

Recovery exercise planning checklist

Plan one safe, meaningful restore before expanding the exercise. The result should show what recovered, who performed the recovery and how the observed result compares with the business objective.

Review points

- ☐ Name the workload, data owner and business workflow.
- ☐ Set the recovery time and data-loss objectives.
- ☐ Map identity, application, platform and supplier dependencies.
- ☐ Confirm backup scope, retention and access separation.
- ☐ Choose an isolated, authorized restore destination.
- ☐ Define test timing, stop conditions and communications.
- ☐ Verify usable data or service after restore.
- ☐ Record measured time, data age and limitations.
- ☐ Clean up and restore the intended protection.
- ☐ Assign corrective actions and the next exercise date.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Can a backup owner retrieve the agreed recovery data?
- Can the business validate the restored result?
- Which dependency is absent from the current recovery plan?