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Zapier to n8n migration checklist.

Zaps do not convert into n8n workflows, so each Zap that moves is rebuilt, run side by side with the old one and switched over one at a time. Start by listing every Zap and marking it retire, keep on Zapier, or move.

How the bill changes

- Zapier counts a task for each action that completes.[1] n8n counts one execution per run of a whole workflow, however many steps it has.[2]
- So long Zaps and loops save the most, and one-step Zaps the least.
- A run that stops at a Filter uses no Zapier tasks,[1] but it is still one n8n execution, because the trigger fired.[3] Zaps that a Filter usually stops can cost more on n8n.
- A schedule every five minutes makes about 8,600 to 8,900 n8n executions a month, even when there is nothing to do.[2][3]
- In the rebuild, use a trigger node, or a webhook whose Only Run If option drops unmatched requests before they become executions.[4]

Keep a Zap on Zapier when

- The task volume is low, so the two bills are about the same.
- Nobody can own a self-hosted instance, and n8n Cloud would not save money.
- A Zap depends on an app with a Zapier integration, no n8n node and no API you can call.
- Your team edits its own Zaps and has no one technical to take over n8n.

You can also move only some Zaps. If the bill is small, staying is cheaper.

The step plan

One workflow at a time, and nothing is switched off until its replacement has run cleanly. n8n imports workflows in its own JSON format and describes no importer for Zaps,[5] so each Zap that moves is rebuilt.

Done	#	Step	What happens
☐	01	**Audit every Zap**	Its trigger, steps, monthly tasks, owner, and whether anyone would notice if it stopped. Each Zap is marked retire, keep on Zapier, or move.
☐	02	**Map triggers and steps**	Each trigger gets an n8n trigger node, webhook or poll, and each Filter, Formatter or Paths step the nodes that replace it.
☐	03	**Rebuild**	Each Zap that moves becomes an n8n workflow, with retries and error routing designed in rather than copied.
☐	04	**Run both side by side**	Old and new run on the same inputs until the outputs match for a full cycle.
☐	05	**Cut over**	One workflow at a time: re-point its webhooks, then pause the Zap rather than delete it until the new run has a clean week.
☐	06	**Monitor and hand over**	An error workflow posts failures to your channel, and the runbook and workspace go to a named owner on your side.

Audit worksheet: every Zap

One row per Zap. Mark each one retire, keep on Zapier, or move.

Trigger: what starts the Zap. In n8n it becomes a trigger node, a webhook or a poll.

Tasks a month: last month's count from your Zapier account.

Noticed if it stopped? Yes or no: would anyone notice?

Steps: the actions in a typical run. Triggers and Filter, Formatter or Paths steps use no tasks.

Owner: the person on your side who answers for the Zap.

Retire, keep or move: tick one. Keep means keep on Zapier.

#	Zap	Trigger	Steps	Tasks a month	Owner	Noticed if it stopped?	Retire	Keep	Move
01							☐	☐	☐
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11							☐	☐	☐
12							☐	☐	☐
13							☐	☐	☐
14							☐	☐	☐
15							☐	☐	☐
16							☐	☐	☐
17							☐	☐	☐
18							☐	☐	☐
19							☐	☐	☐
20							☐	☐	☐

Zaps listed _____ **Tasks a month, all Zaps** _____ **Zaps to move** _____

What breaks or needs care

Most of a migration is ordinary rebuilding. These seven parts are not.

Done	Part	Why it needs care	What to do
☐	**Apps without an n8n node**	Zapier says it connects to 9,000+ apps;[1] n8n's directory lists 2,000+ integrations.[6] Some apps in your Zaps will have no n8n node.	Call the app's API with the HTTP Request node, reusing a built-in node's credentials where it can.[7] Review a community node first, since n8n warns that unverified ones have full access to the machine.[8] No API, no move.
☐	**Formatter, Filter and Paths**	Built-in steps that use no Zapier tasks,[1] so Zaps lean on them, and they do not map one to one.	Rebuild them as Edit Fields,[9] Filter, If and Switch[10] nodes or a short Code step, then check them against past runs.
☐	**Tables and Forms**	Zapier Tables hold up to 100,000 records on Professional;[1] n8n's data tables share 200 MiB per instance by default.[11] Forms, renamed from Interfaces,[12] do not carry over.	Move small tables to data tables and large ones to a database you own. Rebuild forms on the n8n Form Trigger.[13]
☐	**Webhooks**	Senders keep posting to the Zapier URL, and n8n registers a production webhook only when the workflow is published.[4]	Give each sender its n8n production URL while the Zap still runs, with Basic, Header or JWT authentication on the new one.
☐	**Connections and sign-in**	With no importer for Zaps,[5] connections cannot travel either.	Have each app authorised again by its owner, as a named service account where the app allows one.
☐	**Error handling**	Zapier's paid plans retry failed tasks with Autoreplay.[1] In n8n, Retry On Fail is a setting on each node,[14] and an error workflow runs only once you set one.[15]	Add retries where they are needed, an error workflow that posts to your channel, and runs that are safe to repeat.
☐	**Who keeps a self-hosted instance running**	n8n recommends self-hosting for expert users, warns of data loss, security issues and downtime, and releases a new minor version most weeks.[16]	Name an owner for updates and backups before cutover. If there is no one, n8n Cloud is the honest answer.

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The full guide, with a cost calculator: eazetech.co/services/zapier-to-n8n-migration