INSTALL & ACTIVATION GUIDE · VERSION 1.0.0

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

P-Quell is an intelligent drum gate and de-bleed for Audio Unit and VST3 hosts, plus a Standalone app. It runs on macOS 10.13 High Sierra or later, on Intel and Apple Silicon Macs.



STEP 1

Install

Open the installer. macOS asks you to confirm it, because it isn't notarized by Apple 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-macOS.pkg** from your download page at shop.paddydanielmusic.com. Your passes are listed on the same page.

WHY MACOS WARNS YOU

P-Quell isn't notarized by Apple yet, so the first time you open the installer macOS says it can't verify it. That's expected. Only allow the installer if you downloaded it from shop.paddydanielmusic.com. Follow the steps for your macOS version below. You only do this once.

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Allow it in System Settings

1. Double-click the **.pkg**. macOS says it was "Not Opened". Click **Done**, not Move to Trash.
2. Open the **Apple menu › System Settings › Privacy & Security** and scroll down to **Security**.
3. Next to "P-Quell-1.0.0-macOS.pkg was blocked", click **Open Anyway**. Confirm with your password or Touch ID.
4. Click **Open Anyway** once more. The installer opens.

The Open Anyway button appears for about an hour after you try to open the file. If it's gone, double-click the .pkg again.

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Control-click, then Open

1. **Control-click** (or right-click) the **.pkg** and choose **Open**.
2. macOS says it can't verify the developer. Click **Open**.

If there is no Open button, use **System Settings › Privacy & Security** (macOS 13–14) or **System Preferences › Security & Privacy › General** (macOS 10.13–12), then click **Open Anyway**.

Run the installer

1. Click **Continue**, read the licence and click **Agree**. It covers the one-computer pass.
2. Leave all formats selected, or click **Customise** to choose: **Audio Unit** (Logic Pro, GarageBand, MainStage), **VST3** (Ableton Live, FL Studio, Cubase, Studio One, Reaper) and the **Standalone** app.
3. Click **Install** and enter your Mac's password. When it finishes, quit and reopen your DAW.

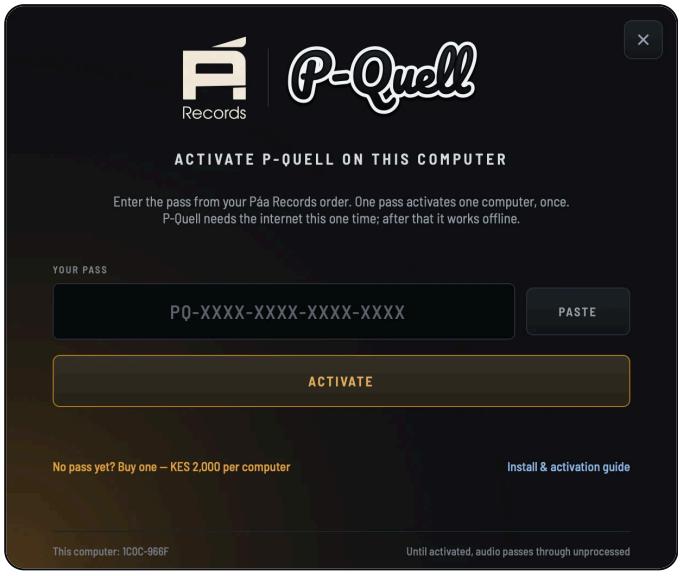
Find it in your DAW

Logic Pro, GarageBand, MainStage	Audio FX › Audio Units › Páa Records › P-Quell
Ableton Live	Plug-Ins › VST3 › Páa Records › P-Quell. Turn on *Use VST3 Plug-In System Folders* in Settings › Plug-Ins.
FL Studio	Options › Manage plugins › Find more plugins, then Effects › P-Quell
Cubase, Studio One, Reaper	Rescan VST3 plug-ins, then look under Páa Records
Standalone	Applications › P-Quell (uses your audio interface's live input)

2 Activate

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

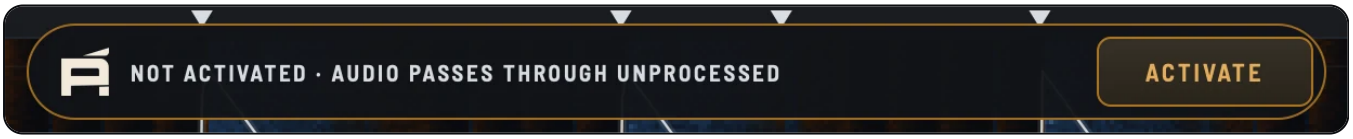
1. Open P-Quell on any track, or open the Standalone app. The activation card appears.
2. Copy your pass from your download page, then click **PASTE** or type it in. Passes look like `PQ–XXXX–XXXX–XXXX–XXXX`. Upper or lower case and dashes don't matter.
3. Click **ACTIVATE**. In a few seconds the card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

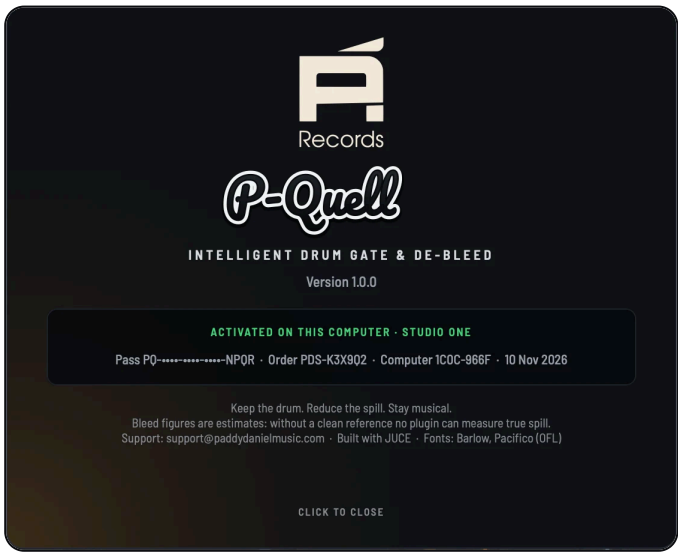
Not activated yet?

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 Mac), the computer's name and the macOS and P-Quell versions to shop.paddydanielmusic.com. When this Mac 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 Mac.

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.** *Uninstall P-Quell* removes the activation, and the pass can't be redeemed again. If your Mac was repaired, replaced or erased, contact us with your order number before buying again.

Troubleshooting

IF YOU SEE	DO THIS
"Couldn't reach the Páa Records server"	Check this Mac is online and try again. If you use a firewall such as Little Snitch or LuLu, allow P-Quell (or your DAW) 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. In Logic, go to **Settings › Plug-in Manager**, select P-Quell and click **Reset & Rescan Selection**. In other DAWs, rescan VST3 plug-ins.

Uninstall

Open **Applications › Páa Records › Uninstall P-Quell**. It asks before it removes anything, then removes the Audio Unit, VST3, the Standalone 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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