

Check if an article or category is restricted to reader groups

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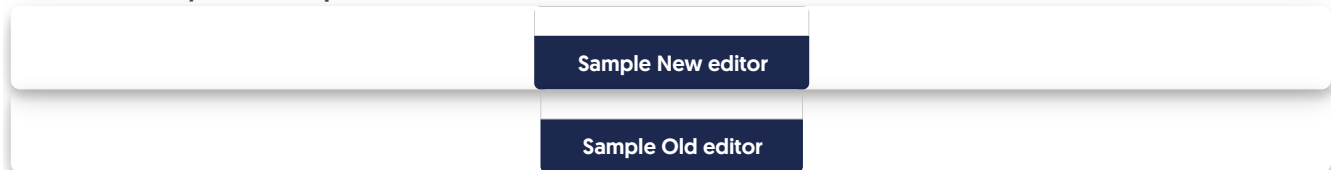
Follow the instructions on this page to check if an article or category is restricted to reader groups.

The information below varies based on whether you're using our 2026 new editor or old editor.

To figure out which instructions to follow:

1. Open any article for editing.
2. If the lefthand navigation is collapsed and there's a link near the top of the page to **Switch to old editor**, follow the **New editor** documentation.
3. If the lefthand navigation is expanded and the top of the editor and the righthand column have a heavier grey background, follow the **Old editor** documentation.

Here are side-by-side examples of the new editor and the old editor:



Try out the new editor

We'd love your feedback on the new editor. To switch to the new editor, open any article for editing and select the **Switch to new editor** link at the top of the editor.

New editor

Category/Old editor

Check reader group restrictions in new article editor

To check an article's reader group restrictions in the new article editor:

1. Open the article for editing.
2. In the **Permissions** section, check the **Read access**:

3. If the **Read access** section displays **All readers**, this article has no reader group restrictions of any kind.
4. If the **Read access** section displays **Limited to specific reader groups**, it's restricted to one or more reader groups.
5. If you need more details about whether these reader groups are inherited or explicitly assigned, select any of the text next to **Read access** to open the Read access modal. The wording in the modal helps you determine where the restrictions are coming from:
 - a. If the **Read access** section originally read **Limited to specific reader groups** and the Read access modal options include **All readers**, this article has already been restricted to one or more reader groups on its own. It has no inherited restrictions, so you can use the checkboxes to add and remove reader groups who should be able to view this content:

Sample Read access modal with **Limited to specific reader groups** option

6. If the **Read access** section originally read **Limited to specific reader groups** and the Read access modal options include **All category reader groups**, this article is inheriting reader group restrictions from its category:

Sample Read access modal with **All category reader groups** option

- a. If **All category reader groups** is selected, the article is using all of the reader group restrictions it's inheriting from the category.
- b. If **Limited to specific category reader groups** is selected, the article is restricted to a subset of its inherited reader groups.