

## Where did the 2003 Law graduates go?

### I. Introduction

The information in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 2003 to answer the following questions about Law graduates :-

- How many were employed six months after graduation?
- Among those who pursued further studies, what programmes were they enrolled in?
- 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 2003

Of the 150 graduates from this programme, 135 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	Law				HKU Overall*			
	2003		2002		2003		2002	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>No. of respondents</b>	135	100%	86	100%	2364	100%	2139	100%
<b>Employed</b>	20	15%	7	8.1%	1712	72%	1546	72%
<b>Unemployed seeking F/T job</b>	0	0%	0	0%	7	0.3%	18	0.8%
<b>Further Studies</b>	114	84%	78	91%	625	26%	554	26%
<b>Emigrated/Returned to home country</b>	0	0%	0	0%	3	0.1%	3	0.1%
<b>Not seeking F/T job</b>	1	0.7%	1	1.2%	17	0.7%	18	0.8%

\* HKU Overall refers to the figure for the total HKU population and includes M.B.,B.S. and B.D.S. graduates.

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### III. Further Studies

114 graduates proceeded to postgraduate studies. The tables below show the academic programmes that they pursued and their sources of funds.

Field of Study	Academic Programme			
	Master (Coursework)	Postgraduate Certificate	Bachelor's Degree	Others
Law	1	101	1	8

No Response = 3

Source of Funds	No. of Graduates
Full Scholarship	6
Own Funds	81
Government Grant + Loan	17

No Response = 10

### IV. 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	
	2003	2002
May or before	44%	0%
June	67%	0%
July	67%	40%
August	83%	40%
September	94%	80%
October	100%	100%

No Response = 2

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### V. Employment Sectors

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

Sector	% of graduates	
	2003	2002
Commerce & Industry	67%	60%
Community, Social & Personal Services	17%	0%
Civil Service	17%	40%

No Response = 2

### VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by Law graduates is shown below.

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	Law		HKU Average*		Law		HKU Average*	
	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002
<b>Mean</b>	\$11,013	\$17,040	\$12,545	\$13,507	\$11,279	\$17,357	\$13,470	\$14,410
<b>Median</b>	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$9,500	\$10,300	\$10,617	\$10,833	\$10,000	\$11,000
<b>Minimum</b>	\$8,000	\$9,000	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$8,000	\$9,750	\$3,000	\$2,000
<b>Maximum</b>	\$16,095	\$28,175	\$60,000	\$75,000	\$16,095	\$28,175	\$60,000	\$95,833

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### VII. Number of Full-Time Job Offers

The number of job offers received by Law graduates is shown in the following table.

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	11 (65%)
Two	4 (24%)
Three	1 (5.9%)
Four	1 (5.9%)

No Response = 3

### VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

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

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
<b>Civil Service -</b> - HKSARG - Drainage Service Department	- Customer Services Officer
<b>Community, Social and Personal Services -</b> - Hong Kong Trade Development Council	- Marketing Officer
<b>Commerce and Industry -</b> - Ernst & Young - Ernst & Young - Exel Hong Kong Ltd - HSBC - Swire Properties Limited - Wing Lung Insurance Co. Ltd.	- Staff Accountant - Staff Accountant I - Legal Assistant - Customer Service Officer - Surveyor Trainee - Underwriting Trainee

No Response = 12

Note: Some of the 2003 graduates indicated willingness to talk to individual students about their work. Contact numbers can be obtained from counsellors at the CePc.



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- IX.** Similar information on graduates from other disciplines is available for reference in the Careers Library. Please contact the CePc for further details.

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