

# Error: Invalid License When Registering Zend Guard

## Environment

Windows

## Issue

When registering Zend Guard using valid local license file, you get invalid license.

## Resolution

In most cases, this is because the user running Guard application has **insufficient permissions** to write to the installation directory, normally under "C:\Program Files (x86)".

The Workaround for the above common problem is to **right-click** "Zend Guard" shortcut, click "**Run as administrator**", perform the registration using **help - > register** menu, and finally closing Zend Guard application once registered. The next time Zend Guard will be opened by a regular Windows user, it will already be registered.

## More Details

Please review the following KB article, elaborating on additional options for invalid license:

[What to Check for an Invalid License When Registering Zend Guard](#)