

# Re: OEM Install Restrictions

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Ian Ashby wrote:

> I have been using my OEM copy of Windows XP Professional for around 6  
> months now, only to find when I did a clean install of it the other  
> day that the Activation Key was no longer valid. I rang Microsoft and  
> they said that the key had been locked and there was nothing they  
> could do about it but to call the place where I bought it from and  
> ask for a new key. When I called the place I bought it from they told  
> me that the OEM version can only be installed a limited number of  
> times! Is this true?

No, it's not true. Whether retail or OEM, it can be installed as many times as you need or want to.

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Ken Blake – Microsoft MVP Windows: Shell/User  
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