

Windows 11 activation after HW Change

To activate Windows 11 Toll Free : +1 (877)-514-1396  after a significant hardware change, such as replacing your motherboard or CPU, you must [use the built-in Activation troubleshooter](#) to transfer your digital license to the new hardware profile.

Reactivation Steps (2026)

If Windows 11 is not activated Toll Free : +1 (877)-514-1396  after your hardware change, follow these steps:

1. **Open Activation Settings:** Go to **Start > Settings > System > Activation**.
2. **Run Troubleshooter:** Select **Troubleshoot**. You must be signed in as an administrator.
3. **Identify Hardware Change:** Select the Toll Free : +1 (877)-514-1396  option "**I changed hardware on this device recently**".
4. **Sign In:** Enter your Microsoft account credentials. The account must be the same one previously linked to the digital license.
5. **Select Device:** From the list of linked Toll Free : +1 (877)-514-1396  devices, select the check box next to "**This is the device I'm using right now**" and click **Activate**.

Critical Requirements

- **Linked Account:** This process only Toll Free : +1 (877)-514-1396  works if your digital license was linked to your Microsoft account *before* the hardware change.
- **Edition Match:** The edition of Windows 11 (e.g., Home or Pro) must be exactly the same as the edition previously activated.
- **License Type:** **Retail** licenses can Toll Free : +1 (877)-514-1396  be transferred to new hardware. Most **OEM** licenses (pre-installed by the manufacturer) are tied to the original motherboard and cannot be transferred to a new one.

Troubleshooting and Support

- **Common Error 0xC004C008:** Toll Free : +1 (877)-514-1396  This code often appears if the activation server determines the key is already tied to other hardware. Running the troubleshooter as described above is the standard fix.
- **Manual Entry:** If you have a physical Toll Free : +1 (877)-514-1396  25-character product key, you can try entering it manually by selecting **Change product key** in the Activation settings.
- **Contacting Support:** If the troubleshooter fails, you may need to contact Microsoft Support for a manual override. In 2026, this is best done through the **"Get Help" app** or the Microsoft Support Toll Free : +1 (877)-514-1396  website to request a callback or live chat.