

Employment Survey for 2008 First Degree Graduates

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. This survey was conducted from November to December 2008 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 postgraduate diplomas of 2008. Graduates of the degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MB ChB) were also surveyed.
2. Out of a total of 2,567 respondents of full-time first degree graduates (including MB ChB graduates 2007), 80.4% of them were employed, 15.1% of them pursued further studies, 3.3% of them were seeking employment and the remaining 1.2% 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\$17,898 (including MB ChB graduates)
 - HK\$15,257 (excluding MB ChB graduates)
4. The average number of applications sent out by full-time first degree graduates was 28. Students on average attended seven interviews and obtained two offers.
5. 92.4% of the employed graduates secured their first job offers by the end of September 2008.
6. Most graduates joined the Commerce & Industry sector (69.1%), followed by Social & Public Organisations (14.5%), Education (13.2%) and Government (3.2%).
7. The top seven career fields engaged by our graduates were: Accounting / Auditing (11.5%), Banking and Finance (9.7%), Medical & Health Services (9.6%), Computer Engineering / Information Technology¹ (9.3%), Teaching (9.3%), Administration / Management (7.4%) and Sales / Marketing (6.2%).
8. In terms of job satisfaction, up to 94.7% 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.