Steps on downloading Windows 7 on a Mac using Boot Camp Assistant:

A few things you need before getting started:

1. All firmware updates installed on your Mac
2. Latest OS X Leopard or Snow Leopard installed
3. Around 30 GB of empty hard drive space on your Mac
4. It is important you backup your Mac in case anything goes wrong
5. Full version of Windows 7 operating system software (Windows 8 is not compatible with Mac) - you will need to use the 64 bit disk
6. An optical disk drive for the software
7. USB Flash drive (in order to transform Mac compatibilities)

Here’s How You Do It: Steps and Images To Guide You

1. Close all applications to ensure nothing interferes with the installation process.
2. Plug in the USB Flash drive
3. Go to Spotlight and search for “Boot Camp Assistant”
4. Once Boot Camp Assistant is open read the introduction and press continue.
5. You will now have the option to select tasks you want Boot Camp to perform
   5.1. Uncheck the ones that do no apply to you.
6. Now you have to decide how much space you want to allocate to Windows 7. You must partition the hard drive. Usually you opt for over 20GB but no more than 30GB. Make sure you choose enough to actually install the software.
7. To change the amount of space to dedicate to Windows 7, click the small divide between Mac OS X and Windows and drag it.
8. Once decided, click the **Partition** button.
9. After the partition is finished insert your Windows 7 64 bit disk and click the **Start Installation** button.

10. At this time, your Mac will restart and Windows 7 will boot up. The next screen will ask you which partition you want to install Windows on. **BE SURE** to choose the one that you partitioned yourself (20GB-30GB most likely and it should say **BOOTCAMP**).
11. The select the **Drive Options (advanced)** link.
12. Once the **BOOTCAMP** partition option is selected, click **FORMAT**.

13. Click **OK** to proceed when the message appears.
14. Windows should then begin to install (this can take up to an hour). Throughout the installation process your computer will most likely restart a few times.
15. After the installation process follow the onscreen instructions and have the Windows 7 **KEY** number readily available.
17. Run bootcamp to install the necessary applications to make Mac compatible with Windows 7.
18. After this installation process you are good to go with both Mac and Windows!
19. **Be sure that every time you want to switch from one hard drive to the other you must restart your computer and immediately before the grey start up screen fully load you must hold down the **OPTIONS** key. At this point you will be given the choice as to what hard drive you would like to enter.**