

Senior management and supervision

Purpose

This unit enables financial planning professionals to develop the skills and technical understanding to evaluate and enhance supervisory practices, governance of competence requirements and leadership and culture within a financial services organisation.

Learning Outcomes

At the end of this unit, candidates will be able to:

Summary of learning outcomes	
1.	Apply knowledge of the regulatory and business environment and practices
2.	Apply supervisory practices in the context of operational risk management
3.	Evaluate the competency requirements for senior managers and the governance of competence arrangements
4.	Evaluate the impact of leadership and culture in a regulated environment

Entry guidance

It is assumed that the candidate already has the knowledge gained from a study of J07 Supervision in a regulated environment or equivalent.

Important notes

- Method of assessment: completion of 3 coursework assignments.
- Coursework assignments should be based upon the English legislative position at the time of submission.
- Resubmissions need not be updated to a new legislative position or tax year when they are resubmitted after the original date of submission.
- Candidates are expected to be aware of the FCA rules and guidance regarding training and competence, conduct of business and complaints handling as contained within the relevant sourcebooks.
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1. **Apply knowledge of the regulatory and business environment and practices**
 - 1.1 Understand the objectives and benefits of regulation including Consumer Duty, Fair treatment of customers, vulnerable customers and BiFD;
 - 1.2 Understand supervision principles and practices.
2. **Apply supervisory practices in the context of operational risk management**
 - 2.1 Explain effective risk management;
 - 2.2 Evaluate different governance approaches.
3. **Evaluate the competency requirements for senior managers and the governance of competence arrangements**
 - 3.1 Evaluate the business and regulatory competency requirements at senior management level;
 - 3.2 Evaluate the governance of competence arrangements across business areas or functions.
4. **Evaluate the impact of leadership and culture in a regulated environment**
 - 4.1 Evaluate the impact of leadership in creating a supportive and ethical culture;
 - 4.2 Evaluate how culture, ethics and behaviour are used to manage and eliminate risk and promote good outcomes for customers.

Reading list

The following list provides details of various publications which may assist you with your studies.

Note: The examination will test the syllabus alone. However, it is important to read additional sources as 5% of the exam mark is allocated for evidence of further reading and/or the use of relevant examples.

The reading list is provided for guidance only and is not in itself the subject of the examination.

The publications listed here provide a wider coverage of syllabus topics.

CII study texts

Senior management and supervision.
London: CII. Study text AF6.

Supervision in a regulated environment.
London: CII. Study text J07.

After you have purchased the unit all the above texts are included as electronic resources within AF6 RevisionMate (www.cii.co.uk/login).

Books

Conduct risk: a practitioner's guide. Peter Haines. London: Risk Books, 2016.

The non-executive directors' handbook, 5th edition. B Coyle. ICSA Information and Training Ltd., 2019.

Understanding the Financial Conduct Authority: a guide for senior managers. Ashley Kovas. Kibworth Beauchamp: Matador Books, 2015.

Ebooks

The following eBooks are available via www.cii.co.uk/elibrary (CII/PFS members only):

Risk management, strategic thinking and leadership in the financial services industry; a proactive approach to strategic thinking. Hasan Dinger, ed. Switzerland: Springer, 2017.

The Compliance Revolution: How compliance needs to change to survive, David Jackman, Wiley, 2015.

The values-driven organisation: unleashing human potential for performance and profit. Richard Barrett. Abingdon, Oxon: Routledge, 2013.

Reference materials

Senior Managers and Certification
Regime: dual regulated firms, Financial
Conduct Authority. Available online
at www.fca.org.uk/firms/senior-managers-certification-regime/dual-regulated-firms

Senior Managers and Certification
Regime: solo regulated firms, Financial
Conduct Authority. Available online
at www.fca.org.uk/publication/policy/guide-for-fca-solo-regulated-firms.pdf

Consumer Duty: Financial Conduct
Authority. Available online at www.fca.org.uk/publication/policy/ps22-9.pdf

Guide to the UK General Data
Protection Regulation (UK GDPR): Financial
Services Conduct Authority Information
Commissioner's Office. Available online
at www.ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-data-protection/guide-to-the-general-data-protection-regulation-gdpr/

Journals and magazines

Financial adviser. London: FT
Business. Weekly. Available online at
www.ftadviser.com.

Personal finance professional. London: CII.
Four issues a year. Available online at
www.pfp.thepfs.org (CII/PFS members only).

Exemplar paper

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the unit description / purchasing page. You
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Qualifications section of the CII website:
www.cii.co.uk/qualifications.

The exemplar paper is also available on the
RevisionMate website ciigroup.org/login after
you have purchased the unit.

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available in bookshops. You should choose
one which suits your requirements.