

# HRPA Annual Member and Student Survey KEY FINDINGS REPORT 20222

**July 2022** 

#### The 2022 Annual Member & Student Survey

HRPA helps protect workers, workplaces and society at large by enabling a flourishing Human Resources profession. We believe that well-run businesses are essential to a thriving society.

Each year, HRPA conducts the Member and Student Survey to gain valuable insights into how our members and students feel we are performing as a professional regulatory body, learn what areas they would like to see us prioritize our efforts in the future, and obtain important feedback about our many programs and services.

This year, the survey ran between May 26 and June 8, 2022, and was completed by 1,174 respondents. This report features key findings from the survey related to professional regulation, member learning, chapter and student experience, as well as overall member experience.

Thank you to all members and students who completed the survey. Your insights are important and play a critical role in shaping the direction of the Association and creating a better HRPA experience for you and your fellow members.



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#### **Survey Respondent Demographics**

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#### **Professional Regulation**

The survey asked a series of questions to gain insights into our members' and students' understanding of professional regulation, as well as HRPA's role and impact as a regulatory body for HR professionals.

Survey results show that while a majority of respondents have a generally positive attitude towards professional regulation, there is still significant work to be done by HRPA to increase awareness of the benefits of being part of a regulated profession. Future initiatives planned by HRPA in 2022 and 2023 will aim to address these gaps.



#### Attitudes Toward Professional Regulation

61%	Of respondents say that it is for them to be part of a profe is regulated			
58%	Of respondents say that they to or <b>compelled</b> by profession			
67%	Of respondents say that they HRPA has a duty, under the A promotion and protection of it's primary objective			
56%	Of respondents <b>agree</b> that the clearly front-and-centre all decision-making at HRPA			
10%	Of respondents say that they <b>emphasis</b> on the promotion public interest			

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## Respondents unfamiliar with HRPA's regulatory operations

New questions were added to this year's survey to understand member and student perceptions of HRPA's performance as a professional regulatory body.

In three out of the four performance questions, the **'I don't know'** response was the one most often chosen by a significant margin, suggesting HRPA can do more to educate members and students about its regulatory operations.

42%

Of respondents **agree** that the public interest is clearly front-and-centre and at the forefront of all decision-making at HRPA.

Of respondents agree that HRPA's Complaints Committee would investigate a complaint against them in a **thorough, fair and impartial manner.** 

19%

37%

Of respondents believe that HRPA **deals aggressively** with bahviours that may be causing harm to the consumers of professional services.

Of respondents are of the opinion that HRPA has been **quite effective** or **very effective** in reducing the risks to the public stemming from the practice of the profession.

## The public interest is clearly front-and-centre and at the forefront of all decision-making at HRPA (n=836)



#### In your opinion, if there ever was a complaint filed against you, would HRPA's Complaints Committee investigate the complaint in a thorough, fair, and impartial manner? (n=851)



## HRPA deals aggressively with behaviours that may be causing harm to the users of HR services (n=858)



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#### **Member Experience**

Survey respondents reported an overall positive view of HRPA's performance as a regulatory body, with responses indicating a positive increase from the 2021 survey.

Responses also suggest HRPA can do more to strengthen its value proposition to members and students by increasing awareness of member benefits, and by doing more to increase public awareness of HRPA and the HR profession.

#### Top Areas HRPA should prioritize over the next three years (n=1,005)

55% On demand Resources

Professional development events & conferences

53%

28%

Expanding resource groups amongst members

25%

Networking opportunities

28%

Increasing public awareness of the HR profession

24%

Advocacy for employment related legislation change

#### **Attitudes Towards HRPA** Q: To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following

statements\*:



HRPA is well known in my industry/sector

HRPA promotes a sense of pride in being an HR professional

HRPA has a positive reputation

HRPA has benefitted my career as an HR professional



to HRPA as a member? (n=1,011)



2021

\*Percentages are a sum of the top two box responses for each statement, somewhat agree and strongly agree.

### **Member Learning**

Members continue to look to HRPA for learning and development opportunities

> Of respondents have attended learning programs or events offered by HRPA over the last year.

76%

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65%

Virtual learning continues to be a top preference for members with 76% of respondents selecting **webinars** as the learning event format they would most like to see HRPA offer more of in the future.

Respondents were asked to share the HR practice areas they are currently involved with in their work to help HRPA understand their underlying learning and development needs.

Overall, respondents were most involved with recruitment selection and onboarding, employee relations, and HR strategy development. Responses were also broken out by HR leaders and individual contributors.

> HR practice areas involved in your work (n=837)



HR Practice Areas Involved in your Work: HR Leaders or Department Heads (n = 313)

81% HR Stratgey Development

75% Recruitment, Selection & Onboarding

Individual Contributors (n = 471)

52% Recruitment, Selection & Onboarding

37% HR Stratgey Development

#### HR Professionals are wearing many hats in their workplaces

Respondents who manage a department or lead other HR professionals were involved with 9.4 HR practice areas on average, while those who are individual contributors averaged 5.2 HR practice areas.









### **Chapter Experience**

HRPA members have benefitted from their Chapter experiences.

HRPA members and students reported an overall favourable impression of their local chapters in the 2022 survey:

- 61% agree they have benefitted from their Chapter's professional development opportunities, and
- **57%** agree that they are proud to be a member of their Chapter.

63%

HRPA members continue to report positive overall experiences with their local chapters, with 63% reporting a good or excellent experience in the last year.

## 65%

Respondents who attend Chapters events in the last year found them to be valuable with **65%** somewhat strongly agreeing that they would recommend them to a colleague.



### **Student Experience**

Students find value in HRPA benefits, but more can be done to raise awareness about them.

Student survey respondents reported that the benefits they found to be very or extremely valuable are the Hire Authority Job Board (59%), Volunteer Opportunities (42%) and the Online Communities of Practice (41%).

The survey results also showed that HRPA can do more to improve on communicating its available benefits to students, as many were

unaware of programs such as **Resume** Clinics and the Mentorship Program.





100%



Of the Students who attended one of HRPA's Student presentations, 100% said that they found the presentation to be valuable.

**HRPA Students shared the most** memorable Student and Chapter events they have attended, including topics on:



CHRP and CHRL exam prep courses



Remote interviewing



How to stay productive

When asked what types of events Students would like to see offered by HRPA in the future, some of the top answers included:



Networking Opportunities



Designation Information/ Study Sessions



Mentorship Programs

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