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Thread: [Shopify update - ONLY test orders for development stores](#)

James Burnham - March 13, 2019, 1:13 pm

I got an email today. I kinda liked their development stores features

Quote:Changes that apply to all partners (effective March 13, 2019):

We will now restrict partners from soliciting merchants to leave the Shopify platform. In exchange for being a member of our partner ecosystem and having access to countless merchants, we require that our partners do not actively encourage our merchants to leave the Shopify platform.

Development stores can only be used to process test orders. They are not meant to bypass the need for a paid Shopify plan.

Changes that apply to developers (effective May 12, 2019):

All data relating to a merchant's customers that a partner collects on behalf of the merchant (excluding any sensitive personal information) must be sent back to Shopify.

All checkout and payment processing must go through Shopify checkout. Partners cannot bypass Shopify checkout unless authorized by Shopify in writing.

Developers cannot create multiple applications that offer substantially the same services.

AlphaTurtle - January 23, 2020, 9:38 am

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James Burnham - January 23, 2020, 9:42 am

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AlphaTurtle - January 23, 2020, 9:43 am

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SIM-1966021 - January 23, 2020, 9:48 am

Yes you can use shopify without a subscription with full functionality aside from the ability to

subscribe to paid apps and not be charged until after your 50th sale

James Burnham - January 23, 2020, 9:54 am

(Jan 23, 2020 10:43 AM)AlphaTurtle Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) So customers can't actually use the checkout as it's meant to be used?

Some people say they have a way. I have no idea how. Maybe [Gigabyte](#) can help you.

Winds - January 25, 2020, 2:56 am

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James Burnham - January 25, 2020, 12:46 pm

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<https://developers.shopify.com/changelog/updated-updates-to-our-api-license-and-terms-of-use-and-partner-program-agreement>

passCODE - January 25, 2020, 1:05 pm

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Evanescent - January 25, 2020, 9:28 pm

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I can confirm this. They allow first 50 free real orders.