

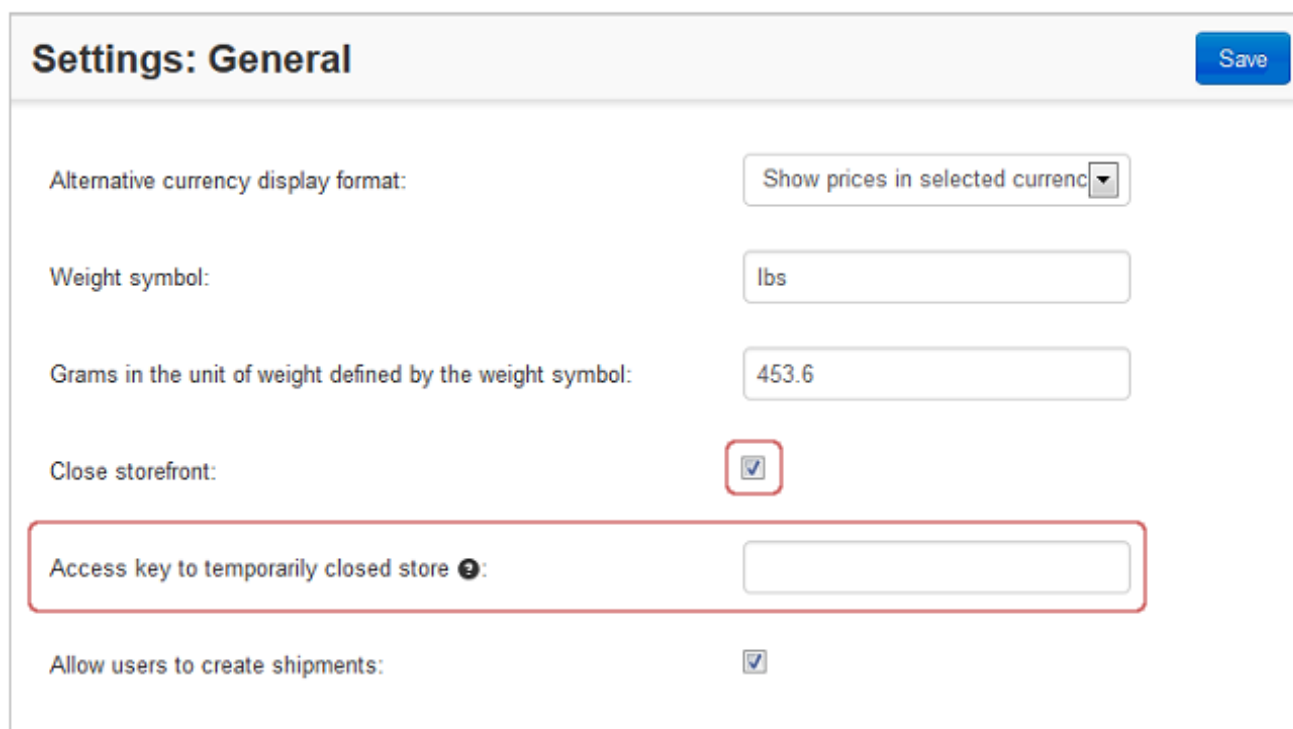
# Temporarily close your storefront to the public (and still be able to access the website yourself!)

To temporarily close your website storefront, follow the below.

1. In the administration panel, go to **Settings > General**.
2. Click the **Close storefront** checkbox.

To be able to access your website front-end (as if you were a customer), do the above then also do the following:

1. In the administration panel, go to **Settings > General**.
2. Enter some value in the **Access key to temporarily closed store** field.
3. Click the **Save** button.



The screenshot shows the 'Settings: General' page with a 'Save' button in the top right. The 'Close storefront' checkbox is checked and highlighted with a red box. The 'Access key to temporarily closed store' field is also highlighted with a red box. Other settings include 'Alternative currency display format' (Show prices in selected currency), 'Weight symbol' (lbs), 'Grams in the unit of weight defined by the weight symbol' (453.6), and 'Allow users to create shipments' (checked).

**To access your storefront whilst it's closed to the public**, you will need to use this URL to access your store: [http://www.your\\_site.com/index.php?store\\_access\\_key=secret](http://www.your_site.com/index.php?store_access_key=secret) where *your\_site* is replaced with your website domain name. It's a good idea to bookmark this if you intend on keeping your website closed to the public for more than a few minutes.

Note: You do Not need to close your storefront to make adjustments to anything across your website. Only close your storefront if you are temporarily closed for business or will not be open for a period of time like one week.

If you have any questions or issues, you can contact us via [support@magicdust.com.au](mailto:support@magicdust.com.au) and one of our awesome support team members will give you a hand! It's best to be as descriptive as possible when explaining what you're having issues with or what you're trying to achieve so that we don't have to ask for additional information which will delay your results!

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