

Magento - Making the telephone field not required at checkout

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To make the telephone field not required there are some steps you must do.

Remove the required star from the labels

Remove the required class from following files in your theme folder. You have to check from which location your billing template is taken.

```
checkout/onepage/shipping.phtml
```

```
checkout/onepage/billing.phtml
```

```
persistent/checkout/onepage/billing.phtml
```

Then remove the required class like this

```
PHP
```

```
<label for="shipping:telephone" class="required"><em>*</em><?php echo $this->__('Telep
```

PHP

```
<label for="shipping:telephone"><em>*</em><?php echo $this->__('Telephone') ?></label>
```

Disable the core validate check

You have to copy this core class

```
app/code/core/Mage/Customer/Model/Address/Abstract.php
```

to this location

```
app/code/local/Mage/Customer/Model/Address/Abstract.php
```

After that you have to comment out the following lines of code like this

PHP

```
<?php

if (!Zend_Validate::is($this->getTelephone(), 'NotEmpty')) {
    $this->addError(Mage::helper('customer')->__('Please enter the telephone number.'));
}
```

PHP

```
<?php

/*if (!Zend_Validate::is($this->getTelephone(), 'NotEmpty')) {
    $this->addError(Mage::helper('customer')->__('Please enter the telephone number.'));
}*/
```

Change database attribute

You have to change the telephone customer attribute in the database. Here you have to choose the way you want to do this.

Change the attribute with one sql command

SQL

```
UPDATE `eav_attribute`
SET is_required = 0
WHERE `attribute_code` = 'telephone'
```

Change the attribute with a little extension

Create this files and replace the key PLACEHOLDER with your desired module name.

```
app/etc/modules/PLACEHOLDER_NoRequiredPhone.xml
```

PHP

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<config>
  <modules>
    <PLACEHOLDER_NoRequiredPhone>
      <active>true</active>
      <codePool>local</codePool>
    </PLACEHOLDER_NoRequiredPhone>
  </modules>
</config>
```

app/code/local/PLACEHOLDER/NoRequiredPhone/etc/config.xml

HTML

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<config>
  <modules>
    <PLACEHOLDER_NoRequiredPhone>
      <version>0.1.0</version>
    </PLACEHOLDER_NoRequiredPhone>
  </modules>
  <global>
    <resources>
      <PLACEHOLDER[lowercase]_norequiredphone_setup>
        <setup>
          <module>PLACEHOLDER_NoRequiredPhone</module>
        </setup>
      </resources>
    </global>
  </config>
```

```
        </PLACEHOLDER[lowercase]_norequiredphone_setup>
    </resources>
</global>
</config>
```

```
app/code/local/PLACEHOLDER/NoRequiredPhone/sql/PLACEHOLDER[lowercase]_norequiredphone_
```

PHP

```
<?php

/* @var $installer Mage_Customer_Model_Entity_Setup */
$installer = Mage::getModel('customer/entity_setup', 'core_setup');

$installer->startSetup();

$installer->updateAttribute(
    'customer_address',
    'telephone',
    'is_required',
    0
);

$installer->endSetup();
```



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