

FICON Support on Brocade DCX 8510 and Brocade 6510 Products

Feature End-of-Support Notice

Version 2.0

This notice initiates the End-of-Support (EOS) process for connectivity to FICON protocol fabrics on the Brocade DCX 8510-8 directors, Brocade DCX 8510-4 directors and the Brocade 6510 switch.

FICON support for all currently supported IBM Z system mainframes will be offered and provided for customers with a valid support contract through the announced FICON EOS date subject to support policies for Brocade products.

The objective of the account management team is to assist you in purchases of product subject to this EOS notification and to smoothly transition to the new products by planning to the following milestones:

FICON Support on Brocade DCX 8510 and 6510 Products	Date
EOS Notification Date	August 16, 2019
EOS Date for FICON protocol-connected fabrics attached to IBM z15 system mainframes	October 31, 2021*
EOS Date for FICON protocol-connected fabrics attached to qualified IBM Z system mainframes released prior to the IBM z15.	Five years following the last customer ship date in the platform EOL notice

*If support for the IBM z15 on Brocade DCX 8510 and 6510 platforms is required beyond October 31, 2021, contact the Brocade global support team.

Replacement Products:

Brocade Gen 6 FC directors and switches are the ideal replacement for the Brocade DCX 8510 and 6510 platforms for FICON fabrics. FICON support for qualified IBM Z systems on Brocade X6 directors and G620 switches will continue for the lifecycle of these products, which will be five years after the last customer ship date.

Contact your sales representative for more information.