# Windows Server 2016 Evaluation to Standard Edition Conversion Process

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**Objective**

This document provides the procedure for converting a Windows Server 2016 Evaluation edition to the Standard edition. Follow the steps below to ensure a smooth and successful conversion process.

**Prerequisites**

* **Windows Server 2016 Evaluation Edition** installed on the server.
* **Windows Server 2016 Standard Product Key** (KMS Key): WC2BQ-8NRM3-FDDYY-2BFGV-KHKQY
* Administrator privileges on the server.

**Steps to Convert Windows Server 2016 Evaluation to Standard Edition**

**1. Open Command Prompt as Administrator**

* Click the **Start** menu.
* Type **cmd** in the search bar.
* Right-click on **Command Prompt** and select **Run as administrator** to open an elevated Command Prompt window.

**2. Set Edition to Windows Server 2016 Standard**

* In the elevated Command Prompt, enter the following command:
* dism /online /set-edition:ServerStandard /productkey:WC2BQ-8NRM3-FDDYY-2BFGV-KHKQY /accepteula
* This command will initiate the conversion to the Windows Server 2016 Standard Edition and apply the KMS product key.

**3. Reboot the Server**

* The system will request a restart. **Reboot the server twice** to complete the edition change.
* Ensure the server restarts fully before proceeding to the next step.

**4. Verify Edition Change**

* After the server restarts, verify that the conversion to the Standard edition was successful.
* Open **Command Prompt** and type the following:
* winver
* The **Windows Version** should now reflect **Windows Server 2016 Standard**.

**5. Install the KMS Key**

* In the elevated Command Prompt, type the following command to install the KMS product key for Windows Server 2016 Standard:
* slmgr /ipk WC2BQ-8NRM3-FDDYY-2BFGV-KHKQY
* slmgr /skms kms8.msguides.com
* This command installs the KMS license key for the Standard edition.

**6. Activate Windows Server**

* To activate the installed product key, enter the following command:
* slmgr /ato
* This command will activate Windows Server with the KMS server.

**7. Confirm Activation**

* After activation, verify the status by running the following command:
* slmgr /dli
* This will display the activation status. Ensure that the system is activated successfully.

**Conclusion**

Once the above steps are completed, your server will be successfully converted from the Evaluation edition to the Standard edition, with the proper KMS key applied and activated.

**Additional Notes**

* Ensure all server-related applications and services are functioning properly after the conversion.
* If you encounter any activation errors, verify that the server is connected to the KMS server and try activating again.
* Always back up critical data before making significant system changes.

**Final Code:**

Run CMD as an Administrator:

1. dism /online /set-edition:ServerStandard /productkey:WC2BQ-8NRM3-FDDYY-2BFGV-KHKQY /accepteula

It will ask for Reboot type(**Y/N):**

Press **Y**

Reboot the server (it will reboot twice!).

1. slmgr /ipk WC2BQ-8NRM3-FDDYY-2BFGV-KHKQY
2. slmgr /skms kms8.msguides.com
3. slmgr /ato