

Where did the 1998 HKCPECLL graduates go ?

Careers Education and Placement Centre

I. Introduction

The information contained in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 1998 to answer the following questions about Hong Kong Common Professional Examination Certificate in Laws graduates :-

- How were they employed six months after graduation ?
- Of those who pursued further studies, what programmes did they follow ?
- Of those who were employed full-time, how long did it take them to secure their first job offer ?
- In which sectors were they employed ?
- How much did they receive in salary ?
- How many job offers did they receive ?
- Who were their employers and what were their job titles ?

II. Employment Situation in 1998

Out of 55 HKCPECLL graduates, 50 responded to our survey, representing a response rate of 91%. Of these, 92% (or 46 graduates) went on for further studies. 4% (or 2 graduates) were in full-time employment within six months of graduation. Another 4% (or 2 graduates) were still seeking full-time employment at the time of the survey. (Table 1)

	HKCPECLL										HKU Overall					
	Total				Male				Female				(Postgraduate Diploma/Certificate)			
	'98		'97		'98		'97		'98		'97		'98		'97	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<i>No. of respondents</i>	50	100	35	100	19	100	10	100	31	100	25	100	357	100	327	100
<i>F/T employed</i>	2	4.0	4	11.4	1	5.3	2	20.0	1	3.2	2	8.0	242	67.8	250	76.5
<i>P/T employed seeking F/T job</i>	1	2.0	0	0	1	5.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	3.4	13	4.0
<i>Unemployed seeking F/T job</i>	1	2.0	2	5.7	1	5.3	0	0	0	0	2	8.0	25	7.0	9	2.8
<i>Further studies</i>	46	92.0	29	82.9	16	84.2	8	80.0	30	96.8	21	84.0	68	19.0	43	13.1
<i>Emigration/home country</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.6	2	0.6
<i>Not seeking F/T job</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	2.2	10	3.1

Table 1. Employment situation

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III. Further Studies

All the forty-six graduates pursued postgraduate studies in law in local tertiary institutions. Table 2 shows the academic programme pursued & Table 3 shows the source of finance.

Field of Study	Academic Programme
	Postgraduate Certificate
Law	46

Table 2. Academic programmes

Source of Finance	No. of Graduates
Own Funds	41
Scholarship & Own Funds	1
Government Grant & Loan	4

Table 3. Source of finance for further studies

IV. Time Taken to Secure Employment

Both graduates who were in full-time employment secured their first job offer before the end of May. (Figure 1)

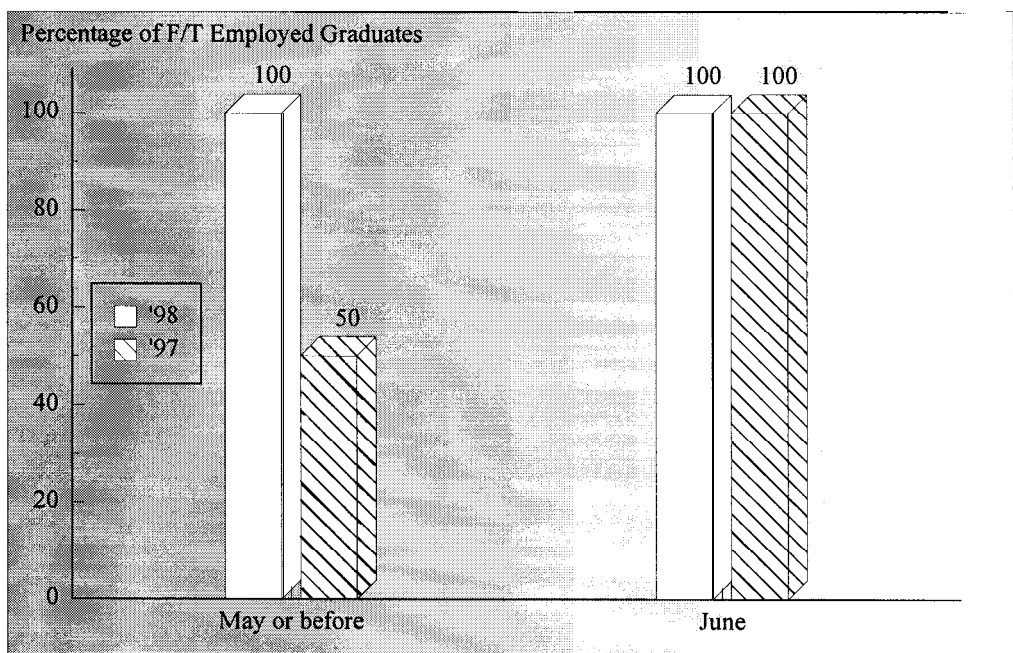
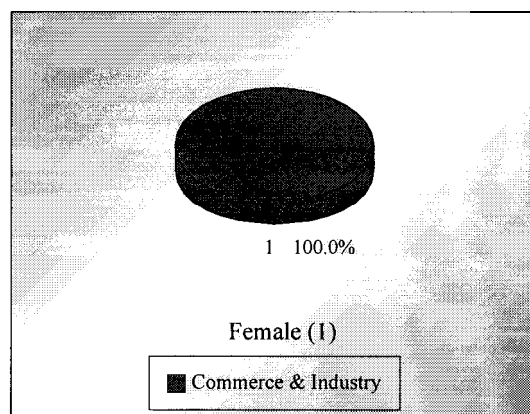


Figure 1. Time taken to secure employment

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V. Employment Sectors

One HKCPECLL graduate was employed in commerce & industry. (Figure 2)



No Response = 1

Figure 2. Employment sectors by sex

VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by the HKCPECLL graduates is shown in Table 4.

	<i>Basic Salary</i>				<i>Gross Income</i>			
	HKCPECLL		HKU Average*		HKCPECLL		HKU Average*	
	'98	'97	'98	'97	'98	'97	'98	'97
<i>Mean</i>	\$20,000	\$21,500	\$20,628	\$19,306	\$36,667	\$22,458	\$21,336	\$20,326
<i>Median</i>	\$20,000	\$21,500	\$20,000	\$18,000	\$36,667	\$22,458	\$20,000	\$19,500
<i>Minimum</i>	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$36,667	\$20,000	\$0	\$0
<i>Maximum</i>	\$20,000	\$23,000	\$99,999	\$75,000	\$36,667	\$24,917	\$108,332	\$75,000

Table 4. Basic salary and gross income

* HKU average refers to the income received by postgraduate diploma/certificate graduates.

VII. Number of Full-Time Job Offers

Of those in full-time employment, one graduate reported having received six job offers. On average, each graduate received 3.5 job offers. (Figure 3)

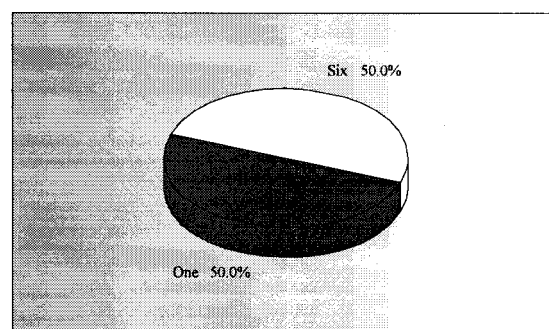


Figure 3. No. of full-time job offers

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VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of the HKCPECLL graduate in full-time employment and the names of his employer are listed below.

<u><i>Employers :</i></u>	<u><i>Job Titles :</i></u>
COMMERCE & INDUSTRY -	
• H M Yeung & Co	. Law Costs Draftsman

No Response = 1

Table 4. List of employers and job titles

Note: Some alumni have indicated willingness to talk to individual students about their work. Their contact telephone number can be obtained from counsellors at CEPC.

IX. Similar information on graduates from other disciplines of study are available for reference in the Careers Library. Please enquire with the CEPC.

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