

Where did the 2007 Master of Social Work graduates go?

I. Introduction

The information in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 2007 to answer the following questions about Master of Social Work graduates:-

- How many were employed six months after graduation?
- Among those who were employed full-time, how long did it take them to get their first job offer?
- In which sectors were they employed?
- How much salary did they receive?
- How many job offers did they receive?
- Who were their employers and what were their job titles?

II. Employment Situations in 2007

Of the 21 graduates from this programme, 15 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	MSW				HKU Overall*			
	2007		2006		2007		2006	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	15	100%	18	100%	357	100%	754	100%
Employed	13	87%	17	94%	328	92%	681	90%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	0	0.0%	0	0%	2	0.6%	9	1%
Further Studies	0	0.0%	1	6%	14	3.9%	46	6%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	0	0.0%	0	0%	2	0.6%	6	1%
Not seeking F/T job	2	13%	0	0%	11	3.1%	12	2%

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III Time Taken to Secure Employment

The time taken for graduates to secure employment is shown below.

By the end of	% of new graduates who have secured employment	
	2007	2006
May or before	10%	29%
June	50%	50%
July	60%	64%
August	70%	71%
September	100%	93%
October	100%	100%
November	100%	100%
December	100%	100%
January	100%	100%
February	100%	100%

No Response = 2

IV Employment Sectors

The majority of Master of Social Work graduates were employed in Community, Social & Personal Services, while others were employed in Educational Institutions, Commerce & Industry and the Civil Service.

Sector	% of graduates	
	2007	2006
Community, Social & Personal Services	50%	80%
Educational Institutions	30%	13%
Commerce & Industry	10%	0.0%
Civil Service	10%	6.7%

No Response = 2

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V Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by Master of Social Work graduates is shown below.

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	MSW		HKU Average*		MSW		HKU Average*	
	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006
Mean	\$15,900	\$17,173	\$22,733	\$19,020	\$15,906	\$17,173	\$22,863	\$19,238
Median	\$15,000	\$17,000	\$21,000	\$18,000	\$15,000	\$17,000	\$21,000	\$18,000
Minimum	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$9,500	\$8,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$9,579	\$8,400
Maximum	\$21,000	\$27,490	\$50,000	\$60,000	\$21,000	\$27,490	\$52,500	\$67,500

* HKU Average refers to the figure for the HKU Taught Postgraduate Programme graduates.

VI Number of Full-Time Job Offers

The number of job offers received by Master of Social Work graduates is shown in the following table.

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	7 (70%)
Two	2 (20%)
Three	1 (10%)

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VII Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of Master of Social Work graduates in full-time employment and the names of their employers are listed below.

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
Civil Service - - District Council	- District Councillor
Educational Institutions - - Hong Kong College of Technology - Rhenish Church Pang Hok-Ko Memorial College - Yaumati Kaifong Association School	- Student Development Officer - Teacher - Certified Mistress
Community, Social and Personal Services - - Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service - Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong - Tung Wah Group of Hospitals - Tung Wah Group of Hospitals - Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	- Assistant Social Work Officer - Social Worker - Project Officer - Social Worker - Social Worker
Commerce and Industry - - Organization's name not reported	- Social Worker

No Response = 2

Note: Some of the 2007 graduates indicated willingness to talk to individual students about their work. Contact numbers can be obtained from counsellors at the CEDARS.

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VIII. Similar information on graduates from other disciplines is available for reference in the Careers Library.
Please contact CEDARS for further details.

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