How to restrict access to an activity or resource based on specific criteria

Moodle Help & Support

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How to restrict access to a resource or activity or section in Moodle

It is possible to restrict access to resources or activities or to sections in a variety of ways.

- from a specific start date
- to a specific end date
- only visible if students have achieved a required grade in a previous activity
- visibility is based on the value in a field in the user profile (for example course code)
- restrict to a particular group of students

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.
- User profile - Control access based on fields within the student’s profile.
- Restriction set - Add a set of nested restrictions to apply complex logic.

To restrict access

- In the Edit Settings page for an activity or resource, click to open the Restrict access section
- Click on the Add restriction... button
- Select from
  - Activity completion (only available if activity completion is set up on your module) - allows you to limit visibility only to those students who have completed (or not completed) another previous activity
  - Date - a To or From date and time can be set from when or until which the item is visible to students
  - Grade - a way to limit visibility only to those who have achieved a specified grade or range of grades in a previous activity such as a quiz, or in the module total
  - Group (only available if groups are enabled in your module) - make the item visible to a specified group of students (you need to create the groups first)
  - User profile - limit visibility to those with a particular value in a user profile field (e.g., a Course Code, or Country)
  - Restriction set - Add a set of nested restrictions to apply complex logic.
- Click on the required restriction button and you will return to the Restrict access section where further choices can be made.

For more information see: How to set up groups and groupings