Demographic Survey - Consultation

Background

When a licensee completes their annual licence renewal, they must answer certain declaration questions called the 'Annual Licensee Report', as required by CPATA's By-laws. Starting in 2025, in addition to already existing questions about professional liability insurance, Section 73 By-law compliance and Canadian residence, CPATA will be adding further questions, both mandatory and voluntary. These questions will enable CPATA to collect all the information required by its By-laws and additional data necessary to understand trends in the composition and practice of the professions over time. It is common and best practice for regulators to have reporting requirements such as these and collecting this data will help enable CPATA to make evidence-based decisions.

Demographic Survey

The optional Demographic Survey is expected to take approximately 15-30 minutes to complete. The purpose of these questions is to collect data which will help CPATA understand the composition of the professions over time, in order to make evidence-based policy decisions.

Some questions may be repeated from the Annual Licensee Report, since data from this survey is separate and will only be provided to CPATA in aggregate form. Individual responses will not be available to CPATA.

In addition to the optional Demographic Survey, CPATA is also consulting on the proposed questions for the mandatory Annual Licensee Report. The details of those questions can be found on this page.

Privacy and Data Management

CPATA takes the confidentiality and privacy of licensees seriously. The information provided by licensees in either the Annual Licensee Report or the Demographic Survey is collected under the authority of CPATA's By-laws and the *Privacy Act*. The College Privacy Statement outlines more information on a licensee's privacy practices and privacy rights. Data is collected through and stored in the Olatech Corporation Licensee Portal platform. If you have any questions about this, please contact priv@cpata-cabamc.ca.

How to provide feedback

The proposed Demographic questions are below. CPATA welcomes feedback on the proposed Annual Licensee Report and Demographic Survey questions by e-mail to info@cpata-cabamc.ca between **October 15 and November 15, 2024**. CPATA will take into consideration any comments before finalizing the questions for the 2025 licence renewal period.

Demographic Survey – Proposed Questions

1. Which licence(s) do you hold?

Patent agent
Trademark agent
Both

2a. Which class of Patent Agent licence to do you hold?

Class 1 - Active
Class 2 - Restricted
Class 3 - In Training
Class 4 - Inactive

2b. Which class of Trademark Agent licence do you hold?

Class 1 - Active
Class 2 - Restricted
Class 3 - In Training
Class 4 – Inactive

3a. How many years of practice do you have as a patent agent?

Less than 5
6-10
11-20
21-30
31-40
41-50
More than 51
Not applicable

3b. How many years of practice do you have as a trademark agent?

Less than 5
6-10
11-20
21-30
31-40
41-50
More than 51
Not applicable

4. Where is your primary practice located?

Alberta
British Columbia
Manitoba
New Brunswick
Newfoundland and Labrador
Northwest Territories
Nova Scotia
Nunavut
Ontario
Prince Edward Island
Quebec
Saskatchewan
Yukon
My practice is located outside of Canada
Not applicable

5. What's the highest level of education you have completed?

High school diploma or equivalency certificate
Trades or vocational certificate or diploma
CEGEP certificate or diploma
College or other non-university certificate or diploma
University certificate or diploma
Bachelor's degree
Master's degree
Doctorate

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6. Please select all of the credentials you have obtained. If you have an international equivalent, please add the degree that mostly closely matches your credential.

Bachelor of Applied Arts

Bachelor of Applied Science

Bachelor of Arts

Bachelor of Business Administration

Bachelor of Business Management

Bachelor of Chemistry

Bachelor of Civil Law

Bachelor of Commerce

Bachelor of Computer Science

Bachelor of Economics

Bachelor of Education

Bachelor of Engineering

Bachelor of Humanities and Arts

Bachelor of Law

Bachelor of Mathematics

Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering

Bachelor of Medical Science

Bachelor of Medicine

Bachelor of Pharmacy

Bachelor of Science

Bachelor of Science and Arts

Bachelor of Science in Chemical
Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy

Doctor of Arts

Doctor of Business Administration

Doctor of Chemistry

Doctor of Civil Law

Doctor of Engineering

Doctor of Law

Doctor of Medicine

Doctor of Science

Doctorate in Natural Sciences

Juris Doctor

Master of Accounting

Master of Applied Computing

Master of Applied Science

Master of Arts

Master of Biotechnology

Master of Business Administration

Master of Chemistry

Master of Computer Sciences

Master of Earth Science

Master of Engineering

Master of Environmental Science

Master of Finance

Master of Information

Master of Law

Master of Management

Master of Management of Innovation

Master of Mathematics

Master of Medicine

Master of Pharmacy

Master of Research

Master of Science

Master of Science in Biomedical
Communications

Master of Science in Electrical Engineering

Master of Science in Forestry

Master of Science in Pharmacy

Master of Studies in Law

Law Clerk

Paralegal

7. How would you describe your gender?

Woman

Man

Non-binary

I prefer to self-describe:

I prefer not to answer

8. Do you identify as a member of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community?

Yes
No
I prefer to self-describe:

I prefer not to answer

9. When were you born?

1945 or earlier
1946 to 1960
1961 to 1980
1981 to 1995
1996 or later

I prefer not to answer

10. Do you identify as a person with a disability?

Yes
No
I prefer to self-describe:

I prefer not to answer

11. Do you identify as First Nations, Métis, and/or Inuk/Inuit? Select all that apply.

No
Yes, First Nations
Yes, Métis
Yes, Inuit
Another Indigenous identity:

I prefer not to answer

12. Which category best describes you? Select all that apply.

Black (for example: African, Afro-Caribbean, African Canadian descent)
East Asian/Southeast Asian (for example: Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Taiwanese descent; Filipino, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Thai, Indonesian, other Southeast Asian descent)
Latino (for example: Latin American, Hispanic descent)
Middle Eastern (for example: Arab, Persian, West Asian descent, e.g., Afghan, Egyptian, Iranian, Lebanese, Turkish, Kurdish, etc.)
South Asian (for example: South Asian descent, e.g., East Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Sri Lankan, Indo-Caribbean, etc.)
White (for example: European descent)
Another category (includes values not described above):

I prefer not to answer

13. Which is your first language?

I prefer not to answer

14. What other languages do you fluently speak, read, and write? Please select all that apply.

I prefer not to answer

15. Are you currently working as an agent?

Yes
No

16. What best describes your primary practice setting?

Academic institution
Government
Corporate (in-house)
IP agency
Law firm
Sole practitioner

Other (please specify)
Not applicable

17. How many employees work in your firm/organization?

1 employee (sole practitioner)
2-5 employees
6-10 employees
11-25 employees
26-50 employees
51-100 employees
101-200 employees
201+ employees
Not applicable
Not sure

18. Which best describes your primary practice setting? *(for in-house practitioners)*

Start-up (a company in the first stages of operations)
Small & Medium Sized Enterprise (Privately held)
Large Enterprise (Privately held)
Publicly traded company
Other (please specify)

19. Do you work for a federal, provincial, or municipal department or agency? *(for government employees)*

Federal
Provincial
Municipal
Crown Corporation
Other (please specify)

20. Do you offer pro-bono services?

Yes
No
I prefer not to answer

21. What is the nature of the pro-bono assistance?

IP strategy assistance
Filing and prosecuting
Litigation
Other (please specify)

22. Please estimate the number of hours annually that you consecrate to pro-bono services?

0-10
11-25
26-50
51-75
76-100
101+

23. For how many clients do you offer pro-bono services?
1
2-5
6+

24. Is there any other demographic information you would like to share with us?
Yes (please provide)
No