

Force install Windows Pro edition

1. Download a copy of the Windows 11 ISO file.
2. Burn that file onto a flash drive, or you can extract it in 7-zip and recompress it to an ISO using some other software like ImgBurn.
3. Download the ei.cfg.txt file attached to this article. Remove the .txt file extension, leaving just ei.cfg.
4. Place that file in the /Sources folder on the installer.
5. If using ImgBurn, turn it back into an ISO for use with Ventoy.
6. It should now forcibly install Windows 11 without a license key.

<https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/windows-hardware/manufacture/desktop/windows-setup-edition-configuration-and-product-id-files--eicfg-and-pidtxt?view=windows-11#eicfg-format>

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