

Hikashop Shipping Plugin With Extra Features

plg_hikashopshipping_bfextrafeatures

1. Overview

Using this plugin you can create multiple Hikashop shipping methods with additional criteria in addition to the built-in Hikashop restrictions.

- **Enhanced Postcode Handling**

Initially developed for use with UK postcodes it can also be used (or extended) to cater for other postcode formats. In some cases it may be easier to configure than built-in Hikashop postcode handling.

- **Customer Selectable Delivery Dates**

Depending on the shipping methods available for a customer's postcode they can then select from a range of available delivery dates (including same day).

- **Enhanced Price Restrictions and Shipping Method Prices**

If you have 8 delivery options each with 3 order value tiers then without this plug-in you will have to configure 24 shipping methods. With this plug-in you only need 8 shipping methods.

- **Order Item Product Shipping Method Restrictions**

Shipping methods can be restricted according to order item product categories.

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1.1 Example Shipping Method Listings

Key features are illustrated in following Hikashop shipping method listings.
Note that the shipping methods are processed in the order listed (Hikashop feature).

1.1.1 Example Shipping Method Listing (Using Delivery Dates)

Name	Price	Restrictions
Portsmouth Sameday (Central)		Postcode type : United Kingdom PO[1-5]_ Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Latest order time : 11:59 No deliveries Christmas or New Year No deliveries August Bank Holiday No deliveries Easter 2024, 2025
Portsmouth Sameday (Outer)	£ 5.00	Postcode type : United Kingdom PO[6-9]_ PO[1-2][0-9]_ Mon Wed Fri Latest order time : 11:59 No deliveries Christmas or New Year No deliveries August Bank Holiday No deliveries Easter 2024, 2025
Portsmouth Sameday (Isle of Wight)	£ 10.00	Postcode type : United Kingdom PO3[0-9]_ Tue Thu Latest order time : 11:59 No deliveries Christmas or New Year No deliveries August Bank Holiday No deliveries Easter 2024, 2025
Portsmouth Anyday		Postcode type : United Kingdom PO
Elsewhere (except Scottish Islands and Highlands)	£ 2.00	Postcode type : United Kingdom ! AB3[1-8]_ AB4[1-5]_ AB5[5-6]_ HS[1-9]_ KW1[5-7]_ PA[2-6][0-9]_ PA7[0-8]_ PH19_ PH[2-9][0-9]_ FK1[789]_ FK2[178]_ PH1[5-8]_ IV KW ZE Ignore method if postcodes previously matched
Scottish Islands and Highlands	£ 20.00	Postcode type : United Kingdom Ignore method if postcodes previously matched

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1.1.1 Example Shipping Method Listing (Advance Features)

#	Name	Price	Restrictions	Type	Order	Delete	Published
1	Special Delivery Areas		Zone: United Kingdom Readonly method (shows message) Postcode type : United Kingdom AB3[1-8] AB4[0-9] AB5[0-6] BT GY IM IV[1-9] JE KA[1-26] KA[28-99] KW[1-9] PA[2-9] PH[4-9] PO[34][0-9] ZE Ignore method if postcodes previously matched	Hikashop shipping plugin providing extra features by BrainforgeUK	£	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	UK Mainland (Large Item)	£ 22.24	Zone: United Kingdom Currency: GBP Postcode type : United Kingdom [A-Z] Ignore method if postcodes previously matched With categories: Headrails	Hikashop shipping plugin providing extra features by BrainforgeUK	£	2	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	UK Mainland (order under £100)	£ 12.00	Minimum price: £ 1.00 Maximum price: £ 99.99 Zone: United Kingdom Currency: GBP Min / Max price with tax Postcode type : United Kingdom [A-Z] Ignore method if postcodes previously matched	Hikashop shipping plugin providing extra features by BrainforgeUK	£	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	UK Mainland		Minimum price: £ 100.00 Zone: United Kingdom Currency: GBP Min / Max price with tax Postcode type : United Kingdom [A-Z] Ignore method if postcodes previously matched	Hikashop shipping plugin providing extra features by BrainforgeUK	£	4	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	No delivery address		Readonly method (shows message) Postcode type : United Kingdom Ignore method if postcodes previously matched	Hikashop shipping plugin providing extra features by BrainforgeUK	£	5	<input type="checkbox"/>

The *Readonly method (shows message)* feature allows you to display a sensible message to the user instead of a shipping method. For instance:

- **Special Delivery Areas** (e.g. not UK mainland & Scottish Highlands).
Please contact us to arrange delivery and price for delivery.
- **No Delivery Address**
Delivery price will be calculated after delivery postcode entered.

The *With categories* feature allows you to only enable that shipping method when the order contains items for products belonging to that product category. The order can also contain items for products belonging to other product categories.

Not illustrated is the *Without categories* feature which allows you to disable a shipping method when the order contains items for products belonging to that product category.

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1.2 Installation Summary

- Install and enable this Hikashop shipping plugin.
`plg_hikashopshipping_bfextrafeatures`
- If required install and enable one or more postcode handling plug-ins.
`plg_hikashopbfpostcodes_shippingnetherlands`
`plg_hikashopbfpostcodes_shippingunitedkingdom`
- If required install and enable the delivery date plugin.
`plg_hikashop_bfdeliverydates`
 - You may also require one or more of the following.
`plg_hikashop_bfdeliverydateslocker`
- If using the delivery date plugin create a delivery date Hikashop custom field on the *order* table.
- Create one or more Hikashop shipping methods using this shipping plugin.

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2. Specific Configuration

2.1 Basic

Without any specific configuration the plugin processes the Hikashop generic configuration and restrictions (i.e. same as the Hikashop Manual Shipping plugin).

The image displays four screenshots of the plugin's configuration interface, each showing a different tab under the 'SPECIFIC CONFIGURATION' header.

- Delivery Dates:** Shows a 'Delivery date' field with 'Disabled' and 'Enabled' radio buttons. A note states: 'Requires Hikashop custom field on order table of type 'shipping delivery date'.'
- Postcodes:** Shows a 'Postcode format' dropdown menu set to 'Default'. A note states: 'Enhanced shipping method postcode restriction and simple customer postcode validation.' Below it, a 'Readonly method' field has 'No' and 'Yes' radio buttons. A note states: 'Displays description as message, no shipping methods / prices displayed.'
- Price Restrictions:** Shows a list of restrictions with columns for 'Price', 'Minimum Price Restriction', and 'Maximum Price Restriction'. A note at the bottom states: 'This allows you to increase (not override) the shipping method price.'
- Product Categories:** Shows a message: 'The order must satisfy both these criteria.' Below it, two sections are visible: 'With categories' and 'Without categories', each with a text input field. A note under 'Without categories' states: 'Order must not have any items in these product categories.'

The *Delivery date* option is only available when the separately available Hikashop plugin *plg_hikashop_bfdeliverydates* is installed, enabled and the corresponding delivery date Hikashop custom field type configured on the *order* table.

The *Postcode format* option is only available when one or more of the separately available Joomla plug-ins of type *plg_hikashopbfpostcodes* are installed, and enabled.

The *Price Restrictions* feature is available when enabled in the plug-in options.

The *Product Categories* feature is available when enabled in the plug-in options.

The screenshot shows the plugin's configuration interface with the 'Specific Configuration Features' tab selected. The interface includes a top navigation bar with 'Plugin', 'Specific Configuration Features', 'Advanced', and 'Help' tabs. Below the navigation bar, there are two sections:

- Price Restrictions:** A 'No' and 'Yes' radio button set. A note states: 'Displays the Price Restrictions configuration tab.'
- Product Categories:** A 'No' and 'Yes' radio button set. A note states: 'Displays the Product Category Restrictions configuration tab.'

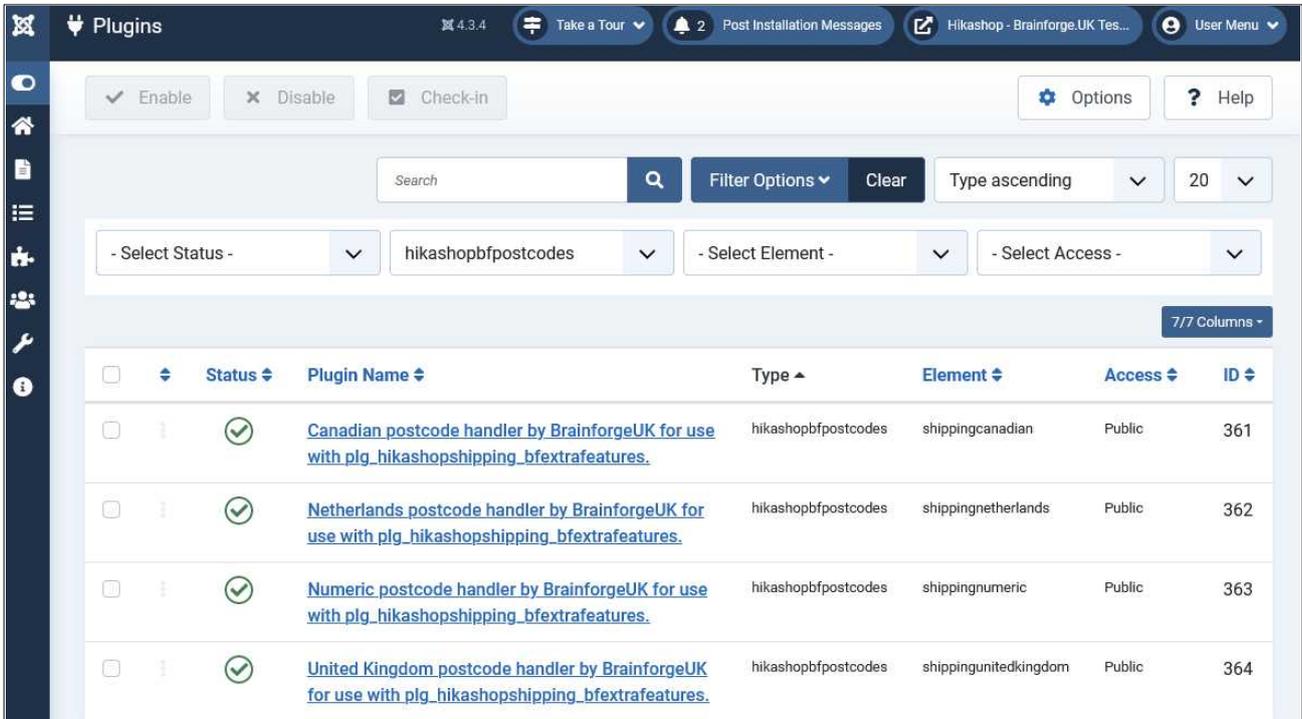
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2.1.1 Supplied Postcode Formats

Most sites will only require one of the examples listed to be installed and enabled. Other postcode formats available on request. Please [contact us](#) for further information.

These examples provide simple customer entered postcode format validation. This will detect where an O (letter) has been entered instead of a 0 (zero). Please [contact us](#) if you wish to use a database of all valid postcodes or postcode areas.



The screenshot shows the Joomla! Plugins management interface. At the top, there are buttons for 'Enable', 'Disable', and 'Check-in', along with 'Options' and 'Help'. Below this is a search bar and filter options. The main table lists four plugins, all with a status of 'Enabled' (indicated by a green checkmark) and 'Public' access. The table columns are: Status, Plugin Name, Type, Element, Access, and ID.

Status	Plugin Name	Type	Element	Access	ID
✓	Canadian postcode handler by BrainforgeUK for use with plg_hikashopshipping_bfextrafeatures.	hikashopbpostcodes	shippingcanadian	Public	361
✓	Netherlands postcode handler by BrainforgeUK for use with plg_hikashopshipping_bfextrafeatures.	hikashopbpostcodes	shippingnetherlands	Public	362
✓	Numeric postcode handler by BrainforgeUK for use with plg_hikashopshipping_bfextrafeatures.	hikashopbpostcodes	shippingnumeric	Public	363
✓	United Kingdom postcode handler by BrainforgeUK for use with plg_hikashopshipping_bfextrafeatures.	hikashopbpostcodes	shippingunitedkingdom	Public	364

2.1.2 Valid Postcode Field Format (applies to all postcode formats)

Enter into this field a space separated list of postcodes (or first part thereof i.e. the area identifier).

Postcodes can be entered either as several on one line (space separated) or singly one on each line.

Regular expressions can be used to define valid postcodes.

Spaces in these postcodes can be included as underscore ('_').

For example in the United Kingdom PO1 1AA must be entered as PO1_1AA.

Comment lines can be included in the valid postcode list, the first character must be a hash (#).

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2.1.3 Read-only shipping method

This feature allows you to display a message instead of a shipping method / price. Some scenarios where this feature might be useful are illustrated below.

2.1.3.1 Cart displayed before the delivery address has been entered.

SPECIFIC CONFIGURATION				
Delivery Dates	Postcodes	Price Restrictions	Product Categories	Help
Postcode format	<input type="text" value="United Kingdom"/>			
	Enhanced shipping method postcode restriction and simple customer postcode validation.			
Ignore method if postcodes previously matched	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes			
Matching postcodes	<input type="text"/>			
	Space separated list of postcodes (or area part). Replace any spaces in postcode with underscore ('_') e.g. for UK 'PO1_1AA'. Limited regular expression support e.g. for UK 'PO1[3-5] PO1_[12]'.			
Block shipping on matching postcodes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes			
	Shipping not available with matching postcodes			
Readonly method	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes			
	Displays description as message, no shipping methods / prices displayed.			

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2.1.3.2 Special delivery arrangements apply (e.g. Scottish Highlands and Islands).

SPECIFIC CONFIGURATION				
Delivery Dates	Postcodes	Price Restrictions	Product Categories	Help
Postcode format	<input type="text" value="United Kingdom"/>			
	Enhanced shipping method postcode restriction and simple customer postcode validation.			
Ignore method if postcodes previously matched	<input type="checkbox" value="No"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox" value="Yes"/>			
Matching postcodes	<input type="text" value="AB3[1-8] AB4[0-9] AB5[0-6] BT GY IM IV[1-9] JE KA[1-26] KA[28-99] KW[1-9] PA[2-9] PH[4-9] PO[34][0-9] ZE"/>			
	Space separated list of postcodes (or area part). Replace any spaces in postcode with underscore ("_") e.g. for UK 'PO1_1AA'. Limited regular expression support e.g. for UK 'PO1[3-5] PO1_[12]'.			
Block shipping on matching postcodes	<input type="checkbox" value="No"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox" value="Yes"/>			
	Shipping not available with matching postcodes			
Readonly method	<input type="checkbox" value="No"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox" value="Yes"/>			
	Displays description as message, no shipping methods / prices displayed.			

2.1.3.2 Blocked Postcodes (e.g. Channel Islands, Isle of Man, Isle of Wight).

SPECIFIC CONFIGURATION				
Delivery Dates	Postcodes	Price Restrictions	Product Categories	Help
Postcode format	<input type="text" value="United Kingdom"/>			
	Enhanced shipping method postcode restriction and simple customer postcode validation.			
Ignore method if postcodes previously matched	<input type="checkbox" value="No"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox" value="Yes"/>			
Matching postcodes	<input type="text" value="JE GY IM PO[34][0-9]"/>			
	Space separated list of postcodes (or area part). Replace any spaces in postcode with underscore ("_") e.g. for UK 'PO1_1AA'. Limited regular expression support e.g. for UK 'PO1[3-5] PO1_[12]'.			
Block shipping on matching postcodes	<input type="checkbox" value="No"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox" value="Yes"/>			
	Shipping not available with matching postcodes			
Readonly method	<input type="checkbox" value="No"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox" value="Yes"/>			
	Displays description as message, no shipping methods / prices displayed.			

For these postcodes no shipping method will be available and this message displayed at checkout:

No shipping method for postcode.

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2.2 UK Postcode Format

SPECIFIC CONFIGURATION				
Delivery Dates	Postcodes	Price Restrictions	Product Categories	Help
Postcode format	<input type="text" value="United Kingdom"/>			
	Enhanced shipping method postcode restriction and simple customer postcode validation.			
Ignore method if postcodes previously matched	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes			
Matching postcodes	<input type="text" value="PO[6-9]_
PO[12][0-9]_"/>			
	Space separated list of postcodes (or area part). Replace any spaces in postcode with underscore ('_') e.g. for UK 'PO1_1AA'. Limited regular expression support e.g. for UK 'PO1[3-5] PO1_[12]'.			
Block shipping on matching postcodes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes			
	Shipping not available with matching postcodes			
Readonly method	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes			
	Displays description as message, no shipping methods / prices displayed.			

To restrict a shipping method to only PO1 postcodes you must add an underscore () suffix (**PO1_**). Just PO1 on its own will match all of PO1, PO11, PO12, PO13 etc...

Entering an exclamation mark (!) at the beginning of the *Valid postcodes* field will negate the result. ! PO[1-2]_ will match everything except PO1 and PO2.

In this simple example PO[^1-2]_ would achieve the same result (using regular expression syntax).

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2.3 Netherlands Postcode Format

SPECIFIC CONFIGURATION

Delivery DatesPostcodesPrice RestrictionsProduct CategoriesHelp

Postcode format Netherlands ▼

Enhanced shipping method postcode restriction and simple customer postcode validation.

Ignore method if postcodes previously matched No Yes

Matching postcodes 1420-1439
This is a comment
1980-2235
Multiple postcodes on one line
#2300-2481 2800-2871 ⋮

Space separated list of postcodes (or area part).
Replace any spaces in postcode with underscore ('_') e.g. for UK 'PO1_1AA'.
Limited regular expression support e.g. for UK 'PO1[3-5] PO1_[12]'.

Block shipping on matching postcodes No Yes

Shipping not available with matching postcodes

Readonly method No Yes

Displays description as message, no shipping methods / prices displayed.

This screenshot illustrates how you could define a single shipping method covering Amsterdam, Haarlem and Leiden.

Assuming no other restrictions apply this is easier to implement as a single shipping method than the Hikashop Manual shipping plugin.

Entering an exclamation mark (!) at the beginning of the *Valid postcodes* field will negate the result. For example:

! 1435 2230 2820-2029

will match everything except 1435 2230 2820, 2821, 2822 etc...

On the Hikashop shipping method admin listing (see screenshot in *Overview* section) this method will appear as follows (*Name* is the name of the shipping method):

Name	Price	Restrictions
Amsterdam, Haarlem and Leiden		Postcode type : Netherlands 1420-1439 1980-2235 2300-2481 2800-2871

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2.4 Canada Postcode Format

SPECIFIC CONFIGURATION

Delivery DatesPostcodesPrice RestrictionsProduct CategoriesHelp

Postcode format Canada ▼

Enhanced shipping method postcode restriction and simple customer postcode validation.

Ignore method if postcodes previously matched No Yes

Matching postcodes

Ontario
K0[GH]_[0-9][A-Z][0-9]
K0J_[0-9][B-Z][0-9]
K0[KLM]_[0-9][B-Z][0-9]
Ottawa
[1-3][A]_[0-9][A-Z][0-9]

Space separated list of postcodes (or area part).
Replace any spaces in postcode with underscore ('_') e.g. for UK 'PO1_1AA'.
Limited regular expression support e.g. for UK 'PO1[3-5] PO1_[12]'.

Block shipping on matching postcodes No Yes

Shipping not available with matching postcodes

Readonly method No Yes

Displays description as message, no shipping methods / prices displayed.

This screenshot illustrates how you could define a single shipping method covering Ottawa and Ontario.

Assuming no other restrictions apply this is easier to implement as a single shipping method than the Hikashop Manual shipping plugin.

Entering an exclamation mark (!) at the beginning of the *Valid postcodes* field will negate the result.

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2.5 Generic Numeric Postcode Format

SPECIFIC CONFIGURATION				
Delivery Dates	Postcodes	Price Restrictions	Product Categories	Help
Postcode format	<input type="text" value="Generic numeric codes"/> ▼			
	Enhanced shipping method postcode restriction and simple customer postcode validation.			
Ignore method if postcodes previously matched	<input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes			
Matching postcodes	<pre># A few random examples 1-20 1[0-9][123] 12345-67890 [789][012] 123456-789012</pre>			
	Space separated list of postcodes (or area part). Replace any spaces in postcode with underscore ('_') e.g. for UK 'PO1_1AA'. Limited regular expression support e.g. for UK 'PO1[3-5] PO1_[12]'.			
Block shipping on matching postcodes	<input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes			
	Shipping not available with matching postcodes			
Readonly method	<input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes			
	Displays description as message, no shipping methods / prices displayed.			

Assuming no other restrictions apply this is easier to implement as a single shipping method than the Hikashop Manual shipping plugin.

This could be used instead of *Netherlands Postcode Format* examples above but in this case there will not be any validation of the address data (e.g. 123456789 could be entered).

Entering an exclamation mark (!) at the beginning of the *Valid postcodes* field will negate the result.

2.6 Product Categories

SPECIFIC CONFIGURATION				
Delivery Dates	Postcodes	Price Restrictions	Product Categories	Help
The order must satisfy both these criteria.				
With categories	<input type="text" value="Headrails x"/>			
	Order must have some items in these product categories.			
Without categories	<input type="text"/>			
	Order must not have any items in these product categories.			

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3 Delivery Dates

This feature requires the separate Hikashop plugin *plg_hikashop_bfdeliverydates* available from <https://brainforge.co.uk>.

In addition on the Hikashop order table a Hikashop custom field of type '*shipping delivery date*' must be configured and published. This field type is included in *plg_hikashop_bfdeliverydates*.

This feature requires [HikaShop Business](#).

3.1 Features Overview

- **Latest order time**
This defines the latest order time for the first available delivery day.
The first available delivery day may be today, tomorrow, 7 days after order etc...
If order being placed after that time then the first available delivery day will be the next one.
- **Minimum days before delivery**
Controls the earliest delivery date – set to 0 (zero) for same day, 1 for tomorrow.
- **Maximum days after order**
Controls how far in advance (before delivery) a customer can place an order.
Set to 0 (zero) for same day only orders, if order placed after latest order time then customer will have the option to order for the next delivery day (e.g. tomorrow).
- **Weekday deliveries**
Weekdays when deliveries are available can be selected.
When a weekday enabled the maximum number of deliveries for that weekday can be configured, unlimited deliveries option also available.
- **Delivery date overrides**
Deliveries on specific dates (e.g. Christmas day) can be blocked;
Additional deliveries dates (e.g. Mother's day) can be specified together with the maximum number of deliveries on that date.

In many shipping methods no override will be required as most of the overrides will be configured for the Hikashop delivery date custom field type using the order table specification. Refer to documentation for plugin *plg_hikashop_bfdeliverydates* for further information.

Overrides entered in the shipping method take preference over overrides in the custom field type options, the first override matching a possible delivery date determines the availability of that date.

Comments entered in the override field will appear in the restrictions column of the Hikashop shipping method admin listing (see screenshot in *Overview* section).

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3.2 Weekday Deliveries Within 30 Days

This configuration will allow a customer to select a delivery date of any weekday within the next 30 days.

If they order before 12:00 then they can request delivery the same day.

If they order after 11:59 the earliest delivery day will be the next available weekday.

If the *Limited* feature is used then some days may not be available because the daily delivery limit has been reached.

Some days may not be available because of the Hikashop delivery date custom field type options.

Some additional days may be available because of the Hikashop delivery date custom field type options.

SPECIFIC CONFIGURATION

Delivery dates

Postcodes

Delivery date	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;">DisabledEnabled</div> <small>Requires Hikashop custom field on order table of type 'shipping delivery date'.</small>
Latest order time	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="11:59"/> <small>Latest order time for first available delivery day.</small>
Minimum days before delivery	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="0"/> <small>Controls the first available delivery date. 0 = sameday delivery (nextday if after latest order time).</small>
Maximum days after order	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="30"/> <small>Controls the last available delivery date. 0 = sameday delivery (nextday if after latest order time).</small>
Monday deliveries	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;">UnlimitedNoneLimited</div>
Tuesday deliveries	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;">UnlimitedNoneLimited</div>
Wednesday deliveries	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;">UnlimitedNoneLimited</div>
Thursday deliveries	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;">UnlimitedNoneLimited</div>
Friday deliveries	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;">UnlimitedNoneLimited</div>
Saturday deliveries	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;">UnlimitedNoneLimited</div>
Sunday deliveries	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;">UnlimitedNoneLimited</div>
Delivery date overrides	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="# Special Christmas deliveries
1224:5"/> <small>Enter additional dates, on separate lines, when deliveries are (un)available. These take preference over delivery date overrides configured for the Hikashop delivery date order table custom field. In most instances the custom field data will suffice and this field can be left blank.</small>
Collection locker	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;">None4 digit code</div> <small>This allows a customer to collect their order from a secure locker.</small>

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3.2.1 Limiting Number of Daily Deliveries

Monday deliveries	<input type="radio"/> Unlimited	<input checked="" type="radio"/> None	<input type="radio"/> Limited
Tuesday deliveries	<input type="radio"/> Unlimited	<input checked="" type="radio"/> None	<input type="radio"/> Limited
Wednesday deliveries	<input type="radio"/> Unlimited	<input checked="" type="radio"/> None	<input type="radio"/> Limited
Thursday deliveries	<input type="radio"/> Unlimited	<input checked="" type="radio"/> None	<input type="radio"/> Limited
Friday deliveries	<input type="radio"/> Unlimited	<input checked="" type="radio"/> None	<input type="radio"/> Limited
Saturday deliveries	<input type="radio"/> Unlimited	<input checked="" type="radio"/> None	<input type="radio"/> Limited
Maximum number of daily deliveries	<input type="text" value="10"/>		
Sunday deliveries	<input type="radio"/> Unlimited	<input checked="" type="radio"/> None	<input type="radio"/> Limited
Maximum number of daily deliveries	<input type="text" value="10"/>		

In this example the maximum number of deliveries available at weekends is 10 per day. When the daily maximum exceeded the customer will not be able to select a delivery on that day.

Cancelled orders are not included in the daily total number of deliveries.

When the daily maximum is reached an optional email can be sent to the shop administrator. This can be configured through the Hikashop delivery date plugin parameters.

The screenshot shows the configuration page for the 'Hikashop plugin for shipping delivery dates by BrainforgeUK'. The interface includes a top navigation bar with 'Plugins: Hikashop plugin for shipping delivery dates by BrainforgeUK' and version '4.3.3'. Below the navigation are buttons for 'Save', 'Save & Close', 'Close', 'Toggle Inline Help', and 'Help'. The main content area has tabs for 'Plugin' and 'Help'. The 'Plugin' tab is active, showing the plugin name, status (Enabled), access (Public), and a toggle for 'Daily delivery limit reached email' (currently Off). A description states: 'Sends an email to shop administrator when a shipping method daily delivery limit reached.'

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3.2.2 Collection Locker

This feature allows a customer to collect the order from a secure locker on their chosen delivery date. A random access code is generated and included on order displays / invoices / emails.

This feature is only available when the separately available Hikashop plugin *plg_hikashop_bfdeliverydateslocker* is installed and enabled.

Collection locker	<input type="radio"/> None	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Manual	<input type="radio"/> Automatic
This allows a customer to collect their order from a secure locker.			

The locker mode is indicated in the Hikashop shipping method listing along with the delivery date restrictions.

No deliveries Easter 2024, 2025
Collection locker : Manual

3.2.2.1 Manual Mode

Collection locker	<input type="radio"/> None	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Manual	<input type="radio"/> Automatic
This allows a customer to collect their order from a secure locker.			
When order ready for collection locker assignment and code have to be entered by order administrator.			
Number of lockers available	<input type="text" value="8"/>		
Lockers are numbered 1,2,3,4,etc.. The daily number of orders is restricted to the number of lockers, not the above daily delivery limits.			

Cancelled orders are not included in the daily total number of orders.

3.2.2.2 Automatic Mode

Collection locker	<input type="radio"/> None	<input type="radio"/> Manual	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Automatic
This allows a customer to collect their order from a secure locker.			
Automatic locker assignment and code generation when order ready for collection.			
Number of lockers available	<input type="text" value="8"/>		
Lockers are numbered 1,2,3,4,etc.. The daily number of orders is restricted to the number of lockers, not the above daily delivery limits.			
Locker code digits	<input type="text" value="4"/> <input type="button" value="v"/>		
Unavailable lockers	<input type="text"/>		
Enter a space separated list of locker numbers. Comments can be included by starting a line with a # symbol.			

Cancelled orders are not included in the daily total number of orders.

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4 Price Restrictions

This screenshot illustrates a shipping plugin which has different shipping prices according to the size of the order.

- Shipping charged at £1 for orders below £40.
- Shipping charged at £0.50 for orders above £39.99 and below £80.
- Shipping free for orders over £79.99.

Without this feature implementing this would require 3 shipping methods one for each price criteria. If you have lots of shipping methods for different postcode / delivery date combinations the number of methods can quickly multiply making maintenance difficult.

#	<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Price	Restrictions	Type	Order	Delete	Published
1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Portsmouth Sameday (Central)		Postcode type : United Kingdom PO[1-5] Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Latest order time : 11:59 No deliveries Christmas or New Year No deliveries August Bank Holiday No deliveries Easter 2024, 2025 Additional shipping prices (by order value) 0->£ 39.99=£ 1.00 £ 40.00->£ 79.99=£ 0.50	Hikashop shipping plugin providing extra features by BrainforgeUK	1		

Price: 0.00000
£ GBP

Percentage: 0

Formula:

Automatic taxes: Proportion

Use price per product: Yes No

Include virtual products price: Yes No

Override shipping address: No

Override tax zone: None x

RESTRICTION

Zone: None x

Currency:

Warehouse: None x

Minimum price: 0

Maximum price: 0

With tax: Yes No

For no *Maximum price restriction* leave this field blank. In the shipping method listing an infinity symbol will be displayed.

For no *Minimum price restriction* leave this field blank. In the shipping method listing 0 (zero) will be displayed.

0->£ 39.99=£ 2.00
£ 40.00->∞=£ 0.00

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5 Plugin Parameters

5.1 Basic

The screenshot shows the Joomla! administrator interface for the 'Hikashop shipping plugin providing extra features by BrainforgeUK'. The page title is 'Plugins: Hikashop shipping plugin providing extra features by BrainforgeUK' with version 4.4.3. At the top, there are buttons for 'Save', 'Save & Close', 'Close', and 'Toggle Inline Help'. Below the title bar, there are tabs for 'Plugin', 'Advanced', and 'Help', with 'Plugin' selected. The main content area is titled 'Hikashop shipping plugin providing extra features by BrainforgeUK' and includes the sub-headers 'hikashopshipping' and 'bfextrafeatures'. A description states: 'This plugin enables you to create Hikashop shipping methods. Additional features available include the following *:' followed by a bulleted list: 'Enhanced postcode restrictions (recommended for UK postcodes)', 'Delivery date restrictions and customer delivery date selection', and 'Collection locker handling for the selected delivery date'. A note mentions that some features require an additional plugin from brainforge.co.uk. On the right side, there are several configuration options: 'Status' (Enabled), 'Access' (Public), 'Ordering' (HikaShop USPS), 'Plugin Type' (hikashopshipping), and 'Plugin File' (bfextrafeatures). At the bottom left, there is a 'Display errors' section with a radio button set to 'Default' (Yes) and a note: 'Turn on if postcode / delivery date error messages are not being displayed.' A link for 'HikaShop Options' is also present.

5.2 Advanced

The screenshot shows the 'Advanced' configuration page for the plugin. It has tabs for 'Plugin', 'Advanced', and 'Help', with 'Advanced' selected. The main heading is 'Advanced'. The primary configuration option is 'Use billing address postcode instead of shipping address postcode', which is currently set to 'Yes'. A note below this option states: 'For most sites leave this set to No. Setting this parameter to Yes may have unintended consequences! If you only require your customers to enter a billing address and not a shipping address then you first need to configure the Hikashop CHECKOUT WORKFLOW appropriately and then set this parameter to Yes.'

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5.3 Help

Plugin	Advanced	Help
Help		
Extra features plugin help	Help not available. Link to help for this plugin.	
Notes	<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px;"><i>Some useful information about this configuration.</i></div> <p>Enter any information which you might find useful in the future.</p>	

The help link points to a document of this document.

Appendix

A.1 Special Christmas Deliveries

In a typical configuration the Hikashop delivery date custom field type may be configured to disallow deliveries on Christmas day.

You can override this in the shipping method to achieve the following:

- Up to 10 deliveries on 24th December (any year, any day of week)
- Up to 5 deliveries on 25th December (any year, any day of week)
- Order must be placed before 20th December
- Order must be placed after 20th November

This can be achieved by creating a shipping method with this specific configuration.

- **Minimum days before delivery**
6
- **Maximum days after order**
31
- **Delivery date overrides**
Special Christmas deliveries
....1224.:10
....1225.:5
No deliveries on other days of year
.....:0

A.2 Daily Delivery Slots

You can define multiple delivery slots by creating a separate shipping method for each slot.

Typically the *Latest order time* for each slot will be set to 23:59. The following examples describe situations where a different value might be appropriate.

A.2.1 Same Day Delivery Slots

You need to specify an appropriate *Latest order time* for each slot.

The *Maximum days after order* field must be set to 0 (zero).

A.2.2 Next day (e.g. tomorrow) Delivery Slots

Typically the *Latest order time* for each slot will be set to 23:59, although it can be earlier if additional order preparation time is required.

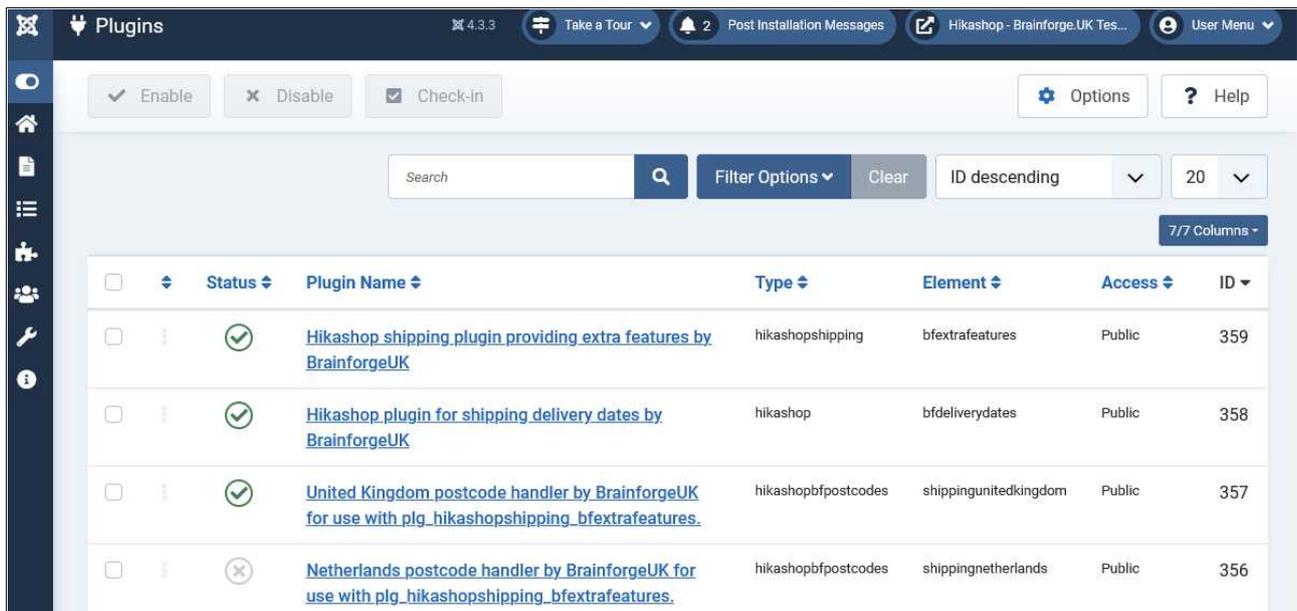
You might also consider a configuration like this:

- *Latest order time* of 11:59 for morning delivery slots.
- *Latest order time* of 23:59 for afternoon delivery slots.

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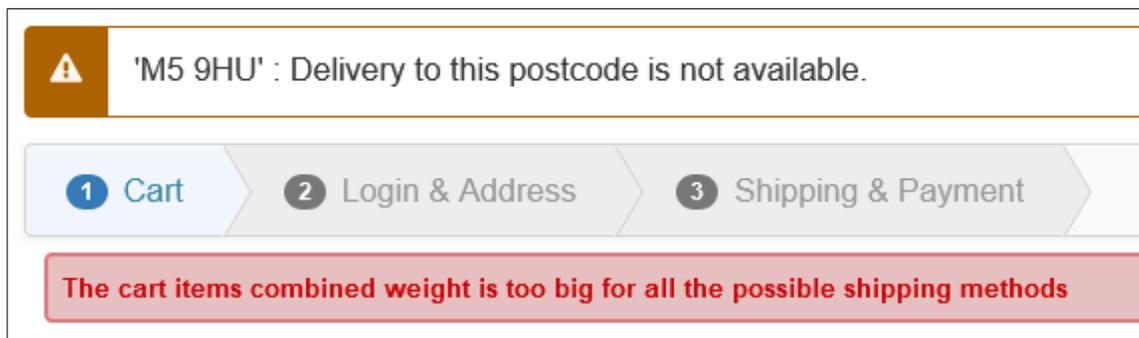
B.1 Example Plugin Listing (UK Postcodes)



The screenshot shows the Joomla! Plugins management interface. At the top, there are buttons for 'Enable', 'Disable', and 'Check-in', along with 'Options' and 'Help' buttons. Below these is a search bar and a 'Filter Options' dropdown. The main area contains a table with the following columns: Status, Plugin Name, Type, Element, Access, and ID. The table lists four plugins:

Status	Plugin Name	Type	Element	Access	ID
✓	Hikashop shipping plugin providing extra features by BrainforgeUK	hikashopshipping	bfextrafeatures	Public	359
✓	Hikashop plugin for shipping delivery dates by BrainforgeUK	hikashop	bfdeliverydates	Public	358
✓	United Kingdom postcode handler by BrainforgeUK for use with plg_hikashopshipping_bfextrafeatures.	hikashopbfpostcodes	shippingunitedkingdom	Public	357
✗	Netherlands postcode handler by BrainforgeUK for use with plg_hikashopshipping_bfextrafeatures.	hikashopbfpostcodes	shippingnetherlands	Public	356

C.1 Overweight Item Message Example



D.1 Legacy Shipping Plug-ins Available from Brainforge.UK

This plugin is intended to replace the following plug-ins previously available from <https://brainforge.co.uk>.

plg_hikashopshipping_bfmanual
plg_hikashop_bforderdeliverydate2
plg_hikashop_bforderdeliveryslot2

Existing customers are recommended to investigate this replacement and, if it suits their purposes, install on their site(s). For more information or in case of difficulty please [contact us](#).

Note that there is no automatic upgrade path – your existing configuration must be re-entered manually.