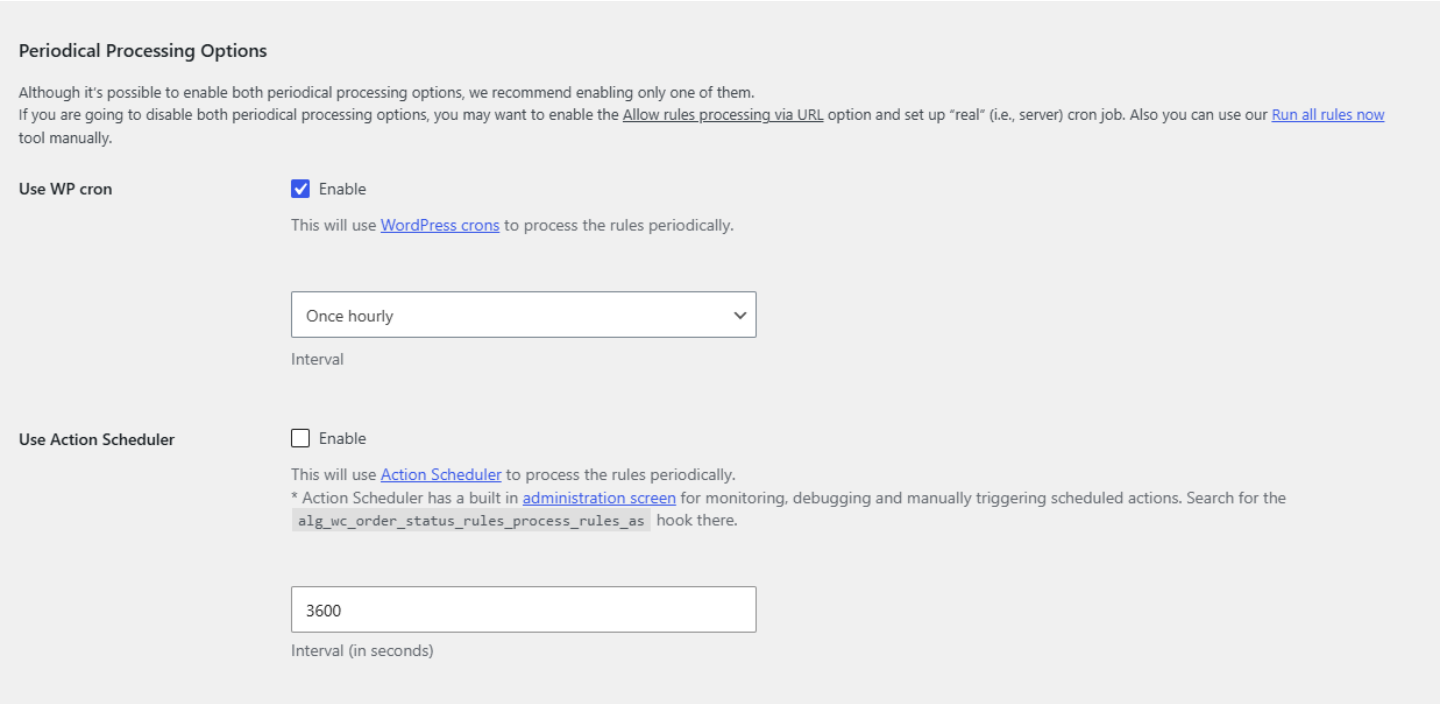
Run Order Status Rules Automatically: Cron and Action Scheduler

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Rules with a time delay need something to re-check orders in the background. Scheduled & Automatic Order Status Controller for WooCommerce can process rules with WordPress cron, with Action Scheduler, or through a URL you call from a real server cron job. All three options are available in the free version.

Where to configure it

Go to **WPFactory > Order Status Rules** (also reachable at **WooCommerce > Settings > Order Status Rules**) and open the **Advanced** section, **Periodical Processing Options**.



Option 1: WP Cron

1. Enable **Use WP cron** (`alg_wc_order_status_rules_use_wp_cron`, on by default).

2. Set the **Interval** (`alg_wc_order_status_rules_wp_cron_schedule`, default **Once hourly**). Choices range from once every minute to once weekly.

WP Cron only runs when your site receives a visit. On low-traffic stores the timing can drift, so a delayed rule may fire later than expected.

Option 2: Action Scheduler

1. Enable **Use Action Scheduler** (`alg_wc_order_status_rules_use_action_scheduler`, default off).
2. Set the **Interval (in seconds)** (`alg_wc_order_status_rules_action_scheduler_interval`, default `3600`, minimum `60`).

Action Scheduler is bundled with WooCommerce and is generally more reliable for busy stores. It has its own admin screen at **WooCommerce > Status > Scheduled Actions**, where you can watch the `alg_wc_order_status_rules_process_rules_as` action.

> **Recommendation:** enable only one of the two periodical options. Running both is unnecessary. If you disable both, use the URL method below with a real server cron.

Option 3: server cron via URL

To bypass WP Cron entirely, enable **Allow rules processing via URL** in the Advanced section, then have your server's cron call the endpoint:

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https://example.com/?alg_wc_order_status_rules_process_rules
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This runs all rules on each call. It is the most predictable option on stores that already use system cron.

If crons are disabled

If your site defines `DISABLE_WP_CRON`, WordPress cron will not fire on its own. The Periodical Processing section shows a warning when this is the case. Use a real server cron with the URL method, or set up Action Scheduler through system cron.

Run it now

To process orders immediately without waiting for the next scheduled run, use **Run all rules now** on the **Tools** section.

Scale up your automation

Automatic processing drives your single free rule. To run several rules on the same schedule, Order Status Rules Pro removes the single-rule limit. See what Pro unlocks.



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