

The dates that matter

Date	Event	What it means
February 2026	AB-100 general availability	Microsoft lists Exam AB-100 and the Agentic AI Business Solutions Architect certification as generally available in its February 2026 Credentials roundup.
June 30, 2026	MB-335, MB-700 and PL-500 retired	All three exams closed for new sittings on the same day. MB-240 and PL-600 retired on June 30, 2026 as well.
May 15, 2026	SC-500 beta opened	The successor security exam ran in beta before general availability.
July 21, 2026	SC-500 general availability	Exam SC-500, Implementing End-to-End Security Controls for Cloud and AI Workloads, opened for all candidates.
August 31, 2026	AZ-500 retired	The AZ-500 exam, the Azure Security Engineer Associate certification and its renewal assessment all ended.
October 14, 2026	AB-100 English skills update	Microsoft refreshed the English exam. The three skill areas and their weights did not change.

AB-100 at a glance

- Certification: Microsoft Certified: Agentic AI Business Solutions Architect (Expert level).
- To earn it: pass Exam AB-100 and hold at least one Associate-level certification from the prerequisite list on the certification page (Dynamics 365, Power Platform and Azure AI routes).
- Skills measured: Plan AI-powered business solutions (25-30%). Design AI-powered business solutions (25-30%). Deploy AI-powered business solutions (40-45%).
- Format: 100 minutes. Passing score 700 on a 1 to 1,000 scale. Price USD 165 in the United States; Microsoft sets the price by the country or region of the sitting.
- No direct replacement: Microsoft lists no one-for-one replacement exam for MB-335, MB-700 or PL-500. AB-100 is the expert-level path it points business-solutions architects to.

Dates last checked against Microsoft Learn on 22 October 2026. Prices and lists change; confirm on the certification page before you book.

You hold MB-335, MB-700 or PL-500

- ☐ Your certification stays active until the expiration date on your transcript. Note that date now.
- ☐ You cannot renew a retired certification once it expires, and the exam can no longer be retaken.
- ☐ Plan your next credential before the expiry date arrives, not after.
- ☐ If architecture is your direction, scope Exam AB-100 and confirm you hold a qualifying Associate prerequisite.

You were preparing for one of the retired exams

- ☐ Stop booking plans around the old code. The exam closed on June 30, 2026.
- ☐ Keep your Dynamics 365 and Power Platform study notes. The platform knowledge still feeds the AB-100 audience profile.
- ☐ Redirect your target: an active Associate certification first if you need a prerequisite, then AB-100.

You hold AZ-500

- ☐ Your certification remains on your transcript, active until its own expiration date, then historical.
- ☐ AZ-500 gives no credit toward SC-500. There is no conversion or transition exam.
- ☐ To stay current, plan a full SC-500 sitting and reuse your Azure security groundwork.

You are starting now

- ☐ Architects: confirm a prerequisite Associate certification, then build a study plan around the three AB-100 skill areas, weighted toward Deploy (40-45%).
- ☐ Security engineers: go straight to SC-500 and its four domains. Budget extra time for the AI security content inside Secure compute.
- ☐ Book only after you have checked the live exam page for your region price and language.

One-line summary: the old business-apps exams are closed, AB-100 is the architect path forward, and SC-500 is the security path forward.

Sources: Microsoft Learn certification and retirement pages; Microsoft credential expiration policy; Microsoft Skills Hub Blog, February 2026 Credentials roundup. Full linked sources sit in the guide post on studyfromnotes.com.