



Age Verification Gate **User Guide**

PrestaShop module · Compatible with PrestaShop 1.7, 8 and 9

Show an age check **before age-restricted goods**

Age Verification Gate adds a configurable age-verification gate for goods subject to a minimum age (18+ or any value you set). Choose whether to gate the whole site, only flagged products and categories, or only at checkout; pick a simple yes/no confirmation or a real date-of-birth check; and remember the visitor's choice with a cookie. The blocking overlay is accessible and fully styleable. No coding, no theme edits. **Note:** a client-side gate is a diligence/UX measure, not a strong legal barrier.

1. Installation

1. In the back office go to **Modules → Module Manager → Upload a module** and select the module ZIP.
2. Once installed, click **Configure** to open the settings.

Updates are automatic. They are tied to your domain — no licence key to enter. Development domains (`.local` , `.test` , `localhost`) are always allowed. When a new version is available it is shown right inside the module.


2. Configuration — step by step

The Configure screen has two panels: the gate **Settings** and the **Targeting** manager. Set up the behaviour first, then (if you gate only specific items) flag the products and categories.

Age Verification - Settings core

Define when the gate appears, how the visitor is checked, what happens on refusal, and how the overlay looks. Texts are per language.

- **Enable gate** — the master on/off switch. Nothing is shown to visitors until this is on.
- **Gate mode** — *Whole site (ask once at first visit), Only on flagged products/categories, or Only at cart/checkout when a flagged product is present.*
- **Minimum age** — the required age (1-120), e.g. 18.
- **Verification type** — *Simple: "Yes, I am at least X / No" or Date of birth (real age is computed).*
- **Remember choice (days)** — cookie duration (1-3650) so a confirmed visitor is not asked again.
- **On refusal / underage** — *Block: keep the overlay, show refusal message, Message only (same as block), or Redirect to a URL.*
- **Refusal redirect URL** — where to send a refused visitor when the action is Redirect (must start with `http(s)://` or `/`).
- **Blur background, Backdrop color** and **Confirm button color** — the overlay appearance (colors as `#rrggbb`).
- **Title, Message** and **Refusal text** — the wording shown in the overlay, editable per language.
- **Drop data on uninstall** — whether to remove the module's settings and targeting when you uninstall.

 Reminder: a client-side age gate is a diligence/UX measure to deter access by minors. It is NOT a strong, legally binding age verification. Combine it with your own age-of-sale controls where the law requires them.

Enable gate Yes

Gate mode

Use the "Targeting" panel below to flag products and categories for the last two modes.

Minimum age

Verification type

Remember choice (days)

On refusal / underage

Refusal redirect URL

Blur background Yes

Backdrop color

Confirm button color

Title (en)

Message (en)

Refusal text (en)

Title (it)


Settings (1/2) — gate mode, minimum age and verification type

Title (it)

Message (it)

Refusal text (it)

Drop data on uninstall No

 Save settings

 Age-restricted targeting 

Settings (2/2) — refusal action, overlay appearance and texts

Age-restricted targeting flagged mode

Used when the gate mode is *Only on flagged products/categories* or *Only at cart/checkout*. Here you choose exactly which catalogue items are age-restricted. No core files are changed — flags are stored in the module's own table.

- **Product IDs** — comma- or space-separated product IDs to flag as restricted.
- **Category IDs (mass assignment)** — comma- or space-separated category IDs; all products in these categories become restricted.

i Flag products and/or categories that require age verification. A product is restricted when it is flagged directly OR belongs to a flagged category. These flags drive the "flagged products/categories" and "cart/checkout" gate modes.

Product IDs

Comma- or space-separated product IDs.

Category IDs (mass assignment)

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Save targeting

Age-restricted targeting — flag products and categories by ID

3. Check that it works

- Open a fresh / incognito session and visit a targeted page (or any page in Whole-site mode) — the blocking overlay should appear over the content.
- Pass the check (confirm you meet the minimum age) and browse on — within the *Remember choice* window you should not be asked again.
- In Whole-site mode, fail or refuse the check and confirm the configured refusal action (block message or redirect) takes effect.
- In flagged mode, visit a non-targeted page and confirm it is unaffected — no overlay should appear there.

4. FAQ

Is this a legal age-verification system?

No. A client-side gate is a diligence and UX measure to discourage underage access — it is not a strong legal barrier. Use it alongside, not instead of, any compliance requirements that apply to you.

Will it block search engines or hurt SEO?

The gate is a front-office overlay; your pages and their content remain available. Use flagged mode to limit it to the products and categories that actually need it.

Do I need to edit my theme?

No. The module works through standard hooks and is compatible with any theme; the overlay colors and texts are configured in Settings.

Why was a visitor asked again?

The choice is remembered with a cookie for the number of days you set. Clearing cookies, using a different browser, or an expired window will show the gate again.