

Chapter 23

Senior managers and certification regime: Introduction and classification

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The purpose of this chapter is to:

- (1) explain what the senior managers and certification regime is and where to find the main *FCA Handbook* provisions;
- (2) define which *firms* the regime applies to;
- (3) define the different kinds of *SMCR firm*; and
- (4) require certain *firms* to carry out criminal record checks before appointing certain *board directors*.