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# Activate Document Engine



PSPDFKit Server has been deprecated and replaced by [Document Engine](#). To migrate to Document Engine and unlock advanced document processing capabilities, refer to our [migration guide](#). Learn more about these enhancements on our [blog](#).

PSPDFKit is a commercial product, and each installation needs to be activated according to your license.

- 1 This activation happens via the `ACTIVATION_KEY`, which you configure as part of PSPDFKit Server's container environment — for example, in the `docker-compose.yml` file.
- 2 The first time this container is started, it will authenticate the key against the PSPDFKit Portal and store license-related data in the configured database.
- 3 Each installation is identified by data stored in the configured database; the PSPDFKit Server containers are meant to be treated as ephemeral.
- 4 Production activation keys can only be used once, while trial and development keys have no such limitation.

If you see the following error message in the server logs, you need to set a valid `ACTIVATION_KEY`:

```
No `ACTIVATION_KEY` or `LICENSE_KEY` set. You need to set one of them in your
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