

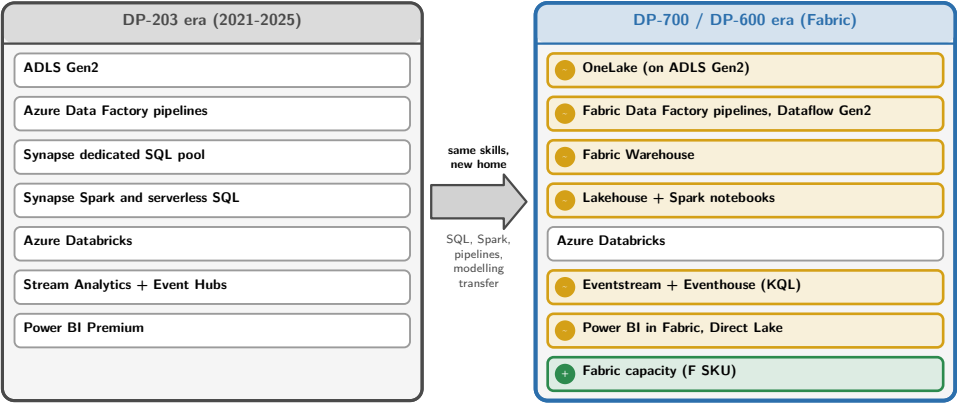
Retired Data and AI Exams: DP-203, DP-200/201, DA-100, DP-500, AI-100

Microsoft Learn retirement notices and successor exam pages, as of 2026 | What each exam certified, what replaced it, which skills still apply, how to read the job ad

DP-203 DA-100 DP-500 AI-100 Retired

What each exam certified and what replaced it

Retired exam	Retired	Certified	Successor
DP-200 + DP-201	30 Jun 2021	Azure Data Engineer (implement + design)	DP-203 (itself retired)
DP-203	31 Mar 2025	Azure Data Engineer: Synapse, ADF, Databricks, streaming, security	DP-700 Fabric Data Engineer
DA-100	31 Mar 2022	Power BI Data Analyst	PL-300 (same role, renamed and updated)
DP-500	retired (check date)	enterprise analytics with Synapse + Power BI	DP-600 Fabric Analytics Engineer
70-778 / 70-779	31 Jan 2021	MCSA BI Reporting: Power BI, Excel	PL-300
70-761/762/764/765, 70-461/462/463	31 Jan 2021	MCSA SQL Server: querying, development, administration, BI	DP-300 (admin), DP-600/700 (analytics)
AI-100	30 Jun 2021	Azure AI Engineer: Cognitive Services, LUIS, Bot Framework	AI-102, itself retired 2026-06-30 → AI-103



From the DP-203 platform to the Fabric platform: most concepts move, the product surface changes

Which skills still pay

Still core	T-SQL, Spark / PySpark, Delta Lake, star schemas, pipeline orchestration, ADLS Gen2 security
Useful, changed	Synapse dedicated pools → Fabric Warehouse, mapping data flows → Dataflow Gen2, Stream Analytics → Eventstream / KQL
Legacy only	PolyBase-first loading, HDInsight clusters, LUIS and QnA Maker, Power BI Report Server-only skills

DP-203, DA-100, DP-500 and AI-100 skills ranked by their value in 2026 job ads

	DP-203	DP-700	DP-600	PL-300
Synapse / ADF	✓	partial	✗	✗
Databricks	✓	partial	✗	✗
Fabric	✗	✓	✓	partial
Power BI modelling	partial	partial	✓	✓
Streaming	✓	✓	partial	✗
Data security	✓	✓	partial	partial

Coverage by exam: a DP-203 holder moves most naturally to DP-700

Quantity	Formula
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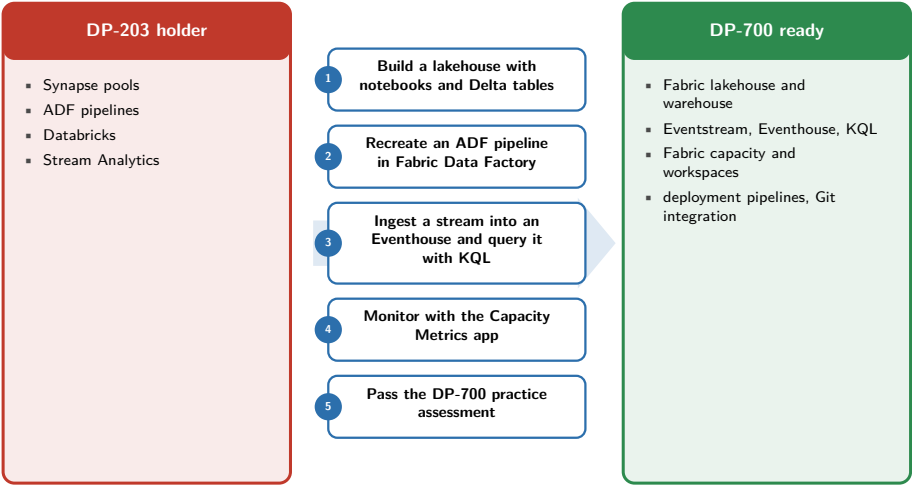
Transfer	$T = \sum_i w_i \times v_i$
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where w_i = weight of DP-203 domain i (midpoint of its published range, rescaled) (0-1); v_i = share of that domain's skills still tested in DP-700 (estimate) (0-1); T = share of DP-203 knowledge reusable for DP-700 (0-1)

How much of DP-203 transfers to DP-700?

Worked example (estimates)

DP-203 domains: design and implement data storage w = 0.19, develop data processing w = 0.46, secure, monitor and optimise w = 0.35 (midpoints of 15-20, 40-45, 30-35 %, rescaled). Estimated reuse in DP-700: storage 0.6 (OneLake, Delta), processing 0.7 (Spark, SQL, pipelines; new Fabric items), security/monitoring 0.5 (workspace roles, capacity metrics replace Azure-native tools). $T = 0.114 + 0.322 + 0.175 = \mathbf{0.61}$: about 60 % reusable; study Fabric items, capacity, Real-Time Intelligence and deployment pipelines.



Reading the job ad

Ad says	They mean	Show them
"DP-203 required"	Azure data engineering: pipelines, Spark, SQL warehouse	DP-203 (if held) + DP-700 or a Fabric project
"DA-100 / PL-300"	Power BI modelling, DAX, reports	PL-300 + a published report portfolio
"Synapse experience"	existing Synapse estate to run or migrate	dedicated pool tuning + Fabric migration plan
"MCSA SQL Server"	SQL Server administration or T-SQL development	DP-300 + SQL performance tuning examples
"AI-100 / Cognitive Services"	Azure AI services integration	AI-103 + a Microsoft Foundry project

YOU MAY HEAR

"Synapse was retired with DP-203"

BUSTED

ACTUALLY

Synapse Analytics is still a supported Azure service

Microsoft steers new analytics projects to Fabric and offers migration paths.

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"PL-300 is a different role from DA-100"

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Same Power BI Data Analyst role, renamed and updated

Power Platform branding (PL) replaced DA.

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"DP-700 knowledge makes Databricks irrelevant"

BUSTED

ACTUALLY

Many companies run Databricks next to or inside Fabric (OneLake shortcuts, mirroring)

Spark and Delta skills apply to both.

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"LUIS skills transfer unchanged"

BUSTED

ACTUALLY

LUIS is retired; CLU replaces it

Same intent/entity concepts, new service and migration tool.

Self-test and recap

- Q1

Successor of DP-203?

A

DP-700 (Fabric Data Engineer Associate).
- Q2

When was DP-203 retired?

A

31 March 2025.
- Q3

Which two exams did DP-203 replace?

A

DP-200 and DP-201 (retired 30 June 2021).
- Q4

Successor of DA-100?

A

PL-300.
- Q5

Successor of DP-500?

A

DP-600 (Fabric Analytics Engineer Associate).

Q6 Successor of AI-100?

A AI-102 (2021), itself replaced by AI-103 on 2026-06-30.

Q7 Fabric item that replaces a Synapse dedicated SQL pool for new builds?

A Fabric Warehouse.

Q8 Fabric's streaming pair replacing Stream Analytics + ADX patterns?

A Eventstream + Eventhouse (KQL database).

Q9 Which course chapter teaches the DP-203 successor?

A fabric-data-engineer-associate-dp-700.

DP-200/201 → DP-203 → DP-700
Azure data engineering moved to Fabric

DA-100 → PL-300
same Power BI role

DP-500 → DP-600
enterprise analytics on Fabric

AI-100 → AI-102
LUIS and QnA Maker became CLU and question answering

About 60 % transfers
SQL, Spark, Delta, pipelines, modelling