

Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) education updates

The first half of 2025 demonstrated sustained engagement with the ERM subject, with 63 students enrolling across diverse practice areas and locations. Tutorials and guest speakers explored topics such as generating synthetic data, securitisation, and credit risk. Assessment performance was stronger than previous semesters, with 70% of students demonstrating the required competencies to pass the subject (compared to 62% in Semester 1, 2024).

Alongside the Fellowship subject, the Institute introduced a new microcredential pathway in ERM, offering members greater flexibility to gain CPD points or pursue the CERA credential.

The Education Faculty is actively reviewing assessment design in response to the growing influence of generative AI, ensuring that students demonstrate an authentic understanding of the material.

Looking ahead, plans are underway to host a networking session, bringing together ERM students, young actuaries, and Risk Management Practice Committee (RMPC) members. Future course reviews will further integrate contemporary risk topics, including AI, digital assets, and other emerging fields.

Regulatory updates

The first half of 2025 has brought several significant regulatory developments that directly impact insurers and actuaries. Most notably, APRA's new standard CPS 230 on operational risk management that took effect from 1 July, placing greater emphasis on risk identification, controls, and resilience planning across all APRA-regulated entities.

At the same time, the Financial Accountability Regime (FAR) has been extended beyond banking to cover insurers and superannuation trustees, requiring accountable persons to be registered and clearly responsible for key risk areas. Climate risk also remains a strong focus, with APRA's insurance Climate Vulnerability Assessment now underway with Australia's largest general insurers.

Strategy updates

After the Actuaries Institute's 2025 Strategy Day, the RMPC discussed two of the priorities for the year:

1. strengthening member participation and;
2. advancing the profession's role in artificial intelligence.

Encouraging broader engagement, particularly from members who are less active, remains an important focus, with initiatives planned to make committee activities more accessible and inclusive.

At the same time, AI is rapidly reshaping the risk landscape, and RMPC is exploring how actuarial expertise can contribute to governance, model risk, and ethical frameworks in this space.

To support member engagement, the committee invited Julia Lessing to share perspectives on lifelong learning and professional development. This discussion highlighted the importance of networking, communication, and leadership skills alongside technical knowledge, and reinforced the value of connecting early-career actuaries with volunteering opportunities.

As a result, RMPC has established a new Working Group dedicated to recruiting young actuaries to contribute to risk management topics, particularly through the development of insight materials. This initiative is intended to strengthen the pipeline of engaged members while ensuring the committee continues to reflect diverse perspectives across the profession.

Thought leadership

Earlier this year, RMPC member Iain Bulcraig published an article titled [Emerging Risks in 2025 Identified by Australian Actuaries](#). Based on a survey of members across practice areas, the article highlights the top five mainstream risks facing the profession:

1. artificial intelligence and technological disruption
2. economic and financial pressures
3. cyber security threats
4. regulatory and political uncertainty, and;
5. climate change.

The piece offers a comprehensive overview of how these risks are shaping actuarial work, with references to Institute resources, Dialogue Papers, and external perspectives, such as the World Economic Forum's Global Risks Report and APRA's 2025 priorities. Members are encouraged to read the [full article](#) to explore these themes in detail and to stay informed on the evolving risk landscape.