Shipping Director Plugin Installation

Install using "Upload plugin or theme"

If using the "`Upload plugin or theme`" button on the nopCommerce Admin > Local Plugins page:

1. Download the trial zip file to your local PC by clicking DOWNLOAD TRIAL button on the Shipping Director product page.
2. Unzip the downloaded file to a temp folder on your local PC.
   If in Windows, right-click the .zip file, choose Properties, and click the Unblock button.

3. In the nopCommerce Admin > Local Plugins page, click the button, and select the downloaded .zip file. Then click the "Restart application to apply changes" button. After the application restarts, go back to the Admin > Local Plugins page, and go to step 13 in the Manual Install below.

Manual Install

4. Download the trial zip file to your local PC by clicking DOWNLOAD TRIAL button on the Shipping Director product page.
5. Unzip the downloaded file to a temp folder on your local PC.
   If in Windows, before you unzip the file, right-click the .zip file, choose Properties, and click the Unblock button.
6. In File Explorer, locate your NopCommerce web application folder
7. In your nopCommerce web folder, you will see a Plugins sub folder
8. In the Plugins sub folder, create a new sub folder called Shipping.Director (Note, there is a "." between the words). Check the spelling. Make sure there are no spaces in the name.
   a. If you are installing to a hosted web, note the following: Some hosts run in a Trust mode that requires setting permissions on the folder. If you've set permissions on the core NopCommerce folders, then you need to do the same for the Shipping.Director folder.
9. Copy all the files from the zip download into the Shipping.Director subfolder you just created. Verify that there are two files are there:
   a. Description.txt
   b. Nop.Plugin.Shipping.Director.dll

   (Note that older versions may have also contained a third file Nop.Plugin.Shipping.Director.pdb. That file just contained debugging information, and is not needed for production environments.)

10. In NopCommerce, login as an Administrator.
11. In the top menu, hover over Configuration, and click on Local Plugins
12. In the upper right, click on the button "Reload list of plugins"
13. After the page returns, scroll down to 'Shipping rate computation' plugins, and verify that you see Shipping Director, and it is the version you expect. If you do not see Shipping Director, then see the Troubleshooting section below.

14. Click the **Install** link on the Shipping Director line. (You may need to again click the "Restart application to apply changes" button)
15. After the page returns, you should see the "Configure" link in the Shipping Director line. (You can click the Configure link here, but it's more typical to do it as per the next instruction)
16. On top admin menu, click Configuration > Shipping > Shipping Rate Computation Methods
17. In the "Is active" column, be sure that all methods are unchecked except Shipping Director. You will still be able to click the Configure link on any of the other rate calculation method; they will need to be configured if you will be "calling" them from the Shipping Director "Option" types.

Purchasing Shipping Director

If you are satisfied with Shipping Director and want to purchase a license, go to the Shipping Director configuration page, and since the plugin is in the Trial/Evaluation mode, an evaluation message just above the rules grid will include the URL and Domain recognized. You will need the URL (or domain) shown to purchase the product license (each unique URL/Domain requires a license). Be sure to copy it exactly. In the nopTools product page, in the prompt (e.g., **Enter your URL (e.g. www.yourdomain.com)**, only enter the URL/Domain that you copied from the evaluation message. Do not enter any prefix like "https://".

Be sure the trial meets your needs before you purchase the product. The trial allows for up to 5 rate calculations per 'load'; you can continue evaluating by restarting the nopCommerce web application or reloading the plugins as described above. Some trials have a hard expiration date. So, if you are using an old version of nopCommerce and your trial indicates it is expired, then contact us and we will provide you with a temporary license file.

After you purchase the plugin and made payment (PayPal), you can go to My Account > Downloadable Products to download the license file. Place the License.txt file in the Shipping.Director plugin folder. If you have the Trial version, you do not need to re-install the Shipping Director plugin. Just re-load plugins, and the presence of the License.txt file will make the Shipping.Director fully active.

(Note: Uninstalling the Shipping Director plugin will remove the table in the database that stores the options / expressions. You may want to back up before you uninstall, by using the "Export" button in the Shipping Director configuration page.)

Upgrading to a New Version of Shipping Director

Upgrades to new versions of Shipping Director are free of charge within the same major version (e.g. 1.01, 1.02, 1.03, …). A major version upgrade (e.g. 1.05 to 2.01) typically requires an upgrade purchase (typically 50% of full cost for those with a prior version).

If you already have a version installed in the Plugins/Shipping.Director folder, then back it up, and then overwrite the files from what's in the new downloaded .zip file. You do not need a new License.txt file. After you've uploaded/overwritten your files, you need to restart NopCommerce, or reload plugins. Either

a) Login in as Administrator, go to Administration. Click "Restart application" (upper right), or

b) Login in as Administrator, go to Administration > Configuration > Plugins > click the button "Reload list of Plugins"

In Configuration > Plugins, scroll down to Shipping Director, and verify that it has the new version you expect.

Troubleshooting Installation

IF YOU DON'T SEE SHIPPING DIRECTOR IN LIST OF PLUGINS - On rare occasion, new plugins don't always reload using the "Reload list of Plugins", because of ASP.NET temp file caching. You can restart the app using the "Restart application" link in top right of any Admin screen, but it's even better if you can recycle the app from IIS or the host control panel.

IF YOU STILL DON'T SEE SHIPPING DIRECTOR -

A few things to check:

1) You created the subfolder "Shipping.Director" in the \Plugins subfolder. Check the spelling. Make sure there are no spaces in the name

2) In the subfolder, verify that there are two files there

 a) Description.txt
 b) Nop.Plugin.Shipping.Director.dll

3) Open Description.txt in editor (like notepad). It should look similar to below. Double check line "SupportedVersions: ...". It must list the version of NopCommerce you are using. (It may not match the version you see below)

Group: Shipping rate computation
FriendlyName: Shipping Director
SystemName: Shipping.Director
Version: 1.06
SupportedVersions: 2.60
Author: nopTools
DisplayOrder: 1
FileName: Nop.Plugin.Shipping.Director.dll