

## RE-ALIGN FRAMEWORK



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## Renegotiating Business Contracts with the Re-Align Framework

### Repricing Process for Contracts Affecting Essential Services or National Interest

From **15 January 2021**, eligible parties to contracts of national interest\* may use the Re-Align Framework to renegotiate their contracts, though they may not terminate the contracts. A summary of the process is illustrated below.

*\*A contract of national interest refers to a contract which, if terminated, is likely to affect the provision of essential services or the ability of a public authority to carry out its functions. It also refers to a contract which has been certified by a Minister to be a contract of national interest. An essential service is any service essential to Singapore's national security, defence, foreign relations, economy, public health, public safety or public order.*

From  
**15 January 2021**

**4 weeks**  
Negotiation  
Period

**2 weeks**  
Repricing Period

- 1** An Affected Business may begin to seek assistance under the Re-Align Framework by serving a **Notice of Negotiation for Contract of National Interest** on the other party or parties to the contract and interested parties to the contract

In order to be valid, a **Notice of Negotiation for Contract of National Interest** must be accompanied by a certificate issued by the relevant Ministry certifying that the contract is of national interest

- 2** Parties have a 4-week Negotiation Period. They should discuss, understand each other's positions and try to find a mutually acceptable way of realigning the contract to the new business environment

*If successful*

*If unsuccessful*

- 3** Parties proceed with amended contract

- 4** Affected Business should lodge **Notice for Repricing**. Contract continues while case goes to Assessor for determination on:

- *Eligibility of Affected Business*
- *Whether the contract should be repriced and if so, the price to be applied*

*Note: If Affected Business does not lodge Notice for Repricing within this period, the original contract terms (including price) will continue as is*

