



TRAINING COURSE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1.0. Information about us and how to contact us:

1.1 **Who we are:** We are the Storage Equipment Manufacturers Association, hereafter known as 'SEMA'. We are based at Unit 10, Attwood Road, Zone 1, Burntwood Business Park, Burntwood, Staffordshire WS7 3GJ.

1.2 **How to contact us:** You can contact us by telephoning our booking team on 01543 278489, or e-mail at enquiry@sema.org.uk.

1.3 **How we may contact you:** If we have to contact you, we will do so by telephone or by writing to you at the email address you provided to us in your booking. We may from time to time contact you using alternative communication channels, which may include social media, web chat or SMS.

1.4 **"Writing" includes emails:** When we use the words "writing" or "written" in these terms, this includes emails.

2.0. These terms

2.1 **What these terms cover:** These are the terms and conditions on which we supply training related 'certification' services and conference events to you, be it on a business to business or business to individual consumer basis.

2.2 **Why you should read them:** These terms tell you who we are, how we will provide training services and conference events to you, how you and we may change or end the contract, what to do if there is a problem and other important information. If you think that there is a mistake in these terms, please contact us to discuss.

3.0. Booking a course or conference event

3.1 **How we will accept your booking:** Our acceptance of your booking will take place when we email you with a booking confirmation, at which point a contract will come into existence between you and us.

3.2 **If we cannot accept your booking:** If we are unable to accept your booking, we will inform you of this and will not charge you for the training course or conference event. This might be because the training course or conference is fully booked, because of unexpected limits on our resources which we could not reasonably plan for or because we have identified an error in the price or description of the training course and/or conference.

3.3 **Your booking reference number:** We will assign a booking reference number to your booking and tell you what it is when we accept your booking. It will help us if you can tell us the booking reference number whenever you contact us about your booking.

3.4 **Your responsibility to book the correct training course and/or conference:** You acknowledge that you are responsible for the selection of the training course, and/or conference.

4.0. Your rights to make changes.

If you wish to make a change to the training course and/or conference you have booked, please contact us. We will let you know if the change is possible. If it is possible, we will let you know about any changes to the price of the training course and/or conference, the timing of the training course and/or conference, or anything else which would be necessary as a result of your requested change and ask you to confirm whether you wish to go ahead with the change.

5.0. Our rights to make changes.

5.1 **Minor changes to the training courses:** We may change the training courses and conferences:

5.1.1 to reflect changes in relevant laws and regulatory requirements; and

5.1.2 to implement minor technical adjustments and improvements, for example to address a security threat. These changes will not affect the training course and/or conference.

5.2 **More significant changes to the training courses and these terms:** In the event that we need to make significant changes to the training course, conference or these terms, we will notify you and you may then contact us to transfer the booking to another individual at no cost or to transfer your booking to another course (for which a transfer fee may be payable).



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6 Transferring your booking/changing delegate name(s)

6.1 Please contact us on 01543 278489 or enquiry@sema.org.uk if you wish to transfer your booking to another individual, training course or conference. There is no charge for this if changed before 4 weeks of planned training date.

6.2 If you wish to transfer your booking from one training course or conference to another training course or conference, this is subject to a fee as set out below:

In the case of transfer:

More than 4 weeks before the training course or conference is due to commence:

- First transfer at no charge
- Subsequent transfer: 25% of amount charged.

Between 2-4 weeks before the training course or conference is due to commence:

- 25% of course fee will be charged as a transfer fee.

Less than 2 weeks before the training course or conference is due to commence:

- 50% of course fee will be charged as a transfer fee.

6.4 Any transfer of booking will not be completed until:

6.4.1 you have received an email confirming your booking onto an alternative training course or conference; or

6.4.2 the individual to whom you are transferring your booking has received an email confirming their booking.

6.5 Nothing in these terms allows you to resell or offer for resale at a premium, your booking on the training course or conference unless expressly authorised by us. These are grounds for cancellation by us.

7.0. Providing the training course and conference

7.1 **Suitability for the training course and/or conference:** Please note it is your responsibility to ensure that you or any individuals you book on the training course or conference are free from any condition which would affect your or their capability to undertake the chosen training course or attendance at the chosen conference, and that you or they have the aptitude to cope where an intensive course of study is required. We welcome students and delegates with disabilities, but it remains their employer's responsibility to ensure that they are appropriately supported in their workplace. committed to providing access for all. We aim to hold all our events at venues that are wheelchair accessible. Please let us know your requirements as early as possible and we will do our best to accommodate your needs. You can tell us about your requirements on your booking form. If you require a personal assistant or carer to attend the event with you, they are very welcome. Any fee is waived for the personal assistant or carer's place. SEMA would welcome in advance, for setup purposes, notification of any assistance that a student or delegate is likely to need during the running of the course or attendance at a conference. ***Some of our courses such as SARI and SEIRS involve practical exercises such as building and dismantling racking and may prove challenging to some disabilities. Please speak to administration at SEMA if you have any concerns about your suitability for these two training courses.*** Delegates need a basic command of English (defined as Level 2 - ***Level 2 English is a government accredited English course equivalent to a GCSE English pass grade.***) So, whilst we are often able to provide support to people who for example do not have English as a first language, our ability to do so is limited by the time available and the number of people who require assistance, although we may be able to make special arrangements if requested in advance. Please contact us if you need any guidance.

7.2 **Training course and Conference information:** During the booking process we will let you know when and where the training course and/or conference will be taking place. Where the time between booking and course/conference running permits, we will provide joining instructions at least 4 weeks prior to the training course and conference.



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7.3 We are not responsible for delays outside our control: If the training course or conference is delayed by an event outside our control, then we will contact you as soon as possible to let you know and we will take steps to minimise the effect of the delay. Provided we do this we will not be liable for delays caused by the event, but if there is a risk of substantial delay, we will use reasonable endeavours to book an alternative, or arrange a refund.

7.4 What will happen if you do not give required information to us: We will need certain information from you so that we can supply the training course and attendance at a conference to you, for example, delegate name. If so, this will have been stated in the description of the training course and/or conference on our website. We will contact you to ask for this information. Additionally, you must provide the following information: details of any assistance that you or an individual you have booked onto a training course or conference is likely to need during the running of a course or attendance at a conference.

If you do not give us this information within a reasonable time of us asking for it, or if you give us incomplete or incorrect information, we may either end the contract (and clause 11 will apply) or make an additional charge of a reasonable sum to compensate us for any extra work that is required as a result. We will not be responsible for complications on the day of the training course or conference if this is caused by you not giving us the information, we need within a reasonable time of us asking for it.

7.5 Resupplying a training course: If we decide in our sole discretion that a participant has not achieved the learning outcomes of the training course and/or the assessment standard, then we shall inform the participant that any further additional training may be charged over and above that provided on the training course.

8 Removal from the training course or conference

8.1 We reserve the right to refuse to allow you, or any person booked by you, to participate, or continue to participate, in the training course or conference if you:

8.1.1 give cause for concern that your continued participation may cause offence or injury to yourself or other participants.

8.1.2 do not arrive in time for the training course, conference or any part of it.

8.1.3 are deemed by us (acting reasonably) to behave inappropriately.

8.1.4 are, in our reasonable opinion, under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol.

8.1.5 are not dressed appropriately for the conference or training course.

8.1.6 do not maintain appropriate personal hygiene. We recommend that no heavily scented perfumes, colognes or lotions are used; or

8.1.7 do not meet the minimum age requirement for the training course or attendance at the conference.

8.2 Your removal from the training course or conference will entitle us to end the contract as per clause 11.

8.3 Your removal from the training course or conference under this clause 8 will not entitle you to any refund.

9.0. Your rights to end the contract.

9.1 You can always end your contract with us: Your rights when you end the contract will depend on what you have bought, whether there is anything wrong with it, how we are performing, when you decide to end the contract and whether you are a consumer or business customer:

9.1.1 If the training course or conference is misdescribed you may have a legal right to end the contract: (or participate in an equivalent training course or conference or to get some or all of your money back).

9.1.2 If you want to end the contract because of something we have done or have told you we are going to do, see clause 9.2.



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9.1.3 **If you have just changed your mind about the training course or attendance at a conference, see** clause 9.3. You may be able to get a refund if you are within the cooling-off period, but this may be subject to deductions (such as an administration fee of £50)

9.1.4 **In all other cases (if we are not at fault and you are not a consumer exercising your right to change your mind), see** clause 9.6.

9.2 **Ending the contract because of something we have done or are going to do:** If you are ending a contract for a reason set out at 9.2.1 to 9.2.3 below the contract will end immediately. We shall use reasonable endeavours to offer you an alternative training course or conference. If no alternative training course or conference is available, we will refund you in accordance with clause 10.2. The reasons are:

9.2.1 we have told you about an upcoming change to the training course, conference or these terms which you do not agree to (see clause 5.2).

9.2.2 we have told you about an error in the price or description of the training course or conference you have booked, and you do not wish to proceed.

9.2.3 you have a right to end the contract because of something we have done wrong.

9.3 **Exercising your right to change your mind as a delegate (Consumer Contracts Regulations 2013):** If you are a delegate then for most products and/or services bought online you have a legal right to change your mind within 14 days and receive a refund. These rights, under the Consumer Contracts Regulations 2013, are explained in more detail in these terms.

9.4 **How long do you have to change your mind?** you have 14 days after the day we email you to confirm your booking, this is your cooling-off period. However, if the training course or conference takes place during the cooling-off period and you take part in the training course or conference you cannot change your mind, even if the cooling-off period is still running.

9.5 **If you need to end the contract for reasons that prevent your participation:** If you are prevented from participating, for example due to injury or ill health, then you can:

9.5.1 defer your booking to another training course in the same calendar year. If the alternative training course is a higher price than the course you booked onto, you will be required to pay the difference, but no transfer fee will be payable. Claim a refund on any conference booking or

9.5.2 transfer your booking to another individual in accordance with clause 6.

You must provide a note from a doctor in order to exercise the options in clause 9.5.1 to clause 9.5.2 above.

9.6 **Ending the contract where we are not at fault and there is no right to change your mind:** Even if we are not at fault and you are not a delegate who has a right to change their mind (see clause 9.1), you can still end the contract before it is completed, but you may have to pay us compensation as set out below:

***In the case of cancellation:**

a) For courses such as Rack Safety Awareness and any SEIRS Courses:

- More than 8 weeks before the training course or conference is due to commence: - **Full refund of booking fee.**
- Between 4-8 weeks before the training course or conference is due to commence: - **50% of booking fee will be refunded.**
- Less than 4 weeks before the training course or conference is due to commence: - **The booking fee will not be refunded.**

b) For SARI Courses:

- More than 12 weeks before the training course is due to commence: - **Full refund of booking fee.**
- Between 8-12 weeks before the training course is due to commence: - **50% of booking fee will be refunded.**
- Less than 8 weeks before the training course is due to commence: - **The booking fee will not be refunded.**

In all cases, notice of cancellation must be confirmed in writing addressed to the contact details on the booking confirmation.



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10.0. How to end the contract with us (including if you are a consumer who has changed their mind)

10.1 Tell us you want to end the contract: To end the contract with us, please let us know by doing one of the following:

10.1.1 Phone or email: Call on 01543 278489, or e-mail at enquiry@sema.org.uk. Please provide your name, address, details of the booking and, where available, your phone number and email address.

10.2 How we will refund you: If you are entitled to a refund under these terms, we will refund you the price you paid for the training course or conference less any administration fee, by the method you used for payment. If you are a business and make payment pursuant to an invoice, we will credit the refund amount to your account. You will need to include your account code, invoice or credit note number and bank details.

10.3 When your refund will be made: We will make any refunds due to you as soon as possible. If you are exercising your right to change your mind, then your refund will be made within 14 days of your telling us that you have changed your mind.

11.0. Our rights to end the contract.

11.1 We may end the contract if you break it: We may end the contract for a training course or conference at any time to you if (for example):

11.1.1 we remove you, or any person booked by you, from the training course or conference due to one of the reasons listed in clause 8.1.

11.1.2 you do not make any payment to us when it is due.

11.1.3 you do not, within a reasonable time of us asking for it, provide us with information that is necessary for us to provide the training course or conference; or

11.1.4 a participant arrives late for a course or is absent from any session, we reserve the right to refuse to accept the participant for training, if we decide in our sole discretion that the participant will gain insufficient knowledge or skill in the time remaining. To conform with the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (ROSPA) requirements for statutory certificates, attendance at all sessions is mandatory.

12.0. If there is a problem

How to tell us about problems: If you have any questions or complaints about the training course or conference, please contact us. You can telephone our customer service team at on 01543 278489, or e-mail at enquiry@sema.org.uk.

13.0. Price and payment

13.1 Where to find the price for the training course or conference: The price of the training course or conference (which is shown excluding and including VAT) will be the price indicated on the booking pages when you made your booking. We take reasonable care to ensure that the price of the training course or conference advised to you is correct. However please see clause 13.2 for what happens if we discover an error in the price of the training course or conference you book.

13.2 What happens if we got the price wrong: It is always possible that, despite our best efforts, some of the training courses or conferences we provide may be incorrectly priced. Where the training course or conference correct price at your booking date is less than our stated price at your booking date, we will refund the difference. If the training course or conference correct price at your booking date is higher than the price stated to you, we will contact you for your instructions. If we accept and process your training course or conference booking where a pricing error is obvious and unmistakable and could reasonably have been recognised by you as a mispricing, we may end the contract and refund you any sums you have paid.

13.3 When you must pay and how you must pay: We accept payment with most credit cards and debit cards. Payment by BACS/TRANSFER is acceptable as well. Bank details will be given at time of booking.



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13.4 Our right of set-off if you are a business customer: If you are a business customer you must pay all amounts due to us under these terms in full without any set-off, counterclaim, deduction or withholding (other than any deduction or withholding of tax as required by law). You must make payment to us, once the course or conference has been booked. If you require an invoice in order to make payment, you must provide us with a valid purchase order number.

14.0. Our responsibility for loss or damage suffered by you if you are a consumer.

14.1 We are responsible to you for foreseeable loss and damage caused by us: If we fail to comply with these terms, we are responsible for loss or damage you suffer that is a foreseeable result of our breaking this contract or our failing to use reasonable care and skill, but we are not responsible for any loss or damage that is not foreseeable. Loss or damage is foreseeable either if it is obvious that it will happen or if, at the time the contract was made, both we and you knew it might happen, for example, if you discussed it with us during the sales process.

14.2 We do not exclude or limit in any way our liability to you where it would be unlawful to do so: This includes liability for death or personal injury caused by our negligence or the negligence of our employees, agents or subcontractors; for fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation; for breach of your legal rights in relation to the training course.

14.3 We are not liable for business losses: If you use the training course or conference for any commercial or business purpose our liability to you will be limited as set out in clause 15.

14.4 Nothing in these terms and conditions waives your statutory rights.

15.0. Our responsibility for loss or damage suffered by you if you are a business.

15.1 Nothing in these terms shall limit or exclude our liability for:

15.1.1 death or personal injury caused by our negligence, or the negligence of our employees, agents or subcontractors (as applicable).

15.1.2 fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation.

15.1.3 breach of the terms implied by section 2 of the Supply of Goods and Services Act 1982; or

15.1.4 any matter in respect of which it would be unlawful for us to exclude or restrict liability.

15.2 Except to the extent expressly stated in clause 14 all terms implied by sections 3 to 5 of the Supply of Goods and Services Act 1982 are excluded.

15.3 Subject to clause 15.1:

15.3.1 we shall not be liable to you, whether in contract, tort (including negligence), breach of statutory duty, or otherwise, for any loss of profit, or any direct, indirect or consequential loss arising under or in connection with any contract between us; and

15.3.2 our total aggregate liability to you for all other losses arising under or in connection with any contract between us, whether in contract, tort (including negligence), breach of statutory duty, or otherwise, shall be limited to 100% of the total sums paid by you for training courses or conferences under such contract.

16.0. Other important terms

16.1 We may transfer this agreement to someone else: We may transfer our rights and obligations under these terms to another organisation. We will contact you to let you know if we plan to do this.

16.2 You need our consent to transfer your rights to someone else: You may only transfer your rights or your obligations under these terms to another person if we agree to this in writing.

16.3 Nobody else has any rights under this contract (except someone you pass your guarantee on to): Save where an employer books a training course for employee(s), this contract is between you and us. No other person shall have any rights to enforce any of its terms.

16.4 If a court finds part of this contract illegal, the rest will continue in force: Each of the paragraphs of these terms operates separately. If any court or relevant authority decides that any of them are unlawful, the remaining paragraphs will remain in full force and effect.



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16.5 Even if we delay in enforcing this contract, we can still enforce it later: If we do not insist immediately that you do anything you are required to do under these terms, or if we delay in taking steps against you in respect of your breaking this contract, that will not mean that you do not have to do those things and it will not prevent us taking steps against you at a later date.

16.6 Freedom of Information: Where you are a Public Authority as defined in the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the "FOIA") you agree to notify us immediately if you receive any FOIA request for information regarding us or our business, and you agree to consult with us regarding the application of any exemptions under the FOIA in relation to such request. We agree to cooperate with you in relation to the FOIA.

16.7 If you are a business customer this is our entire agreement with you: If you are a business customer these terms constitute the entire agreement between us in relation to our purchase. You acknowledge that you have not relied on any statement, promise, representation, assurance or warranty made or given by or on behalf of us which is not set out in these terms and that you shall have no claim for innocent or negligent misrepresentation or negligent misstatement based on any statement in this agreement.

16.8 Which laws apply to this contract and where you may bring legal proceedings if you are a consumer: These terms are governed by English law, and you can bring legal proceedings in respect of the training course in the English courts. If you live in Scotland, you can bring legal proceedings in respect of the training course in either the Scottish or the English courts. If you live in Northern Ireland, you can bring legal proceedings in respect of the training course in either the Northern Irish or the English courts.

16.9. Which laws apply to this contract and where you may bring legal proceedings if you are a business: If you are a business, any dispute or claim arising out of or in connection with a contract between us or its subject matter or formation (including non-contractual disputes or claims) shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of England and Wales and the courts of England and Wales shall have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any such dispute or claim.

17.0. Intellectual Property Rights and Confidential Information

17.1 Materials distributed during a training course: We may distribute materials during a training course that you can take away with you. All intellectual property rights shall be retained by SEMA, except those regulatory elements such as Health and Safety Executive (HSE) origin.

17.2 Retention of our intellectual property: Participation in the training course does not confer any intellectual property rights (by implication or otherwise) on you to use, alter, copy or otherwise deal with any of the symbols, trademarks, logos and/or intellectual property of SEMA/SEIRS or in the materials referred to in clause 18.1.

17.3 Confidential information: In the event that we disclose any confidential information to you, such as other delegates employment information, you agree that you shall not at any time disclose to any person any such confidential information except at may be required by law, court order, or any governmental or regulatory authority.

18.0. Courses where examination/assessment is involved.

18.1 It is important to understand that SEMA does not guarantee any particular outcome from attendance at a training course or conference. If following the completion of a course examination or practical assessment, the conclusion is that the candidate doesn't have the necessary understanding or competence to be put forward by SEMA as a particular category – e.g. SARI, SAIC, the candidate may appeal this decision by emailing their concerns to admin@sema.org.uk. SEMA admin will then forward the appeal to the SEMA Technical committee/Training pool for consideration. It is important that any delegate doing this understands that those who review this appeal may be the same as who gave the original decision.

18.2 The appeal outcome will be documented, and the appellant informed of this decision, within 60 days of lodging the appeal. If the original outcome is reversed, the candidate will receive any associated certification and confirmation of course attendance/exam pass/assessment pass. If the original decision is retained, there is no further course to follow.