

# **SRA Standards and Regulations - Terms of Use**

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- c. the you fail to comply with the requirements and deadlines set out in clause 4; or
- d. you undergo, or we reasonably believe that you have undergone, any form of insolvency or event connected to an insolvency; or
- e. you stop carrying on all or a significant part of your business.

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We may assign, novate or otherwise transfer all rights, obligations and liabilities under these Terms to a successor body to us.

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