

The Cloud Exit Validation Checklist

Six things portability can never prove — verify them before you call an exit complete.



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Identity Continuity

Do identity and access assumptions survive the platform change, or does the new environment require rebuilding trust relationships the old one never documented?



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Authority Continuity

Does the team that could approve a production change on the old platform still have that authority on the new one?



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Operational Runbooks

Do incident response procedures reference primitives that exist in the new environment, or do they assume tooling that no longer applies?



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Network & Connectivity Assumptions

Do application connectivity paths survive the move, or were they quietly dependent on the old provider's specific network topology?



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Egress & Data Movement Mechanics

Does the exit execute at the cost and speed the architecture assumed, or does data gravity make the "portable" design theoretical?



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Evidence Continuity

Can the organization still prove configuration ownership and policy state after the move, or did the audit trail stay behind with the platform it was built for?

Portability proves a workload can move. This checklist proves the organization can survive the move.