How Video Completion Rules Work

This article explains how **video completion rules** work in the Video Lesson Activity and how they extend Moodle's standard activity completion rule.

How Video Lesson extends Moodle completion

The **Video Lesson Activity** builds on Moodle's standard completion system by adding **video-specific completion logic**.

In addition to Moodle's default options, Video Lesson introduces:

- **Watch-progress–based completion**
- Optional enforcement of minimum watch percentage
- Completion that reflects *actual viewing*, not just page access

This makes video completion meaningful and enforceable.

Video Lesson–completion rules

View the activity

This is a **core Moodle option**.

- Completion is marked when the learner opens the activity page
- Moodle does not check video playback

Require watch progress (%)

This option is **unique to the Video Lesson Activity**.

[Video completion setting]

When enabled:

- Learners must watch a defined percentage of the video
- Completion is based on actual playback progress
- Example: *Student must reach 85% of the video*

Only when the required percentage is reached will the activity be marked complete.

How watch percentage is calculated

Watch progress is calculated based on:

- Actual playback time
- Video duration
- Continuous tracking during playback

Important notes:

- Simply opening the activity does not count
- Seeking ahead does not increase progress
- Completion is triggered only after the threshold is reached

Recommended configuration (most cases)

- Enable **Require watch progress**
- Do **not** rely solely on *View the activity*

This ensures completion reflects meaningful engagement.

What happens when completion is achieved?

Once the required watch percentage is reached:

- The activity is marked complete in Moodle
- Course progress updates
- Dependent activities (quizzes, certificates, lessons) can unlock
- Completion appears in reports and dashboards

Common use cases

Video completion rules are commonly used for:

- Compliance training
- Certification programs
- Mandatory onboarding videos
- CPD and regulatory learning
- Structured, video-first courses

Important limitations to understand

- Completion is tracked **per Video Lesson activity**
- Completion depends on video playback data
- External video sources (e.g. YouTube, Vimeo) may have limitations based on provider behavior

Note on site-wide completion enforcement

Site administrators may configure global settings that automatically enforce certain behaviors (such as disabling seeking) when high completion percentages are required.

If completion behavior appears stricter than expected, check the Video Lesson global settings.