

AION 2

ON STEAM - QUICK START GUIDE 2026

Download, launchers, classes, PC requirements and first-day tips

1. Quick Start

AION 2 launched globally on **October 5, 2026**. The base game is free to play on Windows PC through Steam and NC's PURPLE launcher. Steam lists a 100 GB storage requirement and recommends an SSD.

Release	October 5, 2026
Price	Free to play; optional paid content may be available
Platforms	Windows PC via Steam and PURPLE
Engine	Unreal Engine 5
Storage	100 GB available space; SSD recommended
Online	Broadband internet connection required

FASTEST WAY TO START ON STEAM

1. Open the official AION 2 Steam page.
2. Sign in to Steam and select **Play Game**.
3. Install to an SSD if possible and keep extra free space for patches.
4. Choose the server region closest to you for better latency.
5. Test several classes before spending heavily on a main character.

Official links

[AION 2 on Steam](#)

[Official AION 2 website](#)

[AION 2 Global Support](#)

2. Steam vs. PURPLE

The game content is the same across both launchers, so the decision is mostly about where you prefer to manage your account and library. If you want to move between launchers with the same character, account linking matters.

Feature	Steam	PURPLE
Game content	Same game	Same game
Servers	Shared	Shared
Best for	Players already using Steam	Players centered on NC services
Library integration	Steam library, updates and overlay	NC launcher ecosystem
Same character across both	Yes, with the correct account-linking setup	Yes, with the correct account-linking setup

Account-linking tip: If you already have an AION 2 character through PURPLE and want to use Steam, follow NC's official support instructions before creating or linking accounts. Linking the wrong account can make character access confusing.

Which launcher should you choose?

- **Choose Steam** if you want the simplest route and already keep your PC games there.
- **Choose PURPLE** if you prefer NC's own launcher and account ecosystem.
- **Use both only when you understand account linking.** Avoid creating a second progression path by accident.

First-day server advice

- Pick the closest regional server for lower latency.
- Do not choose a server only because a creator or friend mentioned it; confirm that your group is actually playing there.
- If launch queues are heavy, avoid repeatedly switching servers unless you are comfortable starting over.

3. Classes and Beginner Choices

AION 2 launched around classic AION archetypes and later added the Brawler. Class names can differ slightly across official communications and regions, so you may see labels such as Ranger/Marksman or Spiritmaster/Elementalist.

Class	Style	Good for
Gladiator	Wide-area melee damage	Players who want direct frontline offense
Templar	Core tanking and protection	Players who like leading fights
Assassin	Precision melee and mobility	Players comfortable with timing and positioning
Ranger / Marksman	Long-range physical damage	Players who prefer distance and movement
Sorcerer	High burst magic damage	Players who enjoy spell-heavy offense
Spiritmaster / Elementalist	Summons and utility	Players who enjoy control and flexible solo play
Cleric	Healing with offensive options	Players who want strong group value
Chanter	Support and team utility	Players who like buffs and flexible roles
Brawler	Gauntlet combos and Rage/Rampage	Players who want aggressive frontline chains

BEGINNER CLASS PICKING RULES

- **Pick by playstyle, not tier list.** Balance changes can move rankings quickly.
- **Try at least three roles.** You may prefer support or tanking more than expected.
- **Learn one main and one backup.** This helps when party composition or balance shifts.
- **Practice flight and aerial positioning.** Vertical combat is a core part of AION 2, not just travel.
- **Read current skill descriptions.** Class balance and Stigma options have changed during 2026.

4. PC Requirements and First-Day Checklist

Component	Minimum	Recommended
OS	Windows 10/11 64-bit	Windows 10/11 64-bit
CPU	Ryzen 5 2600 / Core i5-10500	Ryzen 7 3700X / Core i7-11700
RAM	8 GB	16 GB
GPU	GTX 1050 Ti 4 GB	RTX 2070 8 GB
DirectX	Version 12	Version 12
Storage	100 GB	100 GB
Drive note	SSD recommended	SSD recommended
1080p note	Very Low preset	Low preset

Before you press Play

- Keep at least **100 GB** free - preferably more for patches and temporary update files.
- Install on an **SSD** if possible.
- Use a **wired connection** or stable low-latency Wi-Fi for an action-heavy MMO.
- Update GPU drivers before troubleshooting performance.
- Start with the recommended preset for your hardware, then raise settings gradually.
- Choose your server region carefully before investing heavily in a character.
- Test several classes and learn flight controls early.
- Use mouse and keyboard as the safest officially supported control setup.
- Check official support before relying on Steam Deck/Linux or unsupported controller workflows.

Quick recommendation: If you already use Steam, start there. Install on an SSD, choose the closest server, test several classes, and spend your first session learning movement and flight before worrying about endgame builds.

Sources: Steam AION 2 store page; NC AION 2 Global Support; NC corporate AION 2 class/update announcements. Details may change with patches, so verify time-sensitive requirements and account instructions on official pages.