



mySRA update

Tell us about manager changes and notification deadlines

18 June 2025

Before renewing your practising certificates and paying your firm fees in October, you need to make sure that the information we have about your firm is accurate.

You must tell us about any changes to certain manager roles before the renewal period starts. Here are the deadlines and processing timelines you need to know.

Deadlines and processing timelines you need to know

| Person/position | How tell us of the change | Deadline |
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| Solicitor – deemed manager | A firm's authorised signatory or organisation contact can add an already approved deemed manager in the firm's mySRA [https://rules.sra.org.uk/mysra/] . | These changes take effect immediately. |
| Registered European lawyer (REL) – deemed manager | | |
| Registered foreign lawyers (RFL) – deemed manager | This is done through 'Add a position [https://rules.sra.org.uk/mysra/manage-account/organisation-account/#heading_76cb] '. | You should notify us within seven days of any change to your managers. |
| Solicitor – non deemed manager/owner | Please complete the Individual Approval application form [https://rules.sra.org.uk/solicitors/firm-based-authorisation/existing-firms-applications/approval-manager-owner/] . | If you want new managers or owners to be seen within mySRA when the renewals window opens you need to apply for approval by 17.00 on 30 August 2024. |
| REL – non deemed manager/owner | | |
| RFL – non deemed manager/owner | | Some applications may take longer than the usual 30 days – in some cases up to 90 days. For example, where someone is |
| Non-solicitor lawyer managers/owners | | |
| Non-lawyer managers/owners | | |



Compliance officer
for legal practice
(COLP) /
compliance officer
for finance and
administration
(COFA)

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compliance officer](#)

[\[https://rules.sra.org.uk/solicitors/firm-based-authorisation/existing-firms-applications/approval-colp-cofa/\]](https://rules.sra.org.uk/solicitors/firm-based-authorisation/existing-firms-applications/approval-colp-cofa/)

not already a
deemed manager.

If you want new
compliance officers
to be seen within
mySRA when the
renewals window
opens, you must
apply as soon as
possible.

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may take longer
than the usual 30
days – in some
cases up to 90
days. For example,
where someone is
not already a
deemed manager.

Solicitor – deemed
owner

REL – deemed
owner

[Apply to add a manager or
owner](#)

[\[https://rules.sra.org.uk/solicitors/firm-based-authorisation/existing-firms-applications/approval-manager-owner/\]](https://rules.sra.org.uk/solicitors/firm-based-authorisation/existing-firms-applications/approval-manager-owner/)

Authorised body –
deemed
manager/owner

Authorised body –
non deemed
manager/owner

Other legally
qualified bodies
and non-legally
qualified
manager/owners

[Apply to add a manager or
owner](#)

[\[https://rules.sra.org.uk/solicitors/firm-based-authorisation/existing-firms-applications/approval-manager-owner/\]](https://rules.sra.org.uk/solicitors/firm-based-authorisation/existing-firms-applications/approval-manager-owner/)

If you want new
managers/owners
to be seen within
mySRA when the
renewals window
opens, you need to
submit a
notification by
17.00 on 29
August 2025.

It can take from
three to six months
for a decision, so
please apply as
soon as possible.

Notifying us of succession

Please submit your [notice of succession notification form](#)
[\[https://rules.sra.org.uk/solicitors/firm-based-authorisation/existing-firms-applications/notice-succession/\]](https://rules.sra.org.uk/solicitors/firm-based-authorisation/existing-firms-applications/notice-succession/) by 17.00 on 29 August 2025 so we have time
to process this before October.

If you submit your succession application after this date, then there may be a delay. The fee that appears on your bulk renewal application can only be updated once this succession application has been processed.

If you send us your application after your bulk renewal application has been submitted, we may ask further questions or require additional fees. It may also delay the issuing of any practising certificates / registrations.

Closing down a practice

You also need to close any law firms you are no longer using and/or do not require SRA authorisation. [Find out how to do this](https://rules.sra.org.uk/solicitors/firm-based-authorisation/firm-closures/)
[\[https://rules.sra.org.uk/solicitors/firm-based-authorisation/firm-closures/\]](https://rules.sra.org.uk/solicitors/firm-based-authorisation/firm-closures/).

Verifying your identity

When logging in, alongside entering your password, we will send a code to your registered phone number by SMS text message or phone call to [verify your identity](https://rules.sra.org.uk/mysra/updates/verifying-mysra-account/) [\[https://rules.sra.org.uk/mysra/updates/verifying-mysra-account/\]](https://rules.sra.org.uk/mysra/updates/verifying-mysra-account/). We highly recommend using a personal number, as you will need to have this phone with you when you access mySRA. If you need to change your authentication phone number, please [contact us](https://rules.sra.org.uk/contactus/)
[\[https://rules.sra.org.uk/contactus/\]](https://rules.sra.org.uk/contactus/).