Records | P-Quell

INSTALL & ACTIVATION GUIDE · WINDOWS · VERSION 1.0.0

Set up P-Quell on your PC in three steps.

P-Quell is an intelligent drum gate and de-bleed for VST3 hosts, plus a Standalone app. It runs on 64-bit Windows 10 and Windows 11.



STEP 1

Install

Open the installer. Your browser and Windows ask you to confirm it, because it isn't signed yet. Page 2 shows how.

STEP 2

Activate

Open P-Quell, paste your pass and press **ACTIVATE**. This needs the internet once.

STEP 3

Play

Pick the drum, press **LEARN 2 BARS**, then turn **FOCUS**. After activation, P-Quell works offline.

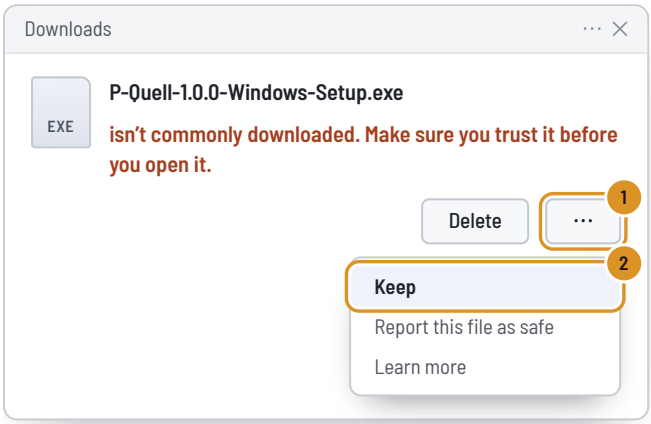
1 Install

Download **P-Quell-1.0.0-Windows-Setup.exe** from your download page at shop.paddydanielmusic.com. Your passes are listed on the same page.

WHY WINDOWS WARNS YOU

The P-Quell installer isn't code-signed yet, so your browser and Windows don't recognise it and ask you to confirm. That's expected. Only allow it if you downloaded it from shop.paddydanielmusic.com. You only do this once; the wording can differ a little between browsers and Windows versions.

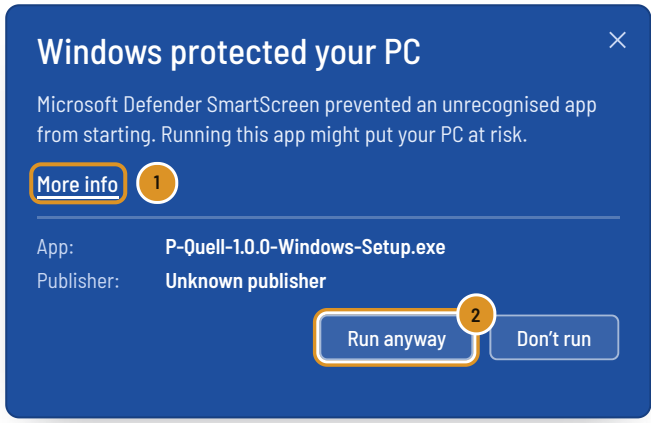
1 · YOUR BROWSER · IF IT ASKS



Edge: point at the download, click 1 ··· › 2 **Keep**, then **Show more › Keep anyway**. **Chrome:** click **Keep**.

Then open the file from your Downloads folder.

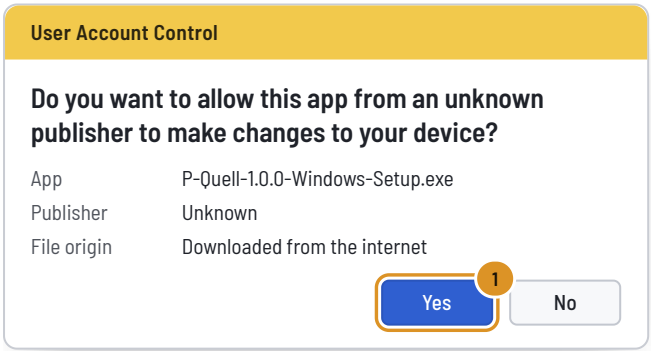
2 · WINDOWS PROTECTED YOUR PC



Click 1 **More info**. The app and publisher appear, with a new button: click 2 **Run anyway**.

Don't run only closes the warning; nothing is installed.

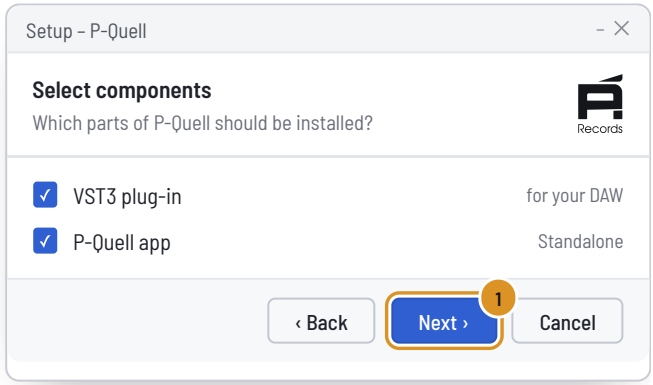
3 · ALLOW CHANGES TO THIS PC



Click 1 **Yes**. The installer needs permission to put P-Quell in Program Files.

On an account that isn't an administrator, an administrator types their password here.

4 · THE P-QUELL INSTALLER



Accept the licence (it covers the one-computer pass), leave both parts ticked and click 1 **Next**, then **Install** and **Finish**.

Quit and reopen your DAW afterwards so it finds P-Quell.

Find it in your DAW

P-Quell is a VST3 plug-in from **Páa Records**. Most DAWs find it when they start; if yours doesn't, rescan:

FL Studio	Options › Manage plugins › **Find installed plugins**. P-Quell is then under Effects in the plug-in picker.
Ableton Live	Options › Settings › Plug-Ins (Preferences in Live 11): turn on *Use VST3 Plug-In System Folders*, then click **Rescan**. Find it in Plug-Ins › VST3 › Páa Records.
Cubase, Nuendo	Cubase scans new plug-ins when it starts: look in the insert menu under Páa Records. If it's missing, check the blocklist in **Studio › VST Plug-in Manager**.
Studio One	Studio One scans when it starts. If P-Quell is missing, go to **Studio One › Options › Locations › VST Plug-Ins**, click **Reset Blocklist** and restart.
Reaper	Options › Preferences › Plug-ins › VST › **Re-scan**. P-Quell is in the FX browser under VST3.
Other VST3 hosts	Rescan VST3 plug-ins (see your DAW's manual) and look under Páa Records.
Standalone	Start › Páa Records › **P-Quell**. Click **Options › Audio/MIDI Settings** to choose your audio interface and its inputs.

P-Quell is 64-bit only. If you still can't find it, make sure your DAW is the 64-bit version and scans `C:\Program Files\Common Files\VST3`.

Where everything goes

VST3 plug-in	`C:\Program Files\Common Files\VST3\P-Quell.vst3`
P-Quell app, manual & this guide	`C:\Program Files\Páa Records\P-Quell`
Start menu	Páa Records › P-Quell, P-Quell User Manual, Uninstall P-Quell
Your presets	`C:\Users\<you>\Music\P-Quell\Presets`
This PC's activation	`C:\ProgramData\Paa Records\P-Quell` (a hidden folder; leave it be)

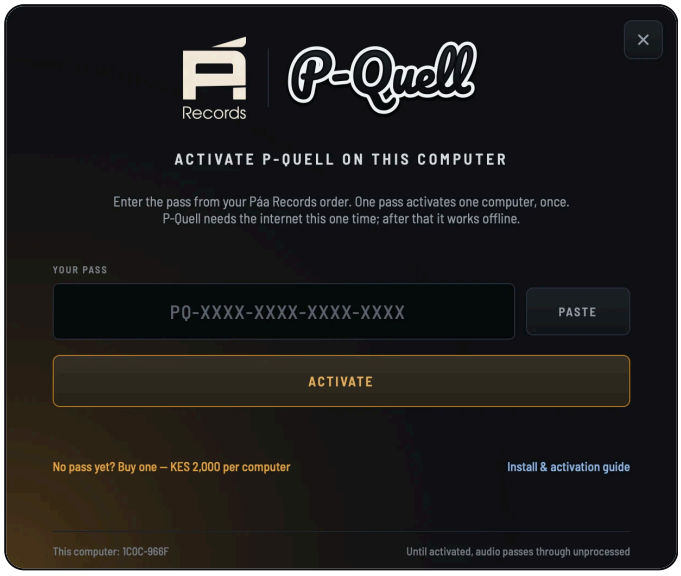
UPDATING P-QUELL

Run the new installer over the old one. It replaces P-Quell and keeps your activation and your presets. There's no need to uninstall first.

2 Activate

Each pass activates P-Quell on one computer. Make sure this PC is online. P-Quell only needs the internet for this one step.

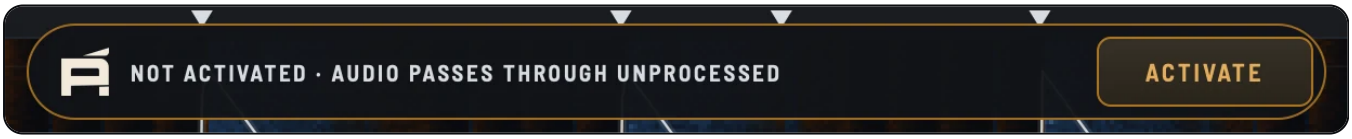
1. Open P-Quell on any track, or open the Standalone app. The activation card appears.
2. Copy your pass from your download page, then click **PASTE** or type it in. Passes look like `PQ–XXXX–XXXX–XXXX–XXXX`. Upper or lower case and dashes don't matter.
3. Click **ACTIVATE**. In a few seconds the card says P-Quell is activated, then closes.
4. That's it. The activation covers every DAW and every user account on this PC, and both the VST3 and the Standalone app. From now on P-Quell works offline.



The activation card. The code at the bottom left identifies this computer. Have it ready if you contact support.

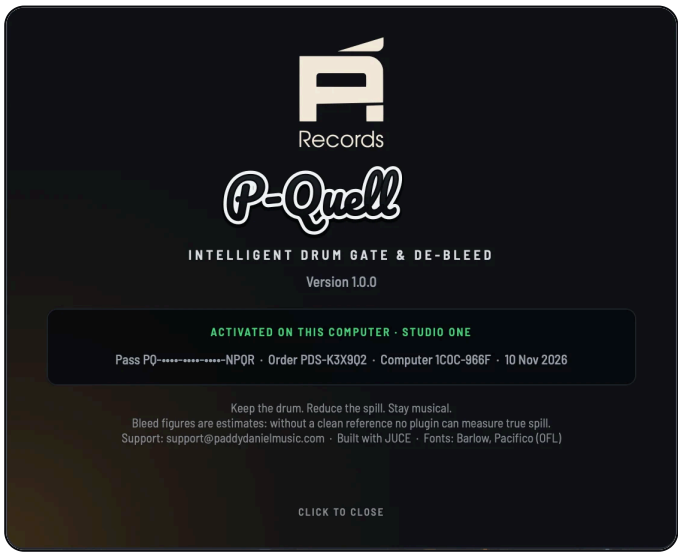
Not activated yet?

Close the card with **×** if you want to set up first. Until P-Quell is activated, **audio passes through unprocessed**, so your mix stays safe. This banner shows over Bleed Vision. Click **ACTIVATE** on it when you're ready.



Check your activation

Click the **gear** at the top right of P-Quell and choose **About**. It shows "Activated on this computer" with the name on your order, the pass (partly hidden), the order number and the date.



What P-Quell sends, and when

To activate, P-Quell sends your pass, an anonymous computer code (a one-way fingerprint of this PC), the computer's name and the Windows and P-Quell versions to shop.paddydanielmusic.com. When this PC is online, it checks the pass again about once a week. Being offline never stops P-Quell. Nothing about your audio or your sessions ever leaves your PC.

3 Your pass, one computer

- **One pass, one computer, once.** A pass costs KES 2,000. It activates one computer and can only be redeemed one time.
- **Keep P-Quell installed.** The activation stays valid as long as P-Quell stays installed on that computer. Updates install over it and keep the activation.
- **Another computer needs another pass.** Buy one at shop.paddydanielmusic.com/plugins/p-quell. You can order several passes in one order.
- **Uninstalling ends the activation.** Uninstalling P-Quell removes the activation, and the pass can't be redeemed again. If your PC was repaired or replaced, or Windows was reinstalled, contact us with your order number before buying again.

Troubleshooting

IF YOU SEE	DO THIS
No "Run anyway" button	Click **More info** first. If there's still no Run anyway, or Windows says *Smart App Control* blocked it, this PC only runs signed apps. Contact us before you change any security setting.
"Couldn't reach the Páa Records server"	Check this PC is online and try again. If a firewall or antivirus asks, allow your DAW (or P-Quell) to reach **shop.paddydanielmusic.com**.
"That doesn't look like a pass" or "That pass isn't valid"	Copy the pass again from your download page. Passes never contain the letters I or O or the digits 0 or 1.
"This pass is already activated on another computer"	Each pass works on one computer. Use one of your other passes, or buy a pass for this computer.
"This pass has already been redeemed on this computer"	The pass was used here before, and P-Quell was uninstalled or its activation was removed. Contact support with your order number.
"This pass has been cancelled"	The order was cancelled or refunded. Contact support if that's a mistake.
P-Quell doesn't appear in your DAW	Quit the DAW and open it again, then rescan VST3 plug-ins (page 3).

Uninstall

Open **Settings › Apps › Installed apps** (on Windows 10, **Apps & features**), find P-Quell and choose **Uninstall**, or use **Start › Páa Records › Uninstall P-Quell**. It asks before it removes anything, then removes the VST3, the P-Quell app and **this computer's activation**. Your presets in `Music\P-Quell` are kept.

BEFORE YOU UNINSTALL

An uninstalled P-Quell needs a new pass on this computer. If you're only fixing a problem, install the latest version over the old one instead: that keeps the activation.

Support

Have your order number and the computer code from the activation card ready.

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