How do I Activate my Windows 7 Professional After installation?

After you are done installing Windows 7 Professional you will need to activate it. The copy you initially install of Windows is temporary and will require a product key. There will be an alert that shows up in the system tray notifying you that Windows needs to be activated.

Also, please note that you **must have a valid Windows 7 license to activate your copy of Windows**. If you do not have a Windows 7 Product Key yet, please see the document *“How do I Obtain a Windows 7 License?”* located on our How do I website, for instructions on how to get one.

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| 1    | **Note:** Make sure you have an internet connection before you begin. You will need to be connected to the internet in order to activate your copy of Windows.  

To activate Windows 7 Professional, go to the **Start** menu, **right-click** on “Computer,” and select “Properties”, as shown below. |

![Image of Windows 7 menu with Computer properties highlighted.](image-url)
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2 | Scroll to the bottom of the page and **click** on the link “**Change Product Key**”
### Step 3

**Copy and paste your Windows 7 Product Key** into the text box and click “Next”.

Wait for your Windows to Activate (this will take a few seconds) and you will see a window saying that your copy of windows has been activated.
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