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

To restrict access

1. Click on the 'Turn editing on' button on the top right of the Moodle page
2. Either c
   a. Create a new activity/ resource OR
   b. Click on Edit on an existing activity and select 'Edit settings' from the dropdown
3. On the "Settings" page for an activity or resource, click to open the "Restrict access" section
4. Click on the "Add restriction..." button
5. Select from
   a. '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
   b. 'Date' - a To or From date and time can be set from when or until which the item is visible to students
   c. '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
   d. '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)
   e. 'User profile' - limit visibility to those with a particular value in a user profile field (e.g., a Course Code, or Country)
   f. 'Restriction set' - Add a set of nested restrictions to apply complex logic.
6. Click on the required restriction button and you will return to the "Restrict access" section where further choices can be made.
7. Save the changes
8. Click the 'Turn editing off' when you have finished editing

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