

— COPILOT · AGENTS AND PLUGINS GUIDE

Agents become plugins: control advanced uploads

From 25 October 2026, users can upload advanced Copilot agents by default unless you restrict it. At the same time, Agents become Plugins in Copilot and users can create their own skills. Here's what to set before the date.

What changes, and when

From 25 Sep 2026	The advanced-package upload control starts appearing; rollout completes by the end of October (MC1472007)
25 Oct 2026	Advanced uploads are allowed by default, unless you chose no users or specific users or groups
Late Oct to late Nov	A Plugins button replaces Agents, Agents & Skills and Customize in Copilot (MC1484008)
October to mid-Nov	Users can create skills in Copilot Chat (MC1493223)
What "advanced" means	A declarative agent with actions or with an MCP server
Not affected	Basic package uploads, and agents built by Microsoft or third parties

Set the controls

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Choose who can upload advanced agents

All users, no users, or specific users or groups. Do it before 25 October. The control isn't on Microsoft Learn yet, so the label may differ.

WHERE Microsoft 365 admin center > Copilot > Settings

2

Check who can use agents at all

All users is the default. Then decide whose agents and plugins are allowed: Microsoft's, your organisation's, or external publishers'.

WHERE Agents > Settings > User access · Agent and plugin access

Review and tidy

3

Review the registry

Plugins, skills, MCP servers and connectors in one place. Block or unblock, and review skills users created.

WHERE Agents > Tools > Registry



4

Deal with ownerless agents

Reassign ownerless Agent Builder agents to the owner's manager, and block ownerless agents with no usage.

WHERE Agents > Settings > Agent management rules

5

Move Copilot Studio agents to Entra Agent ID

Agents created before May 2026 may still use legacy app registrations. Migrate a small, non-critical batch first.

WHERE Power Platform admin center > Actions > Recommendations

6

Update training

Users will see Plugins instead of Agents. Change screenshots and help pages before the calls come in.

Watch out for

- If you do nothing, advanced uploads stay allowed for everyone.
- The upload control covers packages users upload, not agents Microsoft or third parties publish.
- The Plugins rename needs no migration, and admins still manage everything in Agents settings.

Checklist

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| ☐ Upload control set before 25 Oct | ☐ User access reviewed |
| ☐ Publisher access reviewed | ☐ Registry reviewed |
| ☐ Ownerless-agent rules on | ☐ Training updated |

Sources

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