

Where did the 1998 M.D.S. graduates go ?

I. Introduction

The information contained in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 1998 to answer the following questions about Master of Dental Surgery graduates : -

- . How were they employed six months after graduation ?
- Of those who were employed full-time, how long did it take them to secure their first job offer ?
- . In which sector 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 10 M.D.S. graduates, 9 responded to our survey, representing a response rate of 90%. Of these, 56% (or 5 graduates) were in full-time employment within six months of graduation. The remaining 44% (or 4 graduates) were still seeking full-time employment at the time of the survey. (Table 1)

	M.D.S.								HKU Overall							
	Total				Male				Female				(Taught Masters)			
	'98		'97		'98		'97		'98		'97		'98		'97	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<i>No. of respondents</i>	9	100	4	100	7	100	3	100	2	100	1	100	101	100	123	100
<i>F/T employed</i>	5	55.6	3	75.0	4	57.1	3	100	1	50.0	0	0	79	78.2	111	90.2
<i>P/T employed seeking F/T job</i>	3	33.3	0	0	2	28.6	0	0	1	50.0	0	0	8	7.9	0	0
<i>Unemployed seeking F/T job</i>	1	11.1	0	0	1	14.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	9.9	4	3.3
<i>Further studies</i>	0	0	1	25.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	100	3	3.0	5	4.1
<i>Emigration/homecountry</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1.0	0	0
<i>Not seeking F/T job</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2.4

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III. Time Taken to Secure Employment

Among those graduates who were in full-time employment, 60% secured their first job offer before the end of July. The figure increased to 100% by the end of October. (Figure 1)

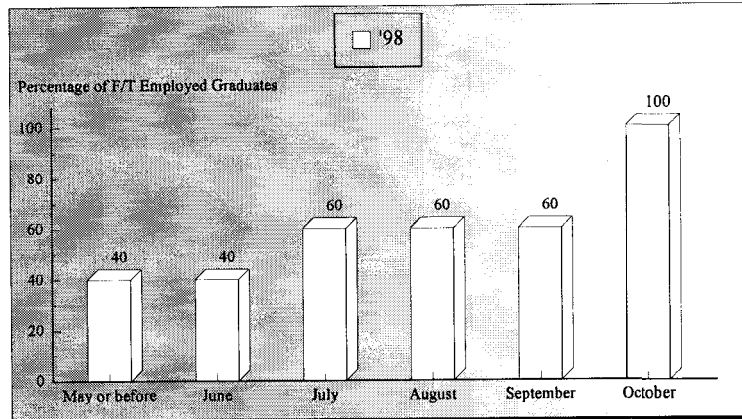


Figure 1. Time taken to secure employment

IV. Employment Sectors

Most (80% or 4 graduates) of the M.D.S. graduates were employed in the community, social & personal services. The remaining 20% (or 1 graduate) joined the civil service. (Figures 2 & 3)

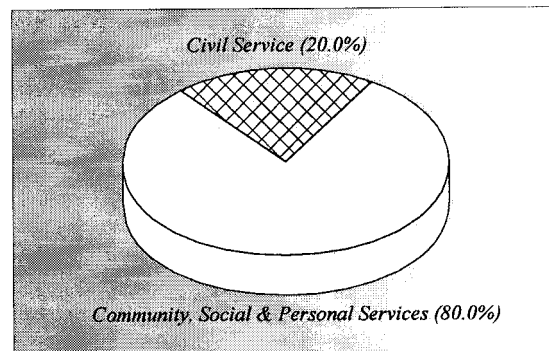


Figure 2. Employment sectors

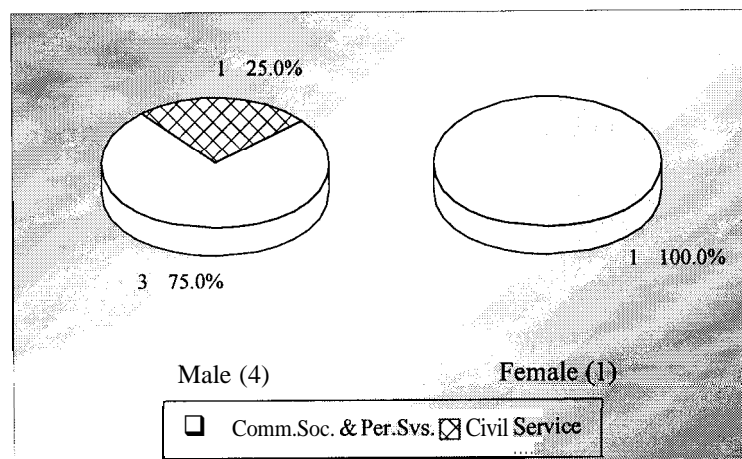


Figure 3. Employment sectors by sex

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V. Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by the M.D.S. graduates is shown in Table 2.

	<i>Basic Salary</i>		<i>Gross Income</i>	
	M.D.S.	HKU Average*	M.D.S.	HKU Average*
	'98	'98	'98	'98
<i>Mean</i>	\$51,400	\$19,841	\$58,800	\$21,389
<i>Median</i>	\$40,000	\$17,000	\$45,000	\$18,000
<i>Minimum</i>	\$25,000	\$5,000	\$32,000	\$7,500
<i>Maximum</i>	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$97,000	\$97,000

Table 2. Basic salary and gross income

* HKU average refers to the income received by taught master graduates.

VI. Number of Full-Time Job Offers

Of those in full-time employment, 40% of the graduates had more than one job offer. 20% reported having received three job offers. On average, each graduate received 1.6 job offers. (Figure 4)

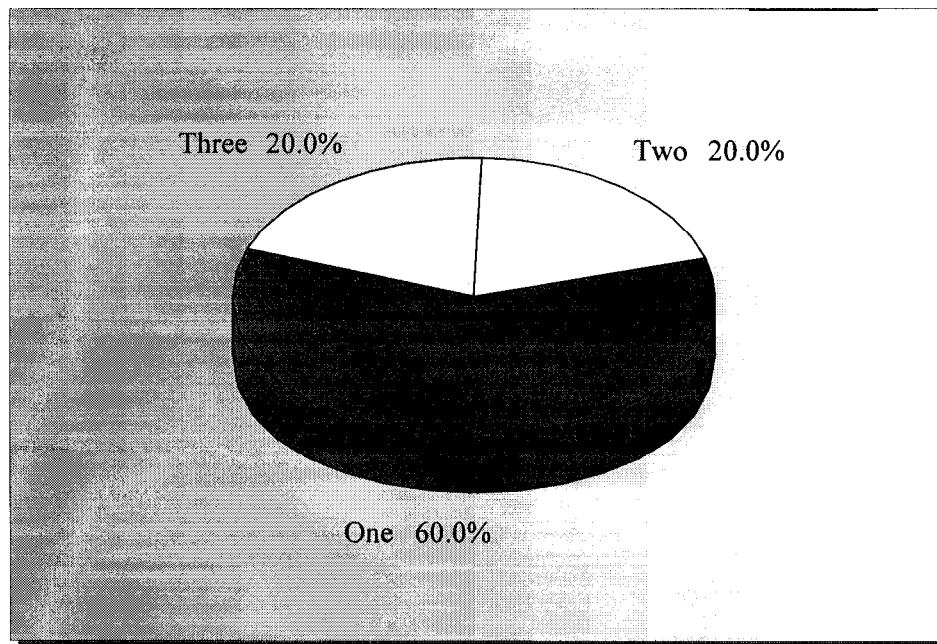


Figure 4. No. of full-time job offers

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VII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of the M.D.S. graduates in full-time employment and the names of their employers are listed below.

<u><i>Employers :</i></u>	<u><i>Job Titles :</i></u>
CIVIL SERVICE -	
. HKSAR - Department of Health	. Dental Officer
COMMUNITY, SOCIAL & PERSONAL SERVICES -	
. Bayley & Jackson Dental Surgeons Ltd	. Dental Surgeon
. Dr Eilly Lau Dental Practice	. Dental Surgeon
. Dr Fang Dental Clinic	. Dentist
. Organization's name not reported	. Dentist

Table 3. 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.

VIII. 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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