

# Start auditing the virtual SQL Server

After you [install and configure the SQL Compliance Agent](#) on each node of the Microsoft failover cluster where the virtual SQL Server instance is running, you can test your configuration and begin auditing the instance.

## To audit the virtual SQL Server:

1. Verify that the [SQL Compliance Agent](#) is running.
2. Use the Registered Server Properties window to [modify the existing audit settings](#) or configure additional audit settings for server-level events.
3. Use the New Audited Database wizard to [configure the audit settings for all databases](#) hosted by the virtual SQL Server instance.

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