

— SHAREPOINT · CLASSIC PAGES GUIDE

Classic SharePoint pages go read-only: **your modernisation plan**

Microsoft will block new classic publishing sites from 1 March 2027 and make all remaining classic pages read-only from 1 October 2028. Nothing is deleted, but intranets that still run on classic pages need a plan. Here's how to build one.

The dates

Since 15 Sep 2025	Custom script off by default on classic publishing sites; new ones blocked unless an admin opted back in (MC1117115)
1 Mar 2027	No new classic publishing sites or subsites in any tenant. AllowClassicPublishingSiteCreation enforced as False (MC1464926)
1 Oct 2028	Remaining classic pages become read-only, and custom scripts can't be added or updated
What's covered	Wiki, web part, blog, publishing and custom ASPX pages
Not in scope yet	List and library views and list form pages, though scripts in them are affected
Not changing	Nothing is deleted, and existing scripts keep running

Start the inventory

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Measure how classic pages are used

Look for the SharePoint Classic Activities category: ClassicPageCreated, ClassicPageEdited and ClassicPageViewed.

WHERE Microsoft Purview > Audit

2

Run the assessment

The Classic Pages module shows each page's readiness, unmapped web parts, page layouts and usage.

WHERE Microsoft 365 Assessment tool (PnP), version 1.15.0 or later

Check, then modernise

3

Check the settings you rely on

AllowClassicPublishingSiteCreation becomes False on 1 March 2027 and can't be changed.

WHERE Get-SPOTenant



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Check your SharePoint Framework web parts

Any web part whose manifest sets `requiresCustomScript` to `true` disappears from the picker and from pages where custom script is blocked.

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Transform the busiest pages first

Use Microsoft's classic page transformation guidance and PnP PowerShell. For script-heavy pages, look at the open-source SharePoint Page Migration Agent (preview, no Microsoft SLA).

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Modernise in waves

Plan centrally and let site owners do the work. Rebuild script-editor features such as tabs, image maps, banners and custom menus with modern web parts.

Watch out for

- Nothing is deleted. Classic pages stay viewable after 2028; they just can't be edited.
- Moving from SharePoint Server? After 1 March 2027 you can't recreate classic publishing sites as they are in SharePoint Online.
- This is a 2027-2028 timeline. Plan it now, but it isn't an emergency.

Checklist

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| ☐ Usage measured | ☐ Assessment tool run |
| ☐ Tenant settings checked | ☐ Custom-script web parts found |
| ☐ Busiest pages prioritised | ☐ Wave plan agreed |

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