Make the VAT Field Required Only for Businesses

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To make the VAT field required only for businesses, go to WPFactory > EU VAT (also reachable at WooCommerce > Settings > EU VAT), General sub-tab, and set VAT field will be to Required if customer fills the company field. EU/UK VAT Manager for WooCommerce also offers country-based rules. These requirement options are free.

Set the requirement rule

1. Go to **WPFactory > EU VAT** (also reachable at **WooCommerce > Settings > EU VAT**), on the **General** sub-tab.
2. Set **VAT field will be** (`alg_wc_eu_vat_field_required`) to the rule you need.
3. For the country-based rules, pick the countries in **Required / Optional in countries** (`alg_wc_eu_vat_field_required_countries`).
4. Save changes.

Requirement options

Option	When to use it
Optional	You sell to both consumers and businesses and do not want to block anyone.
Required if customer fills the company field	The cleanest B2B rule: only shoppers who identify as a business must supply a number.
Required in the following countries	You only need numbers from specific markets.
Required in all countries except following countries	You require a number everywhere except your home market.

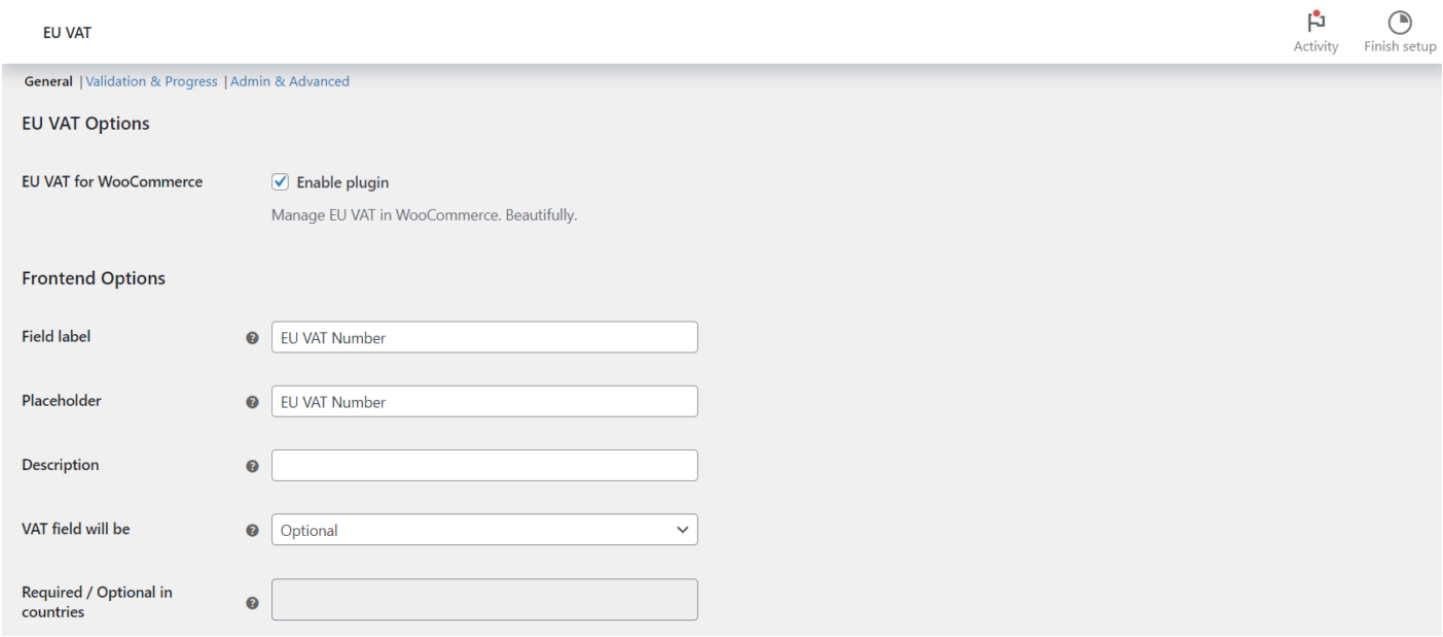
Required	A pure B2B store where every buyer is a business.

Let the customer decide

If you set the field to Required but still sell to some consumers, enable **Let customer decide** (`alg_wc_eu_vat_field_let_customer_decide`) on the same sub-tab. It adds a checkbox (default label *I don't have a VAT ID*, set by `alg_wc_eu_vat_field_let_customer_decide_label`) that a private individual can tick to make the field optional for their order. This option only takes effect when the field is set to Required.

Show the field only when a company is entered

To hide the field entirely until it is relevant, enable **Show/hide by billing company** (`alg_wc_eu_vat_show_hide_by_billing_company`). The VAT field appears only after the billing company field is filled in.



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These requirement rules are free. EU/UK VAT Manager for WooCommerce Pro can also show or hide the field by country and user role.

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