

Employment Survey for 2007 First Degree Graduates

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. This survey was conducted from November to December 2007 by means of questionnaires and telephone interviews, and covered all full-time and part-time first degree graduates, full-time higher degree graduates and full-time diplomas of 2007. Graduates of the degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MB ChB) were also surveyed.
2. Out of a total of 2,547 respondents of full-time first degree graduates (including MB ChB graduates 2006), 81.3% of them were employed, 16.1% of them pursued further studies, 2.0% of them were seeking employment and the remaining 0.5% were classified as others which included emigration/returning to country of origin and not seeking employment.
3. The average gross monthly salary of full-time first degree graduates was:
 - HK\$17,120 (including MB ChB graduates)
 - HK\$14,737 (excluding MB ChB graduates)
4. The average number of applications sent out by full-time first degree graduates was 24. Students on average attended seven interviews and obtained more than two offers.
5. 93% of the employed graduates secured their first job offers by the end of September 2007.
6. Most graduates joined the Commerce & Industry sector (70.9%), followed by Education (12.8%), Social & Public Organisations (12.6%) and Government (3.6%).
7. The top seven career fields engaged by our graduates were: Accounting / Auditing (13.8%), Banking and Finance (12.9%), Teaching (9.7%), Computer Engineering / Information Technology¹ (9.1%), Medical & Health Services (9.0%), Administration / Management (7.8%) and Sales / Marketing (4.8%).
8. In terms of job satisfaction, up to 94.6% were generally satisfied with their current jobs.

Notes

1. It includes the figures of Software Engineering and Analysis/Programming, Software Design and Development, Information Technology Consulting, System Maintenance, Information Systems Administration and Management, Data Communications and Network Engineering, Hardware Construction and Installation, Computer Engineering & eBusiness.
2. The above figures do not include data of MB ChB graduates unless otherwise specified.