



ExitLegacyWorkflow

FIELD GUIDE, INFOPATH MIGRATION

The InfoPath Exit and Migration Playbook

A practical guide to moving off Microsoft InfoPath before the July 2026 retirement: the deadline, why teams move, destination options, and a six-phase method.

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01 The deadline

Date	What happens
May 18, 2026	Publishing of new or updated InfoPath forms is blocked in SharePoint Online.
July 14, 2026	InfoPath Forms Services is removed from SharePoint Online, with no extension. The InfoPath 2013 client also reaches end of support.

What survives: already-submitted form data stays viewable and exportable. What stops is authoring and new submissions.

02 Why teams migrate

The deadline forces the SharePoint Online estate. Beyond that, there is no automated converter to any modern tool, so a rebuild is required regardless; Power Apps uses a different design paradigm, so rules and validation logic need re-thinking, not just re-drawing; and InfoPath forms are often more embedded in approval chains than expected, so retirement risk is rarely just the form.

03 Where forms go next

Target	Best fit
Power Apps	Complex, logic-heavy forms with multiple sections and data connections.
Microsoft Forms	Simple surveys and lightweight data collection.
SharePoint list forms	Forms that sit directly on a list.
Power Automate	The rules and routing InfoPath handled inline.

04 The six-phase method

Phase	Goal
1. Inventory	Catalogue every form, where it is published, and how often it is used.
2. Triage	Retire unused or duplicated forms before rebuilding anything.
3. Classify	Route simple forms to Forms or list forms; complex forms to Power Apps.
4. Rebuild	Recreate layout, fields and rules by hand; there is no converter.
5. Reconnect logic	Rebuild routing and rules as Power Automate flows.

6. Test and cut over

Validate with real users and switch before July 2026.

SOURCES AND VERIFICATION

- Microsoft 365 Message Center: InfoPath 2013 and Forms Services end of support (MC616550)
- Microsoft Q&A: Post InfoPath end of life
- Independent practitioner guidance on InfoPath retirement, cross-checked against Microsoft's own notice

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