

# Route Migration Guide

**Last Updated:** 18 December 2025

**Status:** Active Migration

**Target:** Simplified Interface Consolidation

## Overview

This document tracks the migration of legacy routes to the new **Simplified Interface** ( (simplified) route group). All routes are being consolidated to provide a consistent dark-theme experience with unified navigation.

## Completed Migrations

### Blog Routes

Old Route	New Route	Status	Migration Date
/blog (standalone)	/blog (in simplified)	 Complete	Dec 18, 2025
/blog/[slug]	/blog/[slug] (in simplified)	 Complete	Dec 18, 2025

### Changes:

-  Moved to (simplified) route group
-  Dark theme applied
-  API routes created ( /api/simplified/blog )
-  Added to SimplifiedNavigation
-  Middleware protection added
-  Removed PublicNav dependency

## Active Redirects

The following redirects are now active in middleware:

Legacy Route	Redirects To	Status
/client-portal/dashboard	/dashboard	✓ Active
/client-portal/content-planner	/topical-authority	✓ Active
/client-portal/content-library	/content	✓ Active
/client-portal/settings	/instellingen	✓ Active
/dashboard/overzicht	/dashboard	✓ Active
/dashboard/content	/content	✓ Active
/dashboard/instellingen	/instellingen	✓ Active

## 🎯 Current Simplified Routes

These are the canonical routes users should use:

Route	Purpose	Component	Protection
/dashboard	Unified Dashboard	(simplified)/page.tsx	✓ Protected
/topical-authority	Content Planning	(simplified)/topic-al-authority	✓ Protected
/content	Content Overview	(simplified)/content	✓ Protected
/blog	WritGo Blog	(simplified)/blog	✓ Protected
/instellingen	Settings	(simplified)/instellingen	✓ Protected

## ⚠️ Deprecated Routes

These routes show deprecation banners but remain functional:

Route Group	Status	Deprecation Banner	Removal Target
/client-portal/*	⚠️ Deprecated	✓ Active	Q1 2026
/admin-portal/*	⚠️ Deprecated	✓ Active	Q1 2026

## 🚧 Pending Migrations

### High Priority Legacy Routes

Routes to migrate in Phase 2:

#### 1. Dashboard Routes

- /dashboard/\* (49 routes) → Consolidate into /dashboard

#### 2. Content Routes

- /client-portal/content-\* → Merge into /content

#### 3. Admin Routes

- /admin/\* (70 routes) → Migrate to admin section in simplified

## 📊 Migration Statistics

- **Total Routes:** 248
- **Simplified Routes:** 13 (5% - up from 3%)
- **Deprecated Routes:** 210 (85%)
- **Active Redirects:** 7
- **Deprecation Banners:** 2

## 🔧 Technical Details

### Middleware Configuration

The middleware now:

1. Protects /blog routes (requires authentication)
2. Redirects legacy routes to new canonical routes
3. Blocks AI bots
4. Maintains admin access controls

```
// Matcher includes:
'/blog/:path*',           // Protected blog routes
'/dashboard/:path*',       // Dashboard routes
'/topical-authority/:path*', // Content planning
'/content/:path*',         // Content overview
'/instellingen/:path*',    // Settings
```

## API Routes

New API routes created:

- /api/simplified/blog - List blog posts
  - /api/simplified/blog/[slug] - Get single blog post
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## User Communication

### Deprecation Banners

Active banners inform users about:

- Route deprecation timeline
- Links to new routes
- Migration benefits

#### Locations:

- Client Portal Layout
  - Admin Portal Layout
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## Developer Notes

### Adding New Routes

When adding new routes, follow this pattern:

#### 1. Create in (simplified) group

```
app/(simplified)/[feature]/page.tsx
```

#### 2. Use dark theme styling

- bg-gray-900 backgrounds
- text-white text
- border-orange-500 accents

#### 3. Add to SimplifiedNavigation

```
typescript
{
  href: '/feature',
  label: 'Feature',
  icon: Icon,
  description: 'Description'
}
```

#### 4. Protect in middleware

```
typescript
'/feature/:path*',
```

#### 5. Create API routes if needed

```
app/api/simplified/[feature]/route.ts
```

## Testing Checklist

When migrating routes:

- [ ] Dark theme applied consistently
  - [ ] Navigation links updated
  - [ ] Middleware protection added
  - [ ] API routes functional
  - [ ] Old routes redirect correctly
  - [ ] No console errors
  - [ ] Responsive design works
  - [ ] Authentication works
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## Rollback Plan

If issues arise:

### Quick Rollback

```
# Revert git changes
git revert [commit-hash]
git push

# Or restore backup
rm -rf app/(simplified)/blog
mv app/blog.backup app/blog
```

### Partial Rollback

- Disable redirects in middleware
  - Keep old and new routes parallel
  - Add feature flag for gradual migration
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## Support

For migration questions:

- Technical Lead: Development Team
  - Documentation: This guide + `writgo_action_plan.md`
  - Issues: Create GitHub issue with `migration` label
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## Timeline

### Phase 1: Critical Fixes ✓ COMPLETE

- Week 1 (Dec 18-24, 2025)
- Blog migration
- Core redirects
- Deprecation banners

## Phase 2: Legacy Cleanup PLANNED

- Week 2-4 (Jan 2026)
- Dashboard consolidation
- Component cleanup
- Full testing

## Phase 3: Final Migration PLANNED

- Q1 2026
- Remove deprecated routes
- Archive old code
- Final documentation update

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