

# **Release notes for SRA Handbook, Version 21**

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The twenty-first version of the Handbook is published on 6 December 2018, 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.

## **SRA Transparency Rules 2018**

These Rules are new. They aim to ensure that members of the public and small businesses have the information they need to make an informed choice of legal services provider, including understanding what the costs may be and the regulatory protections that apply.

Some provisions of the SRA Transparency Rules 2018 do not come into force on 6 December 2018, and will come into force at a later date. These are marked in the text of the Rules.