

Employability Study of Graduands 2014

This is the official census form for all graduands this year.

Please complete the survey and help improve and reform the quality of higher education in Sri Lanka. The estimated time to complete this survey is less than 15 minutes. Note that your answers are anonymous and that they will be protected by law.

1) Gender: Male Female

2) Ethnicity:

Sinhala Tamil Muslim Burgher Other

If other, please specify: _____

3) Faculty/ Institution: _____

4) Under which of the following does your degree fall?

External Internal Other If other, please specify: _____

5) Degree type:

General (3 years) General (4 years) Special/honours Medical (5 years)

• If **special**, please specify area of specialization: _____

• If **general**, please specify name of the Degree programme: _____

6) Medium of Instruction

English Sinhala Tamil Other If other, please specify: _____

7) Class received:

First Class Second Upper Second Lower General Pass

8) Please indicate your English Language Proficiency:

a) **Oral skills**

Very good Good Average Poor Very poor

b) **Written skills**

Very good Good Average Poor Very poor

c) The grade you received for GCE O/L English:

A B C S F Other If other, please specify: _____

9) How computer literate are you? (Mark with an "v" to all that applies)

____ Have not used a computer at all

____ Able to use Microsoft Office package

____ Comfortable browsing the web

____ Used the computer to search for jobs

____ Use email regularly

____ Able to write computer program

10) Were you involved in any of the following during your university years?

	No	Yes	If yes, please specify
Extra-curricular activities			
Vocational training/internships			
Other educational/professional qualifications			
Full/part-time employment			

11) Which sort of area have you lived most of your life?

- Urban
 Semi Urban
 Rural
 Foreign country
 Other

If other, please specify _____

12) Please indicate the area in Sri Lanka that you lived in for most of your life?

District _____ AGA division _____

13) What type of school did you go to for your GCE A/L?

- National school
 Provincial school
 Private/semi govt school

Other If other, please specify _____

14) What is the highest level of education achieved by either your father and/or mother?

- Less than GCE O/L
 Passed GCE O/L
 Passed GCE A/L

Degree or Equivalent or higher
 Not known
 Other

If other, please specify _____

15) To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

Statement	Strongly agree	Somewhat Agree	Undecided	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly disagree
Teaching methods used at university are effective					
Learning process is suitable for current job environment					
The quality of lecturers/instructors is good					
The lab facilities provided are satisfactory					
The quality of classrooms is good					
The library facilities are satisfactory					
IT facilities are satisfactory					
Practical knowledge is acquired through course work					
Text books are used in courses taught					
Tutorials are used as learning tools					
Practical training is a part of the university education					
Research skills are developed during the study period					
Learning is mostly done by memorizing the lecture notes					
Workload assigned is very high					

16) Indicate the name of the Lecturer / Professor (s) who have helped you most during your university education.

Category	Lecturer / Professor
Quality communication at lectures or laboratories	
Helpful teaching material	
Promotion of interaction through group work	
Assignment and feedback given	
Supervision of project work	
Mentoring and being a role model	

17) How much did you expect your gross monthly salary (In Rupees) to be after your university education?

- Less than 10,000 10,000-14,999 15,000-19,999 20,000-24,999
 25,000-29,999 30,000-34,999 35,000-39,999 40,000-44,999
 45,000-49,999 50,000-59,999 60,000-75,000 over 75,000

18) Which of the following describes your situation after your university education? (Mark with an “ v ” to all that applies)

<input type="checkbox"/>	I have a temporary job
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am employed now
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have not looked for a job
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have looked for a job, but have not found one yet
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have a better job now
<input type="checkbox"/>	I received a promotion
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am continuing with the same job that I had during the university years
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am continuing with further studies
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am self-employed
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am employed now but am looking for a better job

19) When was your last university exam? _____(month) / _____ (year)

20) Which sector(s) are you willing to be employed in? (Mark with an “ v ” to all that applies)

- Private Sector Public Sector, teaching Public Sector, other
 Self Employed Semi Government Sector University staff
 Other (specify) _____

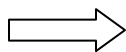
21) Were you employed at any point after your last exam?

- Yes No

If yes,

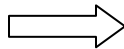
a) How long did you wait to get your first job after the last day of final exam? _____ Month

b) What is the date of your first appointment _____



22) What is your current employment status?

- Unemployed
- Under-employed
- Employed
- Other (specify) _____



Answer questions 23) - 31) ONLY if you are currently **employed or under-employed**, otherwise skip to question 32).

23) Type of employment (Check all that applies)

- Permanent
- Temporary
- Full-time
- Part-time
- Other (specify) _____

24) Which sector are you employed in?

- University staff
- Private Sector
- Public Sector, teaching
- Public Sector, other
- Self Employed
- Semi Government Sector
- Other (specify) _____

25) The position you hold currently?

- Administrative
- Middle Management/ Management Trainee
- IT
- Economic or Financial Quantitative Analyst
- Support Staff (clerical/ secretarial)
- Teacher/ lecturer
- Other (specify) _____

26) To which economic sector does your current job belong to

- Agriculture /Dairy
- Bank Finance/ Insurance
- Construction / Engineering
- Education
- Manufacturing
- Health care
- Hotels/ Travels/Tourism
- IT
- Power and Energy
- Telecommunication
- Other (specify) _____

27) What is your current gross monthly salary (In Rupees)?

- Less than 10,000
- 10,000-14,999
- 15,000-19,999
- 20,000-24,999
- 25,000-29,999
- 30,000-34,999
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- 50,000-59,999
- 60,000-75,000
- over 75,000

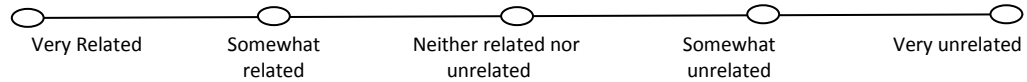
28) How did you find this job?

- News paper
- Gazette
- Online
- Personal contacts
- Competitive Exam
- Continuing with the same job held during university education
- via Internship
- via University
- Job fair/ career guidance
- Other If other, please specify _____

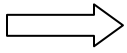
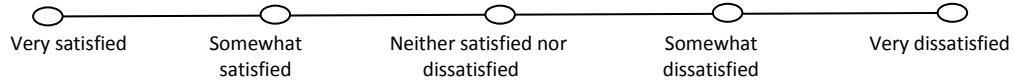
29) What do you think were the most important aspects in getting this job? (Check all that applies)

- Degree
- Class of degree
- Reputation of university
- Field of study
- Research experience
- Personal contacts
- Previous work experience
- English proficiency
- Other professional qualifications
- Your Personality
- Computer literacy
- Other If other, please specify _____

30) Is this job related to the field you studied for your degree?



31) How satisfied are you with this job?



32) Are looking for employment right now? Yes No
 If no, please indicate the reason(s) and skip to 35) _____

33) What do you think are the main obstacles for you to get a job? Please give details.

34) Are you willing to do any of the following in order to find a job? (Mark with an " v " to all that applies)

	Yes	No
Accept a job that is not in the field you studied at the university		
Move if a job requires it		
Accept a job that you are over-qualified for		

35) What are your career goals for the next two years? (Mark with an " v " to all that applies)

- Find a better job
- Migration
- Further studies
- Find a job
- Other If other, please specify _____

36) What do you think could be done to facilitate the first employment after graduation? Please give suggestions.

Thank you for completing this census. We appreciate the time you have spent in providing us with feedback that will help reform and improve the higher education of Sri Lanka. For additional information about this census, please write to HETC, 23/135, Diyawanna Gardens, Chandra Silva Mawatha, Nugegoda.