Windows activation after hardware change

Call Now - +1 (844) 886-3118 After changing major hardware like the motherboard, Windows may deactivate; you can reactivate it using the [Activation Troubleshooter](#) in Settings, by signing in with your linked Microsoft Account and selecting the device, or by entering your product key if it's a retail **+1 (844) 886-3118** license; OEM licenses (pre-installed) are generally tied to the original motherboard, though, so transferring them to new hardware can be difficult.

Just what is this major hardware change? Windows 10 does allow certain hardware changes without affecting the license ***https://msgroup.blog/***. These might include adding or changing drives, memory, video card, etc. By the same token, a major hardware change such as upgrading the CPU might result in license issues regardless if it is even after a new install. There is also dependency on the **+1 (844) 886-3118** Windows 10 (and other versions) license type.

Retail versions of Windows 10 present the least activation issues with hardware changes including uninstalling from ***https://msgroup.blog/*** one computer system and newly installing on a different computer system. On the other hand, the OEM or system builder Windows 10 license is more restricting.

Should remote re-activation fail after a change, the fallback position is to contact Microsoft for a manual solution.

After a major hardware change (like a motherboard swap), Windows may deactivate, but you can usually reactivate using the Activation **https://msgroup.blog/** Troubleshooter in Settings > Update & Security (or System) > Activation, selecting "I changed hardware recently," and signing in with the Microsoft account linked to your digital license. If that fails, use the product key (COA sticker or digital) **+1 (844) 886-3118** or contact Microsoft Support, as OEM licenses tied to old hardware often can't transfer.

Steps to Reactivate

1. Connect to the Internet: Ensure your new hardware is online.
2. Sign in with your Microsoft Account: Use the same account previously linked to your Windows license.
3. Run the Troubleshooter:
    1. Go to Settings > Update & Security (or System for Win 11) > Activation.
    2. Click Troubleshoot.
    3. Select "I recently changed hardware on this device".
    4. Sign in with your Microsoft account.
    5. From the list, check the box for "This is the device I'm using right now" and select Activate.

If the Troubleshooter Doesn't Work

- Enter Product Key: Go to Activation +**1 (844) 886-3118 s**ettings and select "Change product key" to enter a key from a COA sticker or digital purchase.
- Check License Type: If it's an OEM license (pre-installed), it's tied to the original motherboard and generally not transferable. Retail licenses (purchased separately) can usually move.**https://msgroup.blog/**
- Contact Microsoft Support: They can help verify your license if activation fails.