

Release notes for SRA Handbook, Version18

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The eighteenth version of the Handbook is published on 1 November 2016, and all the changes in this version come into effect on that date.

The changes are outlined in these notes: please refer to the Handbook itself for full details.

Repeal of the SRA Training Regulations 2011 Part 3 - CPD Regulations

These regulations have been repealed and no longer appear in the SRA Handbook. This marks the end of the requirement for solicitors to undertake a set number of hours of training every year.

The changes mean that our new approach to continuing competence is mandatory for all solicitors from 1 November 2016. This requires all solicitors to regularly reflect on the quality of their practice and address identified learning and development needs so they provide a proper standard of service to their clients. An Annual Declaration that a solicitor has reflected on their practice and addressed any learning needs they have identified will still be required.

Further information on this new approach is available on our [continuing competence toolkit \[https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/cpd/tool-kit/continuing-competence-toolkit\]](https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/cpd/tool-kit/continuing-competence-toolkit).