

Course No. 2023

Employee Benefits Strategy & Total Rewards Optimization Training Course

COMPENSATION, BENEFITS, TOTAL REWARDS & PAYROLL
HUMAN RESOURCES & TALENT MANAGEMENT

DURATION

5 Days

DELIVERY

Classroom



Course Overview

The Employee Benefits Strategy & Total Rewards Optimization Training Course provides a strategic and practical framework for designing, managing, and optimizing employee benefits as an integrated component of the total rewards strategy. The programme explores how organizations can align benefits with business objectives, workforce needs, talent strategies, and employee expectations while maintaining cost effectiveness and sustainable value.

Participants will examine the major components of employee benefits, including health and wellness benefits, retirement and savings programmes, paid leave, insurance benefits, allowances, flexible benefits, financial wellbeing initiatives, and other indirect rewards. The course focuses on evaluating benefit structures, identifying workforce preferences, and developing differentiated benefits strategies for diverse employee populations.

The programme also addresses total rewards optimization through benefits cost analysis, market benchmarking, workforce segmentation, utilization analysis, return on investment, employee value perception, and financial sustainability. Participants will learn how to balance employee value with organizational affordability while supporting attraction, retention, engagement, and workforce productivity.

Through practical exercises, benchmarking scenarios, benefits design cases, cost analysis, and an integrated final workshop, participants will develop the skills required to build effective employee benefits strategies, optimize total rewards investment, strengthen governance, and establish measurable benefits programmes.

Objectives

- By the end of this training course, participants will be able to:
- Explain the strategic role of employee benefits within total rewards management.
- Analyze the relationship between benefits strategy and organizational objectives.
- Evaluate employee benefits structures against workforce needs and expectations.
- Assess the effectiveness and competitiveness of existing benefits programmes.
- Apply workforce segmentation to develop differentiated benefits strategies.

- Analyze market benchmarks and external benefits practices.
- Evaluate benefits costs, utilization, and financial sustainability.
- Apply cost optimization techniques without undermining employee value.
- Design flexible and personalized employee benefits programmes.
- Assess the contribution of benefits to attraction, retention, engagement, and employee experience.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of health, wellness, insurance, retirement, and financial wellbeing benefits.
- Develop appropriate benefits governance, policies, and decision-making frameworks.
- Analyze employee feedback and benefits utilization data to support decisions.
- Establish performance measures and indicators for benefits programmes.
- Develop strategies for communicating and promoting employee benefits effectively.
- Develop an integrated total rewards optimization strategy aligned with business and workforce priorities.

Who Should Attend

This course is designed for HR managers, compensation and benefits managers, total rewards professionals, reward specialists, HR business partners, talent management professionals, and HR leaders responsible for employee benefits and reward strategy.

It is also suitable for finance professionals, payroll managers, employee experience leaders, workforce planning specialists, HR analysts, people analytics professionals, and senior managers involved in evaluating benefits costs, workforce value, and reward-related decisions.

The programme is particularly relevant to professionals working in government entities, ministries, banks, financial institutions, insurance companies, oil and gas organizations, energy companies, multinational corporations, healthcare organizations, technology companies, and large private-sector employers.

Learning Outcomes

- Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to:
- Evaluate the strategic position of employee benefits within a total rewards framework.
- Assess the competitiveness of benefits programmes using relevant market information.
- Segment employee populations according to workforce characteristics and needs.
- Analyze employee benefits utilization and cost patterns.
- Identify opportunities for benefits cost optimization and value improvement.
- Design benefits packages that balance employee preferences and organizational affordability.
- Develop flexible benefits approaches for different workforce segments.
- Evaluate health, wellness, insurance, retirement, and financial wellbeing programmes.
- Measure the contribution of benefits to employee attraction and retention.
- Analyze employee perceptions and feedback regarding benefits programmes.
- Develop benefits governance structures and decision-making processes.
- Establish controls for benefits eligibility, administration, and financial management.
- Develop meaningful metrics and dashboards for benefits performance.
- Apply data-driven approaches to benefits and total rewards decisions.
- Develop effective communication strategies for employee benefits.
- Prepare an integrated roadmap for optimizing employee benefits and total rewards.

Course Outline

DAY 01

Employee Benefits Strategy and Total Rewards Foundations

- Strategic role of employee benefits in total rewards
- Components of total rewards
- Employee benefits and organizational strategy
- Workforce expectations and changing benefits priorities
- Benefits strategy and employee value proposition
- Benefits lifecycle and programme governance
- Workforce segmentation and benefits needs

DAY 01 — CONTINUED

- Current-state benefits assessment

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Assessing an organization's existing benefits strategy

DAY 02

Benefits Design, Benchmarking and Workforce Value

- Designing competitive employee benefits programmes
- Benefits benchmarking and market positioning
- Internal equity and benefits consistency
- Health, wellness, insurance, and retirement benefits
- Paid leave and work-life benefits
- Flexible and voluntary benefits
- Benefits personalization and workforce segmentation
- Employee preferences and value perception

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Developing a segmented employee benefits framework

DAY 03

Benefits Cost Management and Optimization

- Understanding employee benefits cost structures
- Benefits utilization and cost analysis
- Cost drivers and financial sustainability
- Benefits budgeting and forecasting
- Cost optimization strategies
- Supplier and benefits provider management
- Evaluating benefits alternatives and trade-offs
- Return on investment and value measurement

DAY 03 — CONTINUED

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Conducting a benefits cost optimization analysis

DAY 04

Benefits Governance, Administration and Employee Experience

- Benefits governance frameworks and accountability
- Policies, eligibility, and administration controls
- Compliance and risk considerations
- Benefits data and reporting
- Employee experience and benefits accessibility
- Communication and benefits engagement
- Employee feedback and utilization analysis
- Managing benefits changes and programme transitions

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Building a benefits governance and communication framework

DAY 05

Total Rewards Optimization and Strategic Implementation

- Integrating benefits with compensation and broader rewards
- Total rewards effectiveness and workforce outcomes
- Benefits performance indicators and dashboards
- Data-driven benefits decision-making
- Strategic workforce and benefits planning
- Continuous improvement and benefits innovation
- Executive reporting and business case development
- Developing a sustainable total rewards strategy

DAY 05 — CONTINUED

- Final Integrated Workshop: Designing an Employee Benefits Strategy & Total Rewards Optimization Roadmap

Register or Request More Information

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