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Graduate Survey



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This report discuss the results of the Graduate Survey 2015 and presents a number of indicators about graduates time at university, after graduating and after getting a job. A total of 12550 completed the online questionnaire which targeted those who graduates in 2009/2010 and 2012/2013, the response rate was 34%.

The main findings of this study were :

- Graduates were 47.7% only of the total number of participants. Only 55% of 2009/2010 graduates were employed while 42.9% of those who graduates in 2012/2013 were employed .
- English language skills, analytical skills, problem solving skills and administrative skills were the ones that the graduates most lack amongst 24 skills.
- There is a significant difference in graduate employment between trained and untrained graduates. Training graduates are more employed and in lesser periods than untrained graduates. In addition, the longer graduates are trained, the faster they get a job.
- Employed graduates use different methods in looking for jobs than unemployed graduates.
- Female graduates are less employed than male graduates who are holding similar qualifications. Female graduates take longer periods to get a job than their male counterparts do.
- There is no significant difference between male and female graduates who reject job offers, and the percentage of those who do is 16% for both genders. However, married female graduates tend to reject job offers more than do single female graduates. Regulating and increasing freelancing for female graduates in Oman is recommended.
- Gender, Field of Study, Year of Graduation, Training are all amongst the factors that influence graduate employment.
- Engineering graduates are employed in the private sector more than any other graduates are. Graduates holding qualifications in Health Sciences are employed in the public sector more than any other graduates are.
- Postgraduate education is not a solution for graduate unemployment as the employment rate of postgraduates is not significantly higher than undergraduates.
- Graduates evaluated Educational Institutions services as low to average in terms of quality.

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<sup>1</sup> Those who have not had a full-time job before or while doing their higher education.