

# How do I activate my Smartcard/Signing Stick?

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After receiving all components, i.e. codes and Smartcard or the Signing Stick, SIM and codes, you must activate your LuxTrust certificate.

Here are the different steps to follow for the first activation of your certificate:

- Install Middleware

Download the last version of the Middleware, which corresponds to your operating system. You will find all versions in the section [SUPPORT > DOWNLOADS > Middleware](#).

- Change initial PIN

After installing the middleware you need to connect your Smartcard. A window appears asking you to change the initial PIN (Current PIN), which is on the letter with LuxTrust codes.

- Activation

The last step is to visit our website to make the first activation of your certificate. You can find this function under the section [MyLuxTrust > Activation](#).

For more information, please consult our guides.

Attention: This first activation is also to comply with a renewed certificate (rekey).

