screen by connecting your device to an external display, independently of operating your device.

### Note

- You will need peripherals such as cables and a docking station in advance to connect your device to an external display. When you use the docking station for a wired connection, first connect peripherals such as the keyboard and mouse and the external display to the docking station. Then, connect the docking station to your device.
- Connection methods vary depending on the external display and peripherals. Please refer to the instruction manual for the devices to be connected.
- Some external displays and peripherals may not support this feature.

### 1 Connect the USB Type-C® port of your device to an external display using a cable.

The following screen will appear.  
[Connect to external display]



### 2 Tap the following. [Desktop]

The Desktop mode screen will appear on the external display.

### 3 Use peripherals such as a keyboard and mouse to operate the screen.

- You can display multiple app screens on the external display and operate the apps like on a computer.
- Before exiting the Desktop mode, save and close any documents or files currently open on the Desktop mode screen, if necessary. Then, disconnect the cable from your device.

## Hint

- Find and tap as follows to change display and operation settings when your device is connected to the external display.  
[Settings] > [Connected devices] > [External displays]
- After connecting your device to an external display, tap the following to display the same screen on the external display as on your device.  
[Connect to external display]: [Mirror]  
To exit the Mirror mode, disconnect the cable.

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## Changes to settings of the Home screen

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The following items have been changed that appear in the menu when you touch and hold an empty area on the Home screen.

[Widgets]

[Home settings]

### Widgets

The following tabs have been added.

**Featured:** Recommended widgets are displayed randomly.

**Browse:** A list of all widgets is displayed.

### Home settings

- The following item has been removed.  
[Allow home screen rotation]
- The following item has been added.  
[Landscape mode]  
Tap to turn the switch on and the screen display will be locked in landscape.

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### Related Topic

- [Changes and new features in Wallpaper & style](#)

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## Changes and new features in the Quick settings panel

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The layout of the Quick settings panel has changed, and you can now change the size of the tiles. Additionally, some tile names have been changed. Supplementary information is now displayed when tiles are shown in a larger size.



Perform the following procedure to change the size and arrangement of the tiles in the Quick settings panel.

- 1 **Swipe down twice from the top of the screen to open the Quick settings panel.**
- 2 **Tap the icon to display the tile editing screen.**  
 (Edit)

### Tile editing screen



#### 1. Confirmation icon

You can confirm your edits and return to the Quick settings panel.

#### 2. Undo button

Tap this button to revert an edit to the previous state. If you tap the button repeatedly to revert to the pre-editing state, the button will disappear.

#### 3. Remove tile button

Remove a tile from the Quick settings panel.

#### 4. Tap a tile and then drag the right edge of the tile to change its size.

#### 5. Tap a tile with a + mark to add the tile to the Quick settings panel.

After adding tiles to the Quick settings panel, you can change the arrangement by dragging and dropping the tiles.

### Hint

- In the Quick settings panel, some settings have changed their names. The following is an example of the changed names.  
Before updates: [Internet]  
After updates: [Wi-Fi]/[Mobile data]
- You can now control some functions, such as the Wi-Fi or Bluetooth function, by simply tapping the icons of their tiles. To turn off the Wi-Fi function itself, long-press the Wi-Fi tile and operate the Wi-Fi function in the Settings menu.
- Depending on the tile, you can display advanced settings by tapping or long-pressing the icon or the name of the setting.
- Swipe up from the bottom of the tile editing screen to display the bottom part, and then tap the following button to reset all Quick settings tiles to their original settings.  
[Reset]

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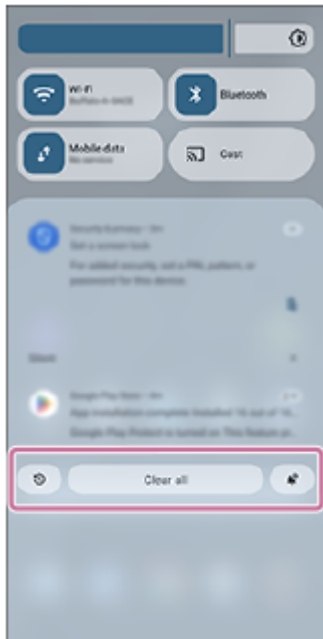
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## Changes to the notification panel

The notification panel design has changed.

Swipe down from the top of the screen to open the notification panel.



-  (Notification history): You can display the notification history screen. To view the notification history, tap and turn the following switch on.  
[Use notification history]
- Clear all: Tap the icon to clear all notifications on the notification panel.
-  (Notification settings): Tap the icon to display the notification settings screen.

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## Changes to screen recording

The screen recording menu has been made easier to operate.

You can record the entire screen or a single app. In addition to device audio, you can also record audio from the microphone simultaneously.

**1 Swipe down twice from the top of the screen to open the Quick settings panel.**

**2 Swipe left or right to find the following tile, and then tap it.**

 (Screen record)

If you cannot find the tile in the Quick settings panel, you can add it to the panel.

Tap the following icon.

 (Edit)

Then, tap the following tile to add it to the Quick settings panel.

 (Screen record)

**3 Select recording settings and start recording the screen.**

- You can select whether to record the entire screen or a single app.
- Select what to record, including device audio, audio from the microphone, and/or touches on the screen, if necessary.
- If you select the following, select the recording app from the settings.

[Single app]



Recording will start after the countdown is finished.

To stop recording, swipe down from the top of the screen to open the notification panel, and then tap the Screen recorder notification.

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## Related Topic

- [Changes and new features in the Quick settings panel](#)

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## Changes to items in the Settings menu

Some of the item names and their order in the Settings menu have been changed, removed, or newly added.

### Android 17 Settings menu



### Main items that have changed or been added in the Settings menu

| Items                                                                | Android 16                                  | Android 17                                                   |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| [Settings] > [Network & internet]                                    | —                                           | [Mobile network security]                                    |
| [Settings] > [Sound & vibration]                                     | —                                           | [Assistant volume]                                           |
| [Settings] > [Display] (Xperia 1 VIII/Xperia 1 VII/Xperia 1 VI only) | [Lock screen] > [Always show time and info] | [Always-on display]                                          |
| [Settings] > [Display] > [Lock screen]                               | —                                           | [Dynamic clock]                                              |
| [Settings]                                                           | [System] > [Backup]                         | [Accounts and backup]                                        |
| [Settings]                                                           | [Security]<br>[Privacy]                     | [Security & privacy]                                         |
| [Settings]                                                           | [Security] > [Find Hub]                     | [Security & privacy] > [Lost device protection] > [Find Hub] |
| [Settings]                                                           | [Security] > [Screen lock]                  | [Security & privacy] > [Device unlock] > [Screen lock]       |
| [Settings]                                                           | [Security] > [Fingerprint]                  | [Security & privacy] > [Device unlock] > [Fingerprint]       |

| Items                                                                          | Android 16                                                   | Android 17                                                                                                           |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| [Settings]                                                                     | [Security] > [More security settings] > [SIM lock]           | [Security & privacy] > [More security & privacy] > [SIM lock]                                                        |
| [Settings]                                                                     | [Privacy] > [Health Connect]                                 | [Security & privacy] > [Privacy controls] > [Health Connect]                                                         |
| [Settings]                                                                     | [Passwords, passkeys & accounts] > the account for the owner | [Accounts and backup] > [Manage accounts] > the account for the owner                                                |
| [Settings]                                                                     | [Passwords, passkeys & accounts] > Preferred service         | [Passwords & passkeys] > Preferred service                                                                           |
| [Settings]                                                                     | [Digital Wellbeing & parental controls]                      | [Digital Wellbeing]<br>[Parental controls]                                                                           |
| [Settings] > [System]                                                          | [Gestures] > [Navigation mode] > [Circle to Search]          | [Circle to Search]                                                                                                   |
| [Settings] > [System] > [Gestures] > [Navigation mode] > [3-button navigation] | —                                                            |  (Settings) > [Button navigation] |

## Main items that have been removed from the Settings menu

| Items                 | Android 16                   | Android 17 |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|------------|
| [Settings] > [System] | [Keyboard] > [Pointer speed] | —          |

### Related Topic

- [Other changes or new features in the Settings menu](#)

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## Changes to the Wi-Fi® tethering settings (Xperia 1 VII/Xperia 1 VI/Xperia 10 VII only)

The procedure for changing settings on the Wi-Fi tethering settings screen has changed.

You can change the default hotspot name, security system, hotspot password, and other Wi-Fi hotspot settings of your device.

- 1 Tap as follows.  
[Settings] > [Network & internet] > [Hotspot & tethering] > [Wi-Fi hotspot]
- 2 Tap the desired item to change the settings.

### Note

- If you are using a Wi-Fi hotspot in the 6 GHz band, select a security system from among the following.  
[WPA3-Personal]/[WPA2/WPA3-Personal]/[Enhanced Open]  
(Xperia 1 VII/Xperia 1 VI only)

### Hint

- The default setting for the hotspot name is "Xperia\_XXXX" (XXXX is a four-digit number).
- Set a password if the following is displayed when you change the security system.  
[Hotspot password]  
The password for the Wi-Fi hotspot is set randomly by default, but you can change the password as you like.
- Tap the icon to display a QR code with Wi-Fi hotspot information.  
 (QR code)  
You can easily use a Wi-Fi hotspot by scanning the QR code.

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## Changes and new features in the Display settings

Some of the items in the following item have been changed, removed, or newly added.

[Settings] > [Display]

- The following item has been added.

[Enhanced HDR brightness] (Xperia 1 VIII/Xperia 1 VII/Xperia 1 VI only)

You can display the HDR content brighter by expanding the color range and clarity on your device.

### Note

- This function does not compensate for HDR photos or videos themselves.

## Additions, deletions, or changes to the Lock screen

Some of the items in the following item have been changed, removed, or newly added.

[Settings] > [Display] > [Lock screen]

- The number of setting items has increased for the following item.

[Notifications on lock screen]

You can select the types and display format of notifications.

You can access the item via the following procedures.

- [Settings] > [Security & privacy] > [More security & privacy] > [Notifications on lock screen]
- [Settings] > [Display] > [Lock screen] > [Notifications on lock screen]

## Additions to Dark theme

Some of the items in the following item have been newly added.

[Settings] > [Display] > [Dark theme]

**Standard:** You can turn on the dark theme for your device and apps that support the dark theme.

**Expanded:** You can apply the dark theme to most apps that do not support the dark theme.

## Additions to the Screen saver

The following switch has been added.

[Settings] > [Display] > [Screen saver] > [Low light mode]

The low light clock will appear when your environment is dark.

## Addition of an item to Image quality settings (Xperia 10 VII only)

The following switch has been added.

[Settings] > [Display] > [Image quality settings] > [Adaptive color]

Your device automatically adjusts the screen color to the environment and condition of use.

### Related Topic

- [Changes to items in the Settings menu](#)





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## Changes and new features in Wallpaper & style

The following screen layout has changed, and you can configure more settings.

[Settings] > [Wallpaper & style]

### Hint

- The Wallpaper & style screen can also be accessed by touching and holding an empty area on the Home screen and tapping the following from the menu.  
[Wallpaper & style]

### Changes to the settings of the Lock screen

You can now change your wallpaper in the following way.

Swipe the preview image to the right to select the Lock screen.

Tap the desired wallpaper design.

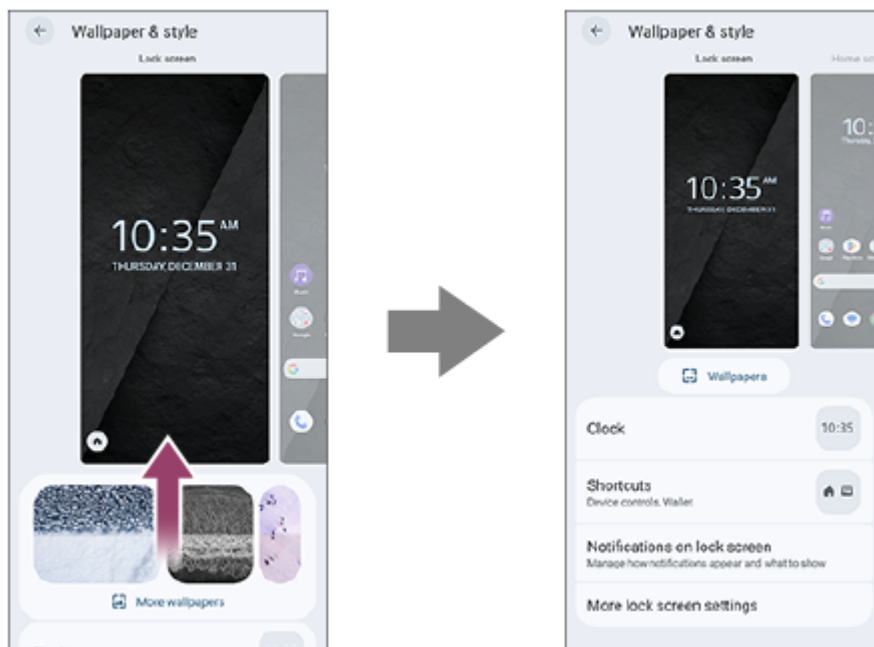
Then, find and tap as follows to apply the wallpaper.

[Next] > [Apply]

If you want to change to a wallpaper design other than the one displayed, tap the following.

[More wallpapers]

To change settings other than the wallpaper, swipe up from the bottom of the screen to display the settings menu.



- The method for setting the clock has changed, and you can now change the design. To change the display of the clock on the Lock screen, find and tap as follows.  
[Clock]  
Change the desired settings from the following.  
[Style]/[Color]/[Size]  
Then, tap the following.  
[Apply]
- The following switch has been removed.  
[Show notifications on the lock screen]

You can now find and tap the following item to select the types and display format of notifications.  
[Notifications on lock screen]

### Note

- (Xperia 1 VII/Xperia 1 VI/Xperia 10 VII only) If you have set a shortcut to the Camera app on the Lock screen, the shortcut will be deleted after updating the software of your device to Android 17. You can set the shortcut to the Camera app again by tapping the following.  
[Shortcuts]

## Changes to the settings of the Home screen

You can now change your wallpaper in the following way.

Swipe the preview image to the left to select the Home screen.

Tap the desired wallpaper design.

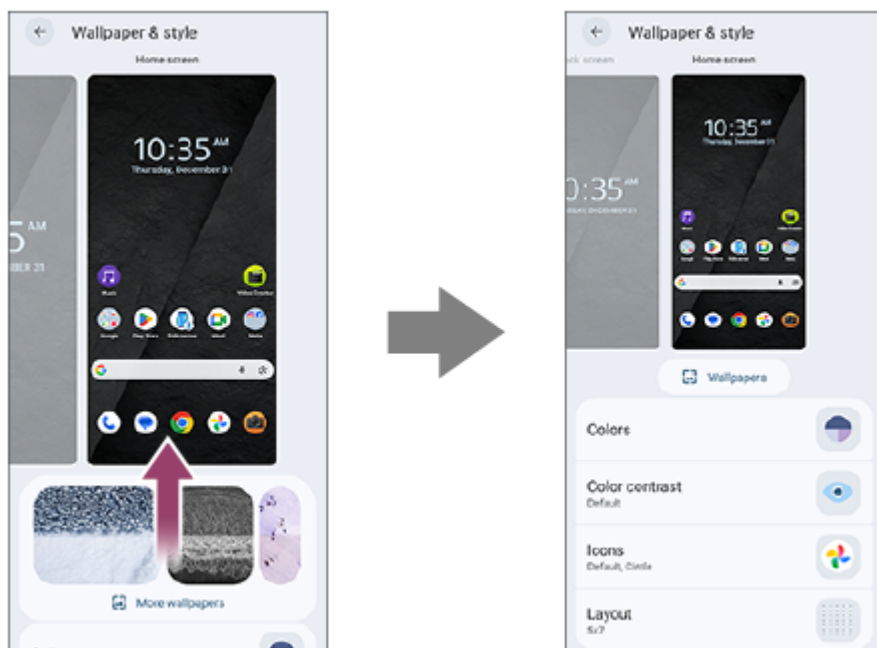
Then, find and tap as follows to apply the wallpaper.

[Next] > [Apply]

If you want to change to a wallpaper design other than the one displayed, tap the following.

[More wallpapers]

To change settings other than the wallpaper, swipe up from the bottom of the screen to display the settings menu.



- You can now customize icons. Find and tap as follows.

[Icons]

Then, select and change the desired settings.

**Style:** You can choose the style of icons.

**Shape:** You can choose the shape of icons.

Tap the following in the upper right corner of the screen to apply the changes.

[Apply]

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## New features of Date & time

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You can find the added items in the following.

[Settings] > [System] > [Date & time]

**Time zone change:** Tap the switch to set whether to receive a notification when your time zone is automatically updated.

**Scheduled clock change:** Tap the switch to set whether to receive a notification when your clock performs a scheduled change. An example of a scheduled change is daylight saving time.

**Next change:** If you set your device to a daylight saving time zone, you can view the date and time of the next time change.

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## Changes to ringtone settings

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The following items have been combined into one item.

[Settings] > [Sound & vibration] > [Phone ringtone - SIM 1] or [Phone ringtone - SIM 2]

After updates: [Settings] > [Sound & vibration] > [Phone ringtone]

### Hint

- If you want to set different ringtones for each SIM, find and tap as follows.  
[Settings] > [Network & internet] > [SIMs] > the name of the SIM  
Then, tap the following.  
[Ringtone]

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## Other changes or new features in the Settings menu

### Adjustment of the assistant volume

You can now adjust the volume of the assistant separately from the media volume.

Drag the following slider to adjust the assistant volume.

[Settings] > [Sound & vibration] > [Assistant volume]

#### Hint

- You can also adjust the assistant volume and media volume separately by pressing the volume button when you are using the assistant.

### Changes to the Language settings

The method of selecting the system language of your device has changed.

1. Find and tap as follows.  
 (Settings) >  (System) >  (Language & region)
2. Tap the following button below the language list.  
 (Add a language)
3. Tap your desired language and then select a region if prompted.
4. Tap the icon beside the name of the language to set your desired language as the system language.  
 (More)  
Then, tap one of the following to move the language name to the top of the list.  
 (Move to top)/ (Move up)  
In the dialog shown, tap the button on the right.

### Changes to the layout of 3-button navigation

You can now reverse the left-right layout of the Home, Back, and Overview buttons in the navigation bar.

Find and tap as follows.

[Settings] > [System] > [Gestures] > [Navigation mode]

Then, tap the following icon beside the 3-button navigation and select the desired layout.

 (Settings)

### New feature of the fingerprint unlocking function

The following item has been added to the Settings menu.

[Touch to unlock anytime]

After you have registered your fingerprint and then turned the function on, you can unlock your device by touching the power button even if the screen is turned off. If you prefer to unlock your device by pressing and holding the power button, turn the function off.

1. Find and tap as follows.  
[Security & privacy] > [Device unlock] > [Fingerprint]
2. Follow the on-screen instructions to register your fingerprint.

- The following switch will appear.  
[Touch to unlock anytime]  
Tap the switch to turn the function on or off.

#### Note

- (Xperia 1 VI only) The following item has been removed.  
[Settings] > [Security] > [Press to unlock with fingerprint]

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#### Related Topic

- [Changes to items in the Settings menu](#)

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## New features in the Phone app

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The following items have been added to the calling accounts settings in the Phone app.

**Vibrating for outgoing call accepted:** You can set whether to enable vibrating mode for outgoing call accepted.

**Call connected tones:** You can set whether a sound is played for outgoing call accepted.

To enable or disable these functions, launch the Phone app, and then find and tap as follows.

≡ (Menu) > [Settings] > [Calling accounts]

Then, tap the switch for the desired setting.

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## Changes to Bluetooth LE Audio function (Xperia 1 VIII/Xperia 1 VII/Xperia 1 VI only)

The procedure for listening to someone else's shared audio via the headphones paired with your device has changed.

- 1 **Find and tap as follows.**  
[Settings] > [Connected devices] > [Connection preferences] > [Nearby audio streams]

- 2 **Tap the name of the device. Enter the password if prompted and tap the following.**  
[Connect]  
**Or, tap the following and scan the QR code of the audio sharing source.**  
[Scan QR code]

Reception of the shared audio will start, and you will be able to listen to the audio via the headphones paired with your device.

Tap the following to stop receiving the shared audio.

[Settings] > [Connected devices] > [Connection preferences] > [Nearby audio streams]

Then, tap the name of the device and tap the following.

[Disconnect]

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## Changes to the Camera app (Xperia 1 VIII only)

The AI Camera Assistant feature in the Photo mode now allows you to register up to three custom looks. You can also change the name of each custom look.

### Registering custom looks

1. In the Photo mode, tap one of the recommended adjustments displayed as mini previews.
2. Find and tap the following icon in the bottom left (in the portrait orientation) or in the bottom right (in the landscape orientation) of the viewfinder to display the Brightness/Color adjustments screen.  
 (Custom)
3. Drag each slider to adjust the settings to your preference.
4. Tap the following.  
 [Register]
  - Custom looks will be registered in the order of Custom 1 to Custom 3. If you register more than three custom looks, select one of the custom looks to overwrite.
  - You can change the name when registering a custom look.
5. Tap the following icon in the upper left of the Brightness/Color adjustments screen to return to the viewfinder.  
 (Close)

### Using a custom look

- If you want to use a registered custom look, find and tap as follows.  
 (Look) > the desired custom look
- You can readjust the custom look settings after you have registered the custom look. Find and tap as follows.  
 (Look) > the desired custom look  
 Then, tap the custom look again to display the Brightness/Color adjustments screen. Drag each slider to adjust the settings to your preference.  
 To change the custom look name, tap the following icon.  
 (Edit)

#### Hint

- You can automatically back up the custom look settings to your Google account. Find and tap as follows.  
 [Settings] > [Google] > [Manage backup] > [Other device data]  
 Then, turn the following switch on.  
 [Back up other device data]

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## Other changes

### Changes to status icons

- The design of the icon indicating signal strength has changed.  
Before updates:  (Signal strength)  
After updates:  (Signal strength)
- When using your device as a dual SIM device, previously two signal strength icons were displayed. Now the icon is displayed vertically as a single icon. The signal strength for each SIM is displayed separately, one above the other.  
Before updates:  (Signal strength)  
After updates:  (Signal strength) (Example for 4G)
- The design of the Wi-Fi signal icon has changed. The signal strength display has changed from four levels to three levels.  
Before updates:  (Wi-Fi signal)  
After updates:  (Wi-Fi signal)

### Changes to Side sense

- (Xperia 1 VIII/Xperia 10 VIII only) The following guide has been removed.  
[Multitasking guides]  
This item had previously appeared at the bottom of the screen after finding and tapping as follows.  
[Settings] > [System] > [Gestures] > [Side sense]
- The app launcher menu has changed. You can access the app launcher menu by flicking up the Side sense bar.  
The tab title name has changed as follows.  
Before updates: [Main and pop-up]  
After updates: [App launcher]  
You can no longer launch pop-up windows from this screen.  
Pop-up windows can be launched from the Recent app screen by tapping the following button in the navigation bar.  
 (Overview)

### Changes to the Game enhancer app (Xperia 1 VIII/Xperia 1 VII/Xperia 1 VI only)

The following has been removed, and you are no longer able to launch pop-up windows from the Game enhancer app.  
[Multitasking] > [APPS]  
You can launch pop-up windows from the Recent app screen by tapping the following button in the navigation bar.  
 (Overview)

### Changes to the External monitor app (Xperia 1 VI only)

The YouTube pop-up window feature in the Streaming mode of the External monitor app has been removed. The following icon on the Streaming mode screen is also no longer displayed.  
 (Pop-up)

### Changes to the Video Creator app

The Video Creator app now supports display in the landscape orientation. In the video editing screen, only some elements, such as icons, will be displayed in landscape orientation.

