

## Windows activation hardware change

[Toll free +1 (844) 886-3118 ] Sometimes yes sometimes no, I had both things happen when I have replaced a motherboard in the past. Sometimes you have to reinstall windows, other times you don't.[Toll free +1 (844) 886-3118 ]

However, I would recommend picking up a new Windows 10 activation key on ebay, I have four of them, they're \$25, companies like Best Buy in micro center would have you pay anywhere between \$150 to \$200 for them.[Toll free +1 (844) 886-3118 ]

Here's a little secret Microsoft doesn't want you to know, you can use a Windows activation key an unlimited amount of times. Also, both Windows 7 and Windows 8.1 keys work to activate Windows 10, just thought it would mention that.[Toll free +1 (844) 886-3118 ]

Microsoft no longer provides traditional keys which could in the past be used on multiple systems.[Toll free +1 (844) 886-3118 ]

For Windows 10 only a digital license that is associated with your PC hardware is issued to prevent piracy. Any changes you make to the hardware like replacing your motherboard, the given license key won't be valid.[Toll free +1 (844) 886-3118 ]

However Microsoft has recently pushed an update in July, 2018 which introduces Windows 10 Activation Troubleshooter.[Toll free +1 (844) 886-3118 ]

To run the Activation Troubleshooter

1. Go to Settings menu and then to the Update & security. Click Activation and then click Troubleshoot.[Toll free +1 (844) 886-3118 ]
2. Select I changed the hardware on this device recently and sign into your linked Microsoft account.[Toll free +1 (844) 886-3118 ]

Select the device you're currently using and click Activate.[Toll free +1 (844) 886-3118 ]

It shouldn't fail due to any (removable) hardware change as Windows activation has historically been tied to the computer's MAC address. This is the unique 6 byte value burned into [Toll free +1 (844) 886-3118 ] the Ethernet chip on the mainboard and how many software packages identify your system for licensing purposes. For mobile devices that do not have an Ethernet port, like cellular phones, there is a unique cell chip ID. For computers without Ethernet, it'll likely be something else burned into the

mainboard that uniquely tags the system, never something upgradeable.[Toll free +1 (844) 886-3118 ]