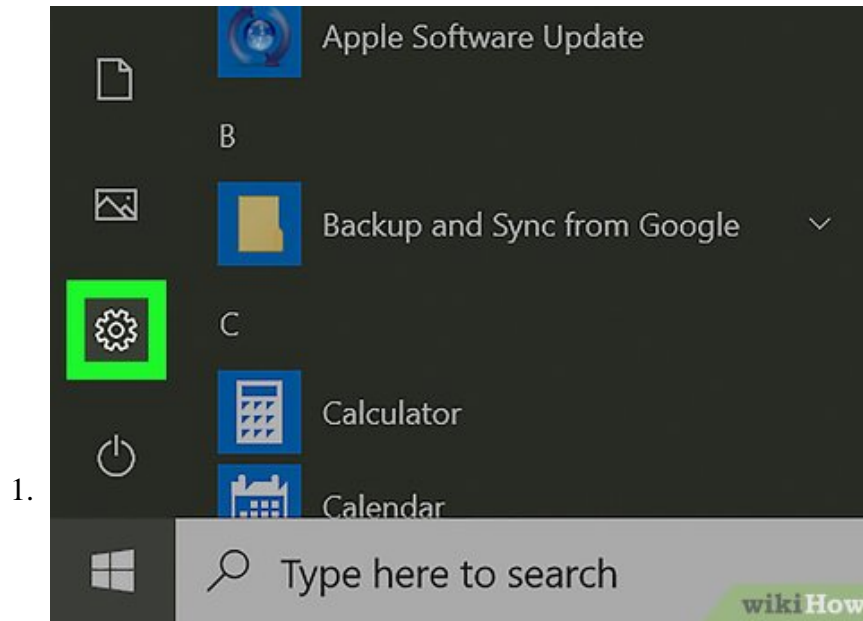


# How to Activate Windows

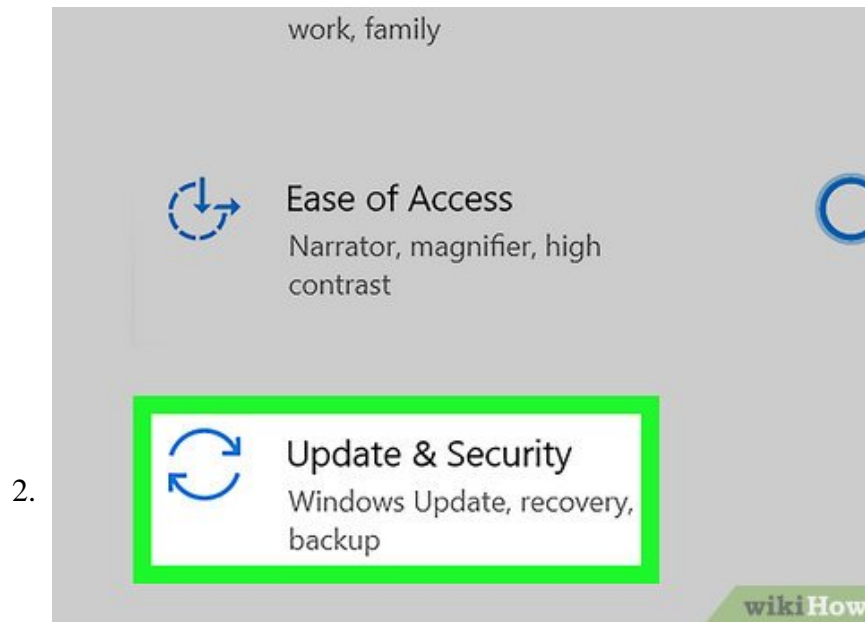
This wikiHow teaches you how to enter your Windows product key, and activate all of Windows 10's features on your computer. If you haven't purchased the full version of Windows 10, you can buy it from the online store. Open the Settings...

Method 1 of 2:

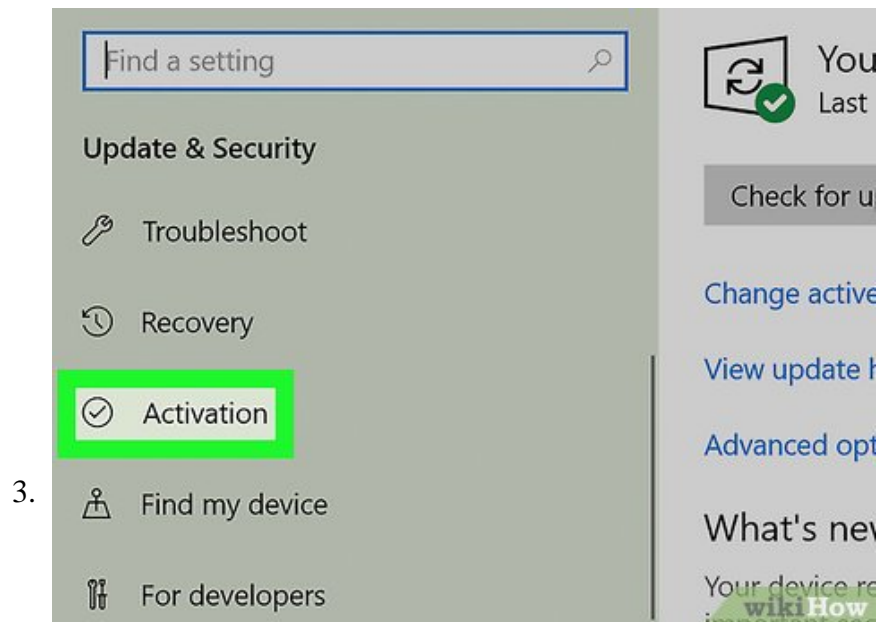
## Activating Online



**Open the Settings app on your computer.** You can find it on your Start menu, or use the search or Cortana button on your taskbar to quickly open it.



Select **Updates & Security**. This option looks like two rotating arrows on the Settings menu.

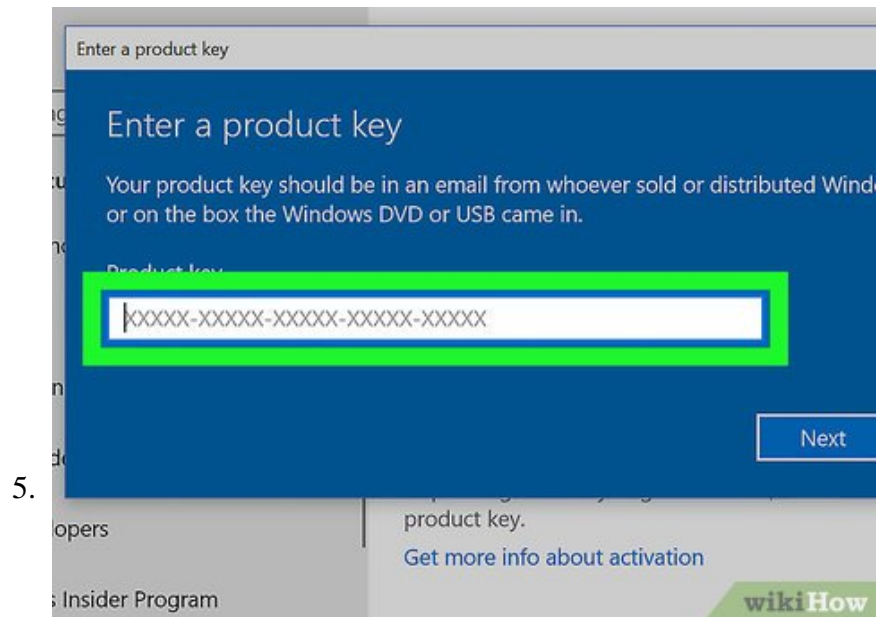


Click **Activation** on the left menu. This will open your product activation options on the right-hand side.



Click **Change product key**. This will allow you to enter your 25-digit product key to activate Windows 10 on your computer.

1. If you haven't purchased the full version of Windows 10 yet, you can click **Go to Store** here, and purchase the full version from the online Windows Store.



**Enter your product key to activate.** Type in your 25-digit product key, and click **Activate** to fully activate all of Windows 10's features on your computer.

1. You can find your product key in an email from whoever sold or distributed Windows to you.
  2. If you installed your system from an official Windows USB, you can find your product key on the box the USB came in.
6. **Remain connected to the Internet.** To ensure that your product key has not been used on another device, you must remain connected to the Internet to finish activation. If you do not have an Internet connection, you can activate over the phone.

Method 2 of 2:

## Activating Via Telephone

This can be used if you are activating an unsupported version of Windows or if you do not have an Internet connection.

1. **Press ? Win + R**. Type in `slui 4`.
2. **Choose a language**. Click on **Next**.
3. **Call the toll free number on-screen**. This will connect you to the Microsoft activation center.
4. **Dial the CAPTCHA number provided**. As a measure against spam, only human callers are allowed to proceed to activate Windows.
5. **Enter the unique installation ID using the phone keypad**. To do this, you will have to enter one group at a time. Each group is separated by spaces.
6. **Click on Next**.
7. **Enter in the confirmation ID on your computer**. Then choose **Activate Windows**. This will finish activation.

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