How to Enable Payment Methods by Date and Time in WooCommerce

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To enable or disable WooCommerce payment methods by date and time, use Conditional Payment Methods for WooCommerce: go to **WPFactory > Conditional Payment Gateways > Date/Time**, enable **Require Date/Time** or **Exclude Date/Time**, enter one date or time range per line next to the gateway and save.

Examples: offer Cash on delivery only during business hours, switch off bank transfer on weekends, or run a gateway for a seasonal period only.

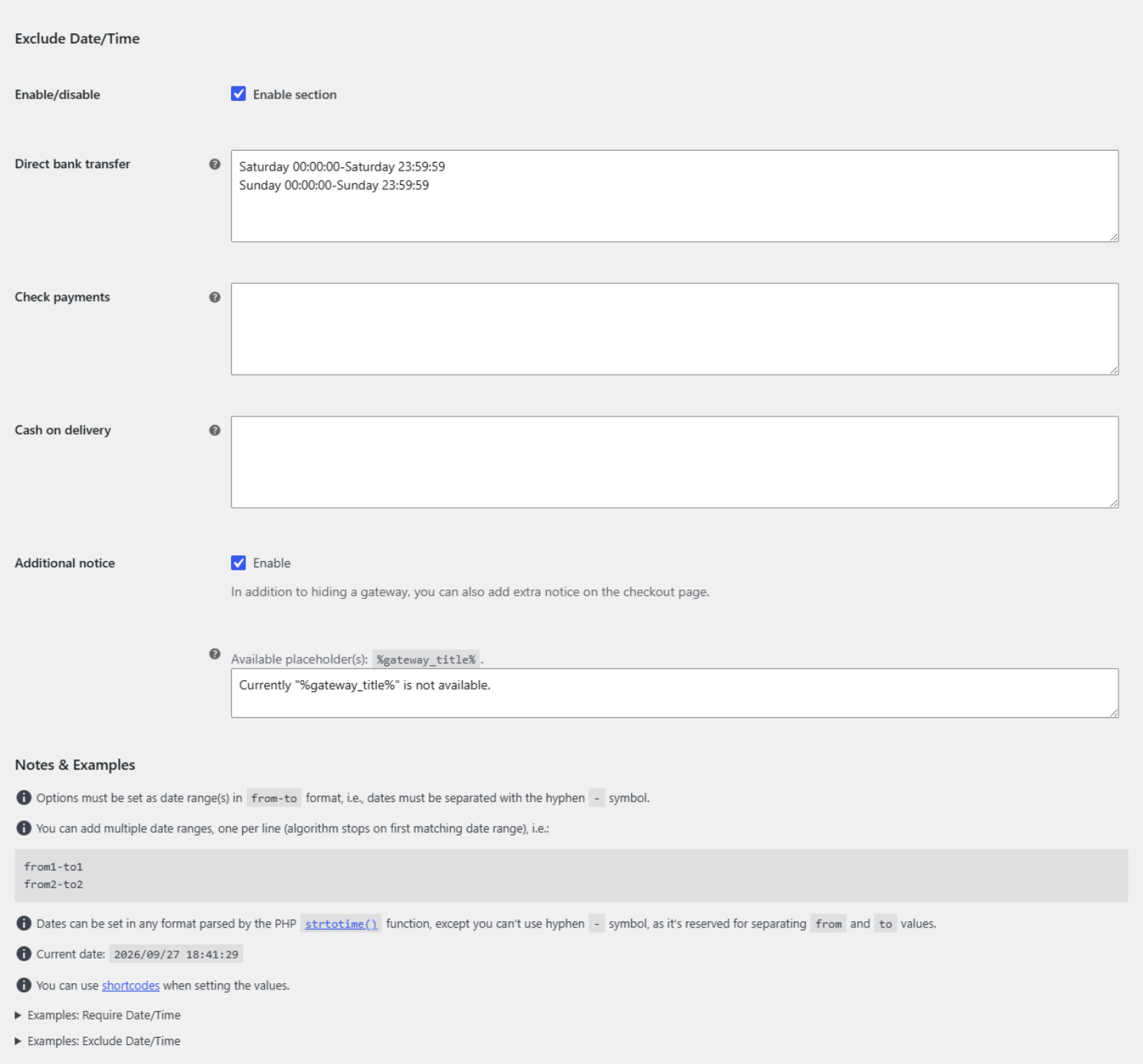
Before you start

- Conditional Payment Methods installed and active.
- Free version: date and time rules work for Direct bank transfer, Check payments, Cash on delivery and PayPal Standard. Other gateways need Pro.
- Check your site timezone at **Settings > General > Timezone**. Ranges are compared with the current time in that timezone. The Date/Time section shows the **Current date** in its notes so you can confirm it.

Schedule a payment method

1. Go to **WPFactory > Conditional Payment Gateways** (also reachable at **WooCommerce > Settings > Conditional Payment Gateways**) and open the **Date/Time** section.
2. To show a gateway only inside certain periods, tick **Enable section** under **Require Date/Time**.
3. To hide a gateway during certain periods, tick **Enable section** under **Exclude Date/Time**.
4. Next to the gateway, enter each range as `from-to`, one range per line.
5. Optionally edit the **Additional notice**. The default reads `Currently "%gateway_title%" is not available.`

6. Click **Save changes**.



Range format and examples

The hyphen separates the start and end of each range, so do not use hyphens inside a date. Each side can be anything PHP's `strtotime()` understands, such as times, weekdays or relative dates. When several lines are entered, the rule matches if the current time falls in any of them.

Goal	Block	Value

Available only before 3:00 PM each day	Require	`00:00:00-14:59:59`

Hidden after 4:00 PM each day and all weekend	Exclude	`16:00:00-23:59:59`
		`Saturday 00:00:00-Saturday 23:59:59`
		`Sunday 00:00:00-Sunday 23:59:59`

Available in summer only	Require	`first day of June - last day of August 23:59:59`
Hidden during February	Exclude	`first day of February - last day of February 23:59:59`

More examples are shown under **Notes & Examples** at the bottom of the section.

FAQ

Can I enter dates like 2026-12-24?

No, because the hyphen is reserved for splitting the range. Use a format without hyphens, such as `24 December 2026` or `2026/12/24`. A date without a time means midnight at the start of that day, so add `23:59:59` to an end date to include the whole day.

Can a range span midnight, such as 22:00 to 06:00?

Not in one line, because the end would come before the start. Split it into two lines: `22:00:00-23:59:59` and `00:00:00-05:59:59`.

Why should each weekday get its own line?

Weekday names are read relative to today. On a Sunday, `Saturday` points to the next Saturday, so a single `Saturday 00:00:00-Sunday 23:59:59` line would not match on Sundays. One line per day, as in the table above, always works.



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