

# PRODUCT END-OF-LIFE NOTICE

## Brocade® CES/CER series and Associated Field Replaceable Units

Brocade is initiating the End of Life (EOL) process for the selected SKUs in the Brocade® CES/CER series.

Brocade will continue to offer and provide support for the EOL products five (5) years from the Last Customer Ship (LCS) announced below for those customers with a valid support contract subject to Brocade support policies.

The objective of the Brocade account management team is to assist you to make your final purchases of product subject to EOL and to smoothly transition to the new products by planning to the following milestones:

[Brocade® CES/CER series]	Date
EOL Notification Date	October 23, 2014
Last Time Order (LTO) Final, Non-Cancelable, Non-Returnable Order Due Date (Subject to lead time and availability)	December 22, 2014
Last Customer Ship (LCS) Date	January 22, 2015
End of Support (EOS) Date	April 22, 2021

Note: Last Supported software release for this product is January 22, 2020.

Brocade Part Number	Description	Recommended Alternative Solution
NI-CES-2024C-AC	NetIron CES 2024C includes 24 RJ45 ports of 10/100/1000 Mbps Ethernet with 4 combination RJ45/SFP Gigabit Ethernet for uplink connectivity. Optional slot for 2 ports of 10 Gigabit Ethernet XFP, 500W AC power supply (RPS9), and BASE software	BR-CES-2024C-4X-AC
NI-CES-2024C-MEPREM-AC	NetIron CES 2024C includes 24 RJ45 ports of 10/100/1000 Mbps Ethernet with 4 combination RJ45/SFP Gigabit Ethernet for uplink connectivity. Optional slot for 2 ports of 10 Gigabit Ethernet XFP, 500W AC power supply (RPS9), and Metro Edge software	BR-CES-2024C-4X-AC and NI-CES-2024-MEU-SW
NI-CES-2024C-L3PREM-AC	NetIron CES 2024C includes 24 RJ45 ports of 10/100/1000 Mbps Ethernet with 4 combination RJ45/SFP Gigabit Ethernet for uplink connectivity. Optional slot for 2 ports of 10 Gigabit Ethernet XFP, 500W AC power supply (RPS9), and Layer 3 software	BR-CES-2024C-4X-AC and NI-CES-2024-L3U-SW
NI-CES-2024C-DC	NetIron CES 2024C includes 24 RJ45 ports of 10/100/1000 Mbps Ethernet with 4 combination RJ45/SFP Gigabit Ethernet for uplink connectivity. Optional slot for 2 ports of 10 Gigabit Ethernet XFP, 500W DC power supply (RPS9DC), and BASE software	BR-CES-2024C-4X-DC
NI-CES-2024C-MEPREM-DC	NetIron CES 2024C includes 24 RJ45 ports of 10/100/1000 Mbps Ethernet with 4 combination RJ45/SFP Gigabit Ethernet for uplink connectivity. Optional slot for 2 ports of 10 Gigabit Ethernet XFP, 500W DC power supply (RPS9DC), and Metro Edge software	BR-CES-2024C-4X-DC and NI-CES-2024-MEU-SW
NI-CES-2024C-L3PREM-DC	NetIron CES 2024C includes 24 RJ45 ports of 10/100/1000 Mbps Ethernet with 4 combination RJ45/SFP Gigabit Ethernet for uplink connectivity.	BR-CES-2024C-4X-DC and NI-CES-2024-L3U-SW

	Optional slot for 2 ports of 10 Gigabit Ethernet XFP, 500W DC power supply (RPS9DC), and Layer 3 software	
NI-CES-2024F-AC	NetTron CES 2024F includes 24 SFP ports of 100/1000 Mbps Ethernet with 4 combination RJ45/SFP Gigabit Ethernet for uplink connectivity. Optional slot for 2 ports of 10 Gigabit Ethernet XFP, 500W AC power supply (RPS9), and BASE software	BR-CES-2024F-4X-AC
NI-CES-2024F-MEPREM-AC	NetTron CES 2024F includes 24 SFP ports of 100/1000 Mbps Ethernet with 4 combination RJ45/SFP Gigabit Ethernet for uplink connectivity. Optional slot for 2 ports of 10 Gigabit Ethernet XFP, 500W AC power supply (RPS9), and Metro Edge software	BR-CES-2024F-4X-AC and NI-CES-2024-MEU-SW
NI-CES-2024F-L3PREM-AC	NetTron CES 2024F includes 24 SFP ports of 100/1000 Mbps Ethernet with 4 combination RJ45/SFP Gigabit Ethernet for uplink connectivity. Optional slot for 2 ports of 10 Gigabit Ethernet XFP, 500W AC power supply (RPS9), and Layer 3 software	BR-CES-2024F-4X-AC and NI-CES-2024-L3U-SW
NI-CES-2024F-DC	NetTron CES 2024F includes 24 SFP ports of 100/1000 Mbps Ethernet with 4 combination RJ45/SFP Gigabit Ethernet for uplink connectivity. Optional slot for 2 ports of 10 Gigabit Ethernet XFP, 500W DC power supply (RPS9DC), and BASE software	BR-CES-2024F-4X-DC
NI-CES-2024F-MEPREM-DC	NetTron CES 2024F includes 24 SFP ports of 100/1000 Mbps Ethernet with 4 combination RJ45/SFP Gigabit Ethernet for uplink connectivity. Optional slot for 2 ports of 10 Gigabit Ethernet XFP, 500W DC power supply (RPS9DC), and Metro Edge software	BR-CES-2024F-4X-DC and NI-CES-2024-MEU-SW
NI-CES-2024F-L3PREM-DC	NetTron CES 2024F includes 24 SFP ports of 100/1000 Mbps Ethernet with 4 combination RJ45/SFP Gigabit Ethernet for uplink connectivity. Optional slot for 2 ports of 10 Gigabit Ethernet XFP, 500W DC power supply (RPS9DC), and Layer 3 software	BR-CES-2024F-4X-DC and NI-CES-2024-L3U-SW
NI-CES-2024-2X10G	NetTron CES 2000 Series 2x10G XFP uplink for 24-port NetTron CES 2000 Series switches (both AC and DC configurations)	None

## Impacted SW License SKUs

The following SW License SKUs will be available to purchase for these products until the End of Support date.

Brocade Part Number	Description
NI-CES-2024-MEU-SW	Metro Edge Premium software upgrade for NetTron CES 2000 24-port switches (NetTron CES 2024C, NetTron CES 2024F)
NI-CES-2024-L3U-SW	Layer 3 Premium software upgrade for NetTron CES 2000 24-port switches (NetTron CES 2024C, NetTron CES 2024F)

## Replacement Products

Brocade recommends evaluating the [BR-CES-2024C-4X and BR-CES-2024F-4X] as a replacement for the [NI-CES-2024C and NI-CES-2024F].

## Note

- All software features qualified for use under supported configurations of the [BR-CES-2024C-4X and BR-CES-2024F-4X] will continue to be available after LCS of the [NI-CES-2024C and NI-CES-2024F]
- Existing port or specialty blades that are supported in [BR-CES-2024C-4X and BR-CES-2024F-4X] will not enter the EOL lifecycle phase at this time (*remove if not applicable*)

## Support Pricing

Subject to the provisions of your support agreement with Brocade, support and access to software for the

product will be available through Brocade's 7x24 Technical Assistance Center (TAC) or on-line via the Brocade MySupport portal\*. Beginning one (1) year after LCS (January 22, 2015), and until the EOS date (January 22, 2020), there will be a 10% annual price increase for end-user service and support.

*\*Additional restrictions and limitations apply to support for software and such support may be cancelled or changed without notice. Contact your sales representative for more information.*

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