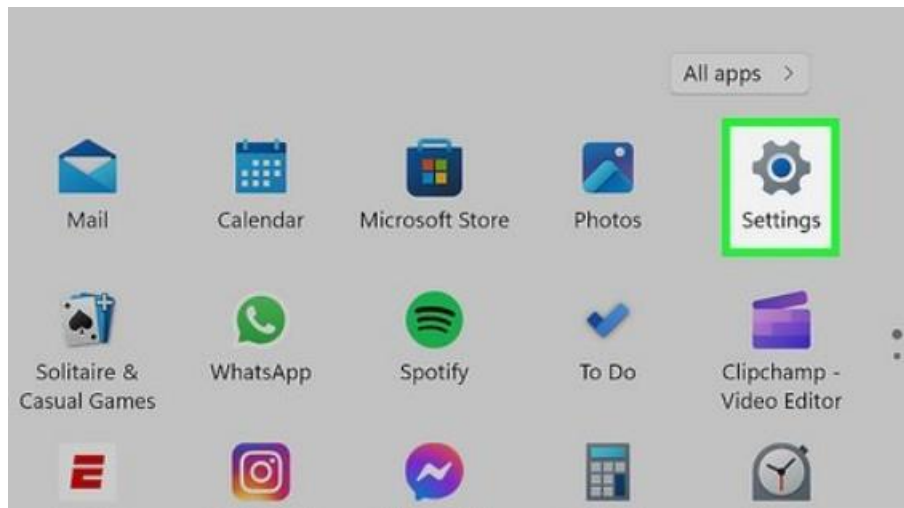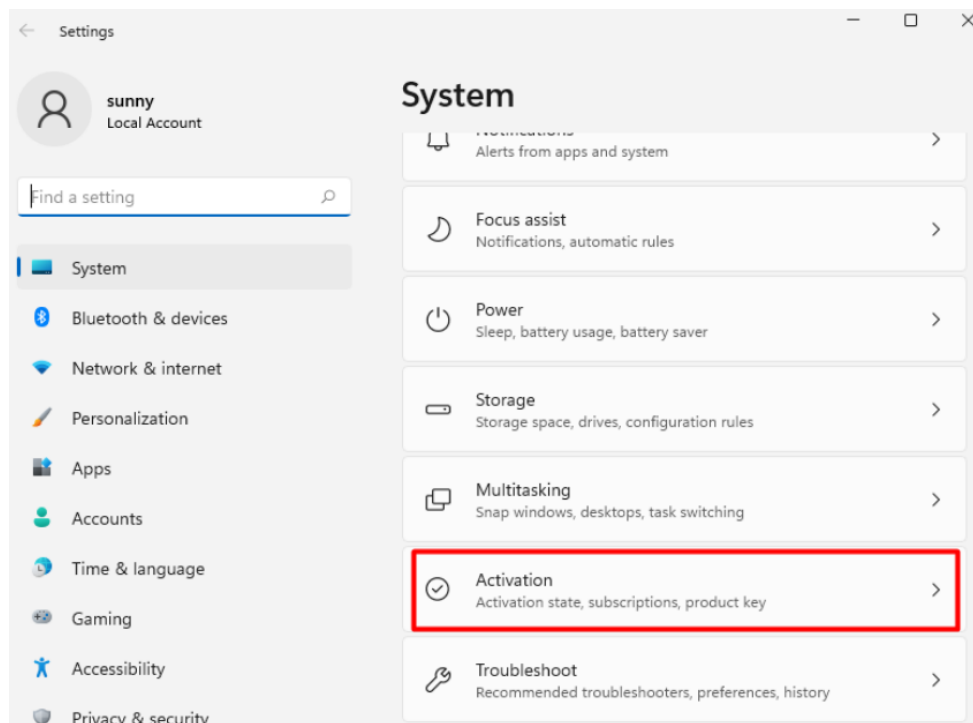# How to Switch Out of S Mode in Windows 11

Windows 11 in S mode is designed for security and performance, exclusively running apps from the Microsoft Store. If you want to install an app that isn't available in the Microsoft Store, you'll need to switch out of S mode. Switching out of S mode is one-way process. Should you need to restore a device to S mode it must be wiped and have Windows 11 S mode selected during the re-install of the operating system. Please refer to Page 3 for instructions on switching out of S Mode on Windows 10.
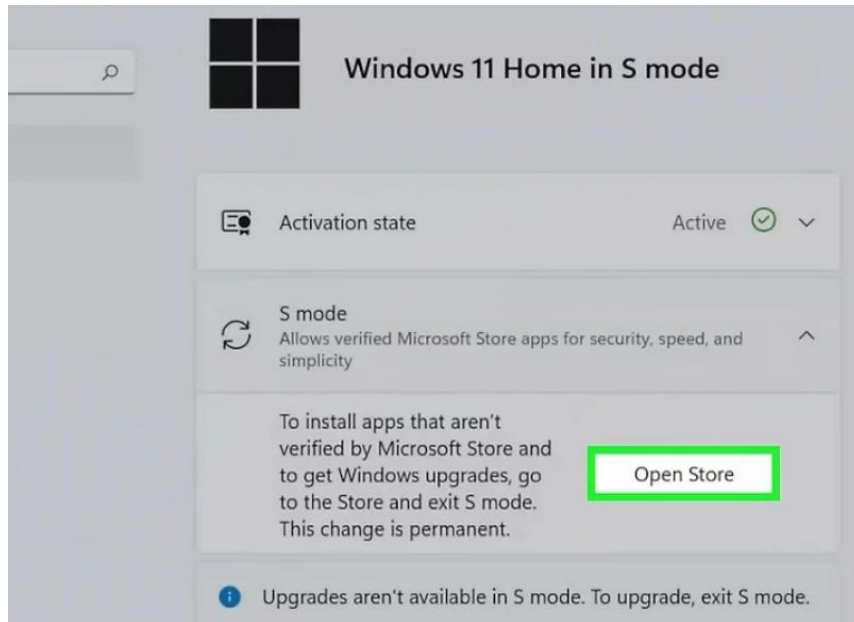
To switch out of S mode, do the following:

1. Open **Settings** on your PC by clicking the Start menu and choosing the gear-shaped **Settings icon** or by pressing **Windows + I**.
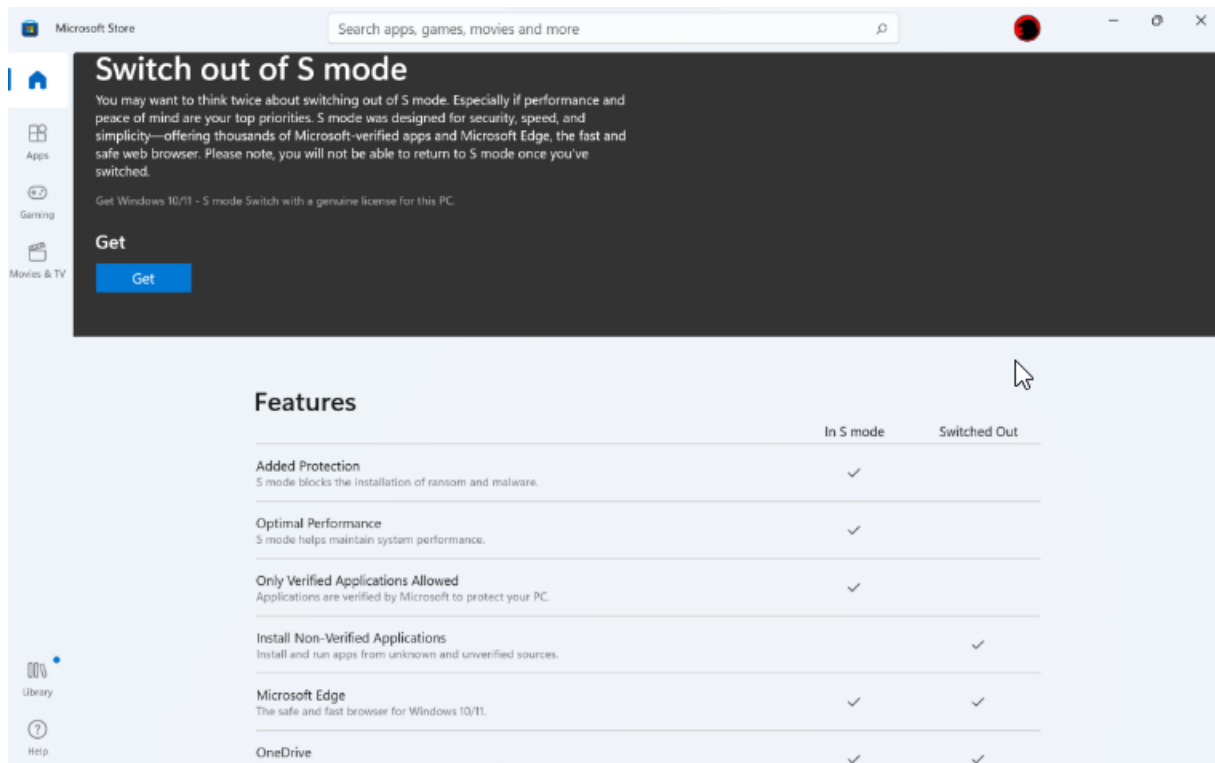

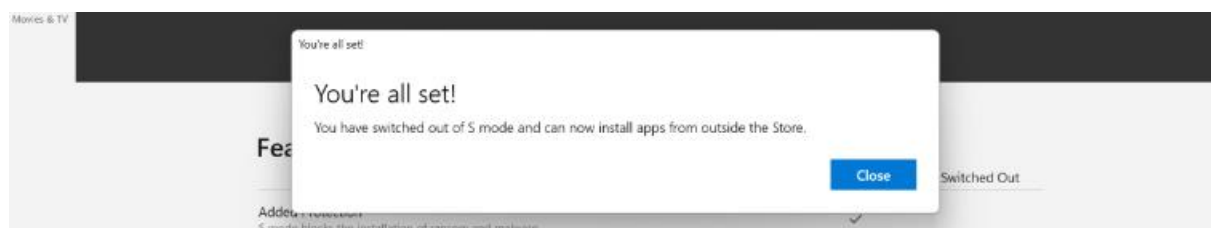2. Click on **System** and then select **Activation**.

3. Click the arrow on the **S mode** section, then click **Open Store**.

4. In the Microsoft Store, you'll find a page for switching out of S Mode. Simply click the **Get** button.

5. After you see a confirmation message, you'll notice that you have successfully turned off S Mode.
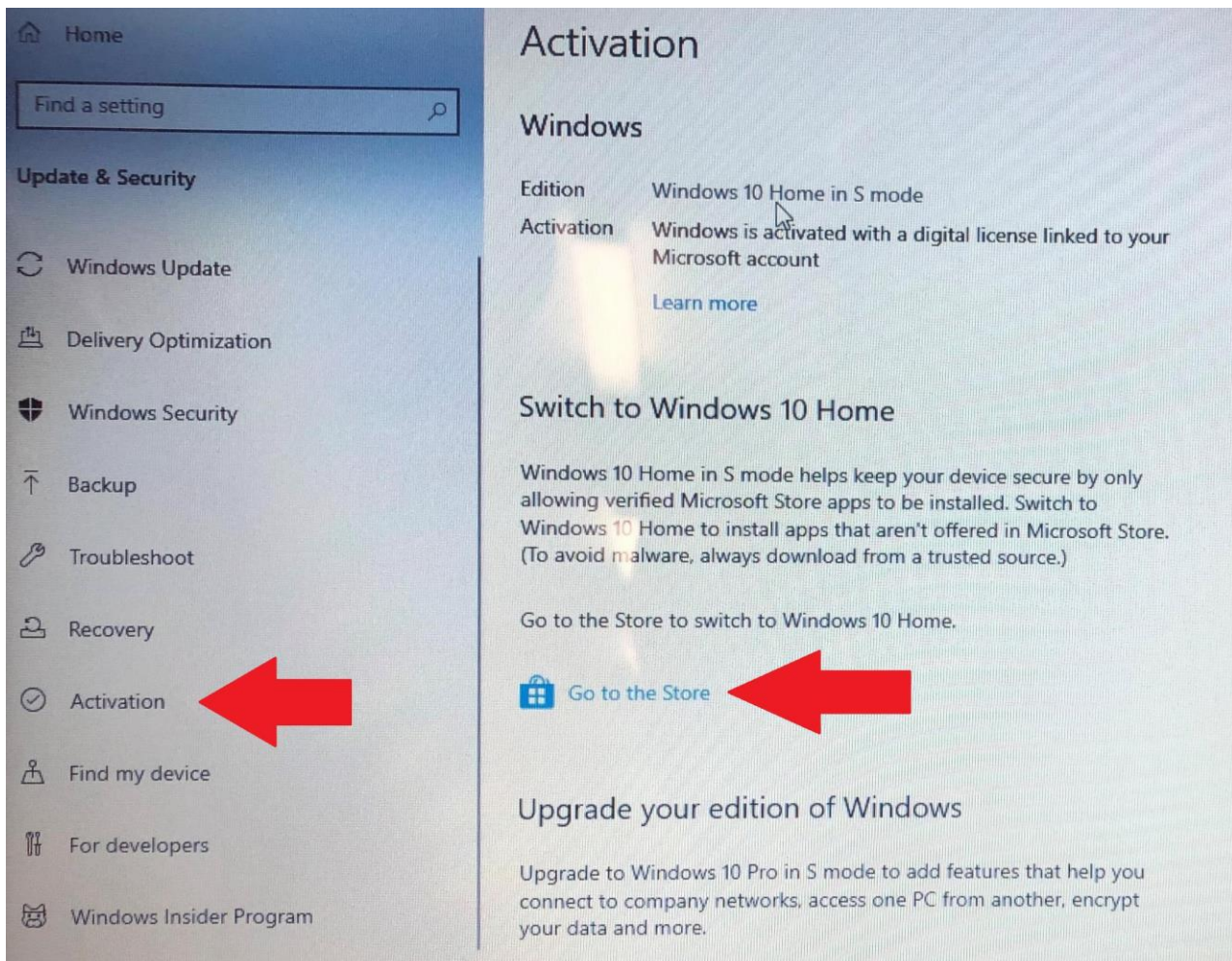
Switching out of S mode in Windows 10

Windows 10 in S mode is designed for security and performance, exclusively running apps from the Microsoft Store. If you want to install an app that isn't available in the Microsoft Store, you'll need to switch out of S
mode. Switching out of S mode is one-way. If you make the switch, you won't be able to go back to Windows 10 in S mode. There's no charge to switch out of S mode.

1. On your PC running Windows 10 in S mode, **open Settings** > **Update & Security** > **Activation.**

2. In the **Switch to Windows 10 Home** or **Switch to Windows 10 Pro** section, select **Go to the Store.**

    (If you also see an "Upgrade your edition of Windows" section, be careful not to click the "Go to the Store" link that appears there.)

- On the **Switch out of S mode** (or similar) page that appears in the Microsoft Store, select the **Get button**.

- After you see a confirmation message on the page, you'll be able to install apps from outside of the Microsoft Store.

Switch out of S mode

You may want to think twice about switching out of S mode. Especially if performance and peace of mind are your top priorities. S mode was designed for security, speed, and simplicity—offering thousands of Microsoft-verified apps and Microsoft Edge, the fast and safe web browser. Please note, you will not be able to return to S mode once you've switched.

Check with your IT or system administrator.

Get

Features

	In S mode	Switched Out
Added Protection S mode blocks the installation of ransom and malware.	✓	
Optimal Performance S mode helps maintain system performance.	✓	
Only Verified Applications Allowed Applications are verified by Microsoft to protect your PC.	✓	