# Upgrade your vSphere components for a NetApp HCI system with the Element Plug-in for vCenter Server

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When you upgrade the VMware vSphere components of your NetApp HCI installation, there are some additional steps you will need to take for the Element Plug-in for vCenter Server.

#### Steps

- 1. For vCSA upgrades, clear mNode settings in the plug-in (NetApp Element Configuration > mNode Settings). The mNode Status field displays Not Configured after the process is complete.
- 2. For vCSA and Windows upgrades, unregister the plug-in from the vCenter Server with which it is associated using the registration utility.
- 3. Upgrade vSphere, including vCenter Server, ESXi, VMs, and other VMware components.



When upgrading ESXi for compute nodes for a two-node cluster, upgrade only one compute node at a time so that only one witness node is temporarily unavailable and cluster quorum can be maintained.

- 4. Register the Element Plug-in for vCenter Server again with vCenter.
- 5. Add clusters using the plug-in.
- 6. Configure QoSSIOC settings using the plug-in.
- 7. Enable QoSSIOC for all datastores controlled by the plug-in.

### Find more information

- NetApp HCI Documentation Center
- NetApp HCI Resources Page
- NetApp HCI Two-Node Storage Cluster Technical Report

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