



[Google ChromeOS Flex](#) offers a way for schools to rejuvenate older, still working computers into a *form of Chromebook*. Formerly known as Neverware Cloudready, **Google was so impressed** with Neverware's solution that they acquired the product and allow these virtual Chromebooks to be enrolled in Google domains - providing they have a *Chromebook Management Licence (now called Education Upgrade)*. For schools with local technical support that are prepared to rebuild older computers for re-use, it is **now possible to enrol** these non-contract Chromebooks into the **DoE Google domain**. However, schools must meet some pre-requisites before doing so. [Important advice about this](#) is now available. If there are any questions about this option, please check the [Google Chromebooks group](#) on Yammer.



**Google ChromeOS Flex** works on old and new devices. It has been successfully tested on multiple ex-DER laptops and old T4L desktop and notebook PCs as well as some Apple iMacs and MacBooks. Google are constantly updating their [Flex certified models list](#)



**Google ChromeOS Flex is free!** As long as Google Chromebook Management Licences (now called Education Upgrades) are purchased, these devices can be enrolled in a Google domain. But **NSW DoE will supply** the required **Google Chromebook Management Licence** to enrol your Google Flex device into our [education.nsw.gov.au](http://education.nsw.gov.au) Google domain **for all new** Google Flex devices. Just follow the regular Chromebook enrolment instructions!  
**NOTE:** Licences are **NOT available from the department** for **non-contract Chromebooks** purchased by the school.



Schools that want to convert their old hardware into *Google Flex* “Chromebooks” **need to do it themselves**. You can pay a technician to do it, but it’s really not difficult. **You’ll want to try it on one** and test it first – *but again, you’ll need to DIY*. For the test, you’ll also be able to [enrol it to the DoE Google domain](#) for free. When you are ready, you will need an **8GB (or bigger) USB stick** and you will need to take some time and follow the instructions provided through the Google ChromeOS Flex website.



**Q: Why should my school consider Google ChromeOS Flex?**  
A: If you need more devices for students and have old computers that still work but are too slow, it’s a cost-effective way of making them useful again. [DoE Chromebook Enrolment](#) provides a great user experience.  
**Q: What happens if one of my old devices fails? Can I transfer my DoE Education Upgrade licence to another device?**  
A: Yes – For the DoE domain licence, log with EdConnect.  
**Q: What if I have a technical problem with Google Flex?**  
A: *EDConnect* doesn’t offer support for Flex devices, but you can try the [DoE Yammer community](#) or the [Neverware Support Community](#).  
**Q: I have an old laptop at home that is very slow now. Can I make it a personal Chromebook with Google Flex?**  
A: Yes! - and **it’s completely free** to do that!