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Reclaim Your Cloud Budget:
Your 5-Step Blueprint for Moving from AVS to NC2 on Azure

Microsoft recently announced the retirement of legacy Reserved Instances of Azure VMware Solution (AVS) SKUs featuring bundled VMware licenses, with an off ramp deadline of August 2027. As organizations face continued disruption from these licensing changes, there's increased demand to avoid Broadcom lock-in and find a flexible alternative.

This demand is highlighted by Gartner® in its 2026 Strategic Roadmap for VMware Modernization report[1], revealing that:

By 2029,

55%

of enterprises will migrate 100% of workloads from VMware to alternative infrastructure delivery solutions.

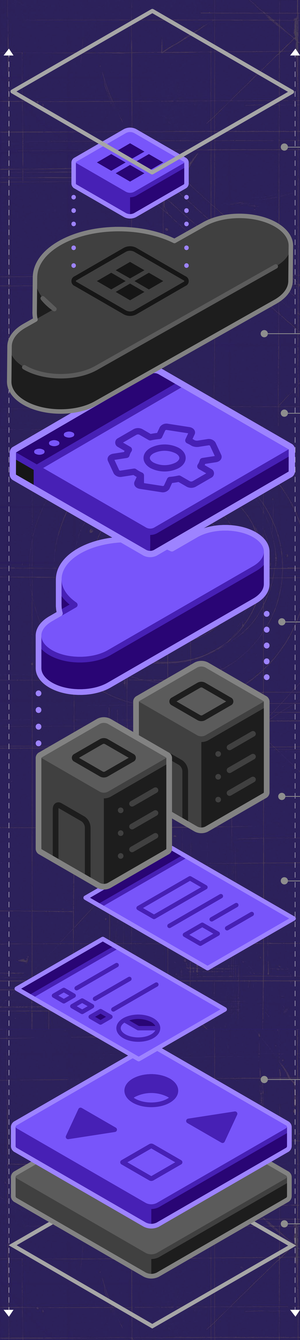
35%

of respondents have already migrated or are in the process of migrating their entire portfolios away from VMware.

Consequently

67%

of IT leaders and CIOs are now actively or passively pursuing VMware alternatives and another 19% are accelerating cloud migrations plans.



Follow these five simple steps to streamline migrations from Azure VMware Solution (AVS) to Nutanix Cloud Clusters (NC2) on Azure.

STEP 1
Create Target NC2 on Azure Environment

Simply and quickly create a new NC2 on Azure target environment in your existing public cloud account via the Nutanix portal. Choose between over 19 cloud regions and 3 bare-metal instance types.

STEP 2
Configure NC2 on Azure Environment

Configure any networking connectivity, authentication and security settings to your new environment. License your environment via Azure Marketplace or use Nutanix license portability to move existing on-premises licenses to your Azure environment.

STEP 3
Deploy and Configure the Migration Tool

Utilize Nutanix Move, the freely available Nutanix migration tool which accelerates thousands of customer VM migrations per quarter. Deploy and configure Move connecting your source AVS on Azure and target NC2 on Azure environments. Or select from one of Nutanix's migration technology partners.

STEP 4
Create and Test a Migration Plan

Tailor your migration plans to your requirements, scaling migrations for one or more batchesd of VMs with defined target network mappings. Conduct rapid migration testing in an isolated network to ensure operations perform as expected in the target environment.

STEP 5
Final Cutover

Execute a one-click cutover of seeded VMs to finalize the migrations and go live. Nutanix Move automatically disables source VMs to prevent accidental starting, but they can simply be re-enabled to perform a roll-back.

Start the Simple and Smooth Transition from AVS to NC2 on Azure Today

Unlock heightened flexibility, cost optimization, and enhanced workload performance. Don't miss out on this chance to optimize your cloud strategy and elevate your business infrastructure.

Learn more by visiting Nutanix.com/AVS or by taking a free Test Drive of NC2.

[1]Source: Gartner, 2026 Strategic Roadmap for VMware Modernization, Julia Palmer, et. al, 07 April 2026. GARTNER is a trademark of Gartner, Inc. and/or its affiliates.

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