

M36 - Restrict access

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What is it?

Restrict access (which used to be called conditional release) is a feature that allows course administrators and tutors to release resources and activities for their students based on specific criteria such as date, received grade or participation.

Restrict access can be used with [activity completion](#) in order to hide items until other activities are completed (e.g. viewed, or a particular grade received).

Below you can see your available Restrictions options.

Add restriction...	
Activity completion	Require students to complete (or not complete) another activity.
Date	Prevent access until (or from) a specified date and time.
Grade	Require students to achieve a specified grade.
Group	Allow only students who belong to a specified group, or all groups.
Grouping	Allow only students who belong to a group within a specified grouping.
User profile	Control access based on fields within the student's profile.
Restriction set	Add a set of nested restrictions to apply complex logic.
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Why use it?

If you require your students to read a resource, or add a post to a forum before they can take a quiz, you can use restrict access to ensure the prerequisite activities are completed.

Who can use it?

Tutors and course administrators can apply restrict access settings to an activity or resource and specify whether students see a message about the item being hidden until released, or whether it is completely hidden from students until release.

Students will either see a message stating the item is unavailable until the conditions are met, or the item will be completely hidden until released.

Before I start...

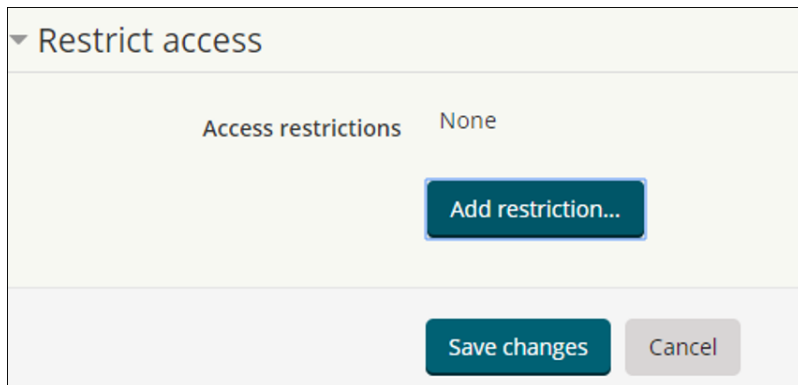
Make sure you have enabled [activity completion](#) on your course and the activities or resources you would like to check are complete, before revealing other items.

How do I set it up?

Applying conditional release to an activity or resource

Now you have enabled the activity completion for the required resources or activities, you can now apply the conditional release.

1. In the top right hand corner of your course, **Turn editing on**
2. Select the resource you would like to apply the activity completion to, and click on the edit icon



Below is an example of restrictions you can apply against any Moodle activity.

▼ Restrict access

Access restrictions Student match of the following

Date :

and

Date :

and

Grade

must be ≥ %

must be < %

and

Activity completion

and

User profile field

Most used options are, **Dates**, **Groups**, **Grade options** or **Activity completion conditions**:

- **Dates** can be restricted from or until a certain date and time.
- **Groups** or **Groupings** are used in the course, it is possible to restrict the activity to a certain group or grouping. If they are turned off for this course and not available, these options will not be present for use as an restriction.
- **Grade condition** allows you to select a grade you want the student to achieve before the item is made available to them.
- **Activity completion condition** allows you to implement conditions for non-graded items. ***NOTE:** Questionnaires have an option where the 'Student must receive a grade to complete this activity', which means when a student submits the questionnaire they get 100% for the questionnaire and it is marked as complete. This means you can restrict activities and resources to only those students who complete the questionnaire. E.g. you might provide additional exam tips for those who complete the module feedback.

Restricting access to an entire section

You can restrict access to an entire section of your Moodle course area based on date, name, grouping, activity completion, or grade condition.

1. Go to your area and **Turn editing on**.
2. Go to the section for which you want to restrict access.
3. Click its **Edit icon**; a page displays on which you can edit its **Summary**.
4. Scroll down to the **Restrict access** settings.
5. Change the settings as needed, then scroll down and **Save changes**.
6. Check your section is displaying as intended, either by enrolling a colleague in one of the roles affected, or [contacting the Digital Education team](#).

Further help

[Further guidance on Restrict access settings is available from moodledocs.](#)

If you find any inaccurate or missing information you can even update this yourself (it's a communal wiki).

If you have a specific question about the tool please [contact the Digital Education team](#).

Caution

- None at this time.

Examples and case studies

- None at this time.

Questions & Answers

[Restrict access FAQs are available on moodledocs.](#)

Further information

See: [activity completion](#) for how to restrict access based on activities and resources students have viewed and completed.