

## Where did the 2004 Earth Sciences graduates go?

### I. Introduction

The information in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 2004 to answer the following questions about Bachelor of Science in Earth Sciences 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 2004

Of the 24 graduates from this programme, 22 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	Earth Sciences				HKU Overall*			
	2004		2003		2004		2003	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>No. of respondents</b>	22	100%	27	100%	2361	100%	2364	100%
<b>Employed</b>	15	68%	21	78%	1787	76%	1712	72%
<b>Unemployed seeking F/T job</b>	0	0%	1	3.7%	15	0.6%	7	0.3%
<b>Further Studies</b>	7	32%	5	19%	531	22%	625	26%
<b>Emigrated/Returned to home country</b>	0	0%	0	0%	7	0.3%	3	0.1%
<b>Not seeking F/T job</b>	0	0%	0	0%	21	0.9%	17	0.7%

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### III. Further Studies

7 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			
	M.Phil.	Master (Coursework)	Postgraduate Certificate	Advanced Diploma / Diploma
Education	-	-	1	-
Science	4	-	-	-
Others	-	1	-	1

Source of Funds	No. of Graduates
Own Funds	2
Scholarship+Teaching Assistantship/Studentship	1
Government Grant + Loan	1
Teaching Assistantship/Studentship	3

### 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	
	2004	2003
May or before	7.7%	0.0%
June	23%	5.9%
July	46%	41%
August	85%	53%
September	100%	76%
October	100%	94%
November	100%	94%
December	100%	100%

No Response = 1

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### V. Employment Sectors

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

Sector	% of graduates	
	2004	2003
Commerce & Industry	71%	79%
Community, Social & Personal Services	14%	0%
Civil Service	14%	21%

### VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by Earth Sciences graduates is shown below.

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	Earth Sciences		HKU Average*		Earth Sciences		HKU Average*	
	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003
<b>Mean</b>	\$10,100	\$8,793	\$12,550	\$12,545	\$10,277	\$8,970	\$13,374	\$13,470
<b>Median</b>	\$8,500	\$8,000	\$10,000	\$9,500	\$8,583	\$8,000	\$10,292	\$10,000
<b>Minimum</b>	\$7,500	\$6,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$7,500	\$6,000	\$3,500	\$3,000
<b>Maximum</b>	\$25,000	\$17,000	\$55,000	\$60,000	\$25,000	\$17,000	\$62,500	\$60,000

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

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

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	4 (33%)
Two	3 (25%)
Three	2 (17%)
Four	2 (17%)
Five	1 (8.3%)

No Response = 2

### VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of Earth Sciences 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 - Civil Engineering and Development Department	- Engineering Geology Graduate
- HKSARG - Hong Kong Police Force	- Police Inspector
<b>Community, Social and Personal Services -</b>	
- Learning Technologies Ltd	- Member Consultant
- Scienceworkshop.Ltd	- Teaching Assistant
<b>Commerce and Industry -</b>	
- Atos Origin	- Account Support Executive
- Hong Kong Enterprise Co Ltd	- Customer Service Officer
- Hong Kong Institute of Human Resource Management	- Training Assistant
- INCO Limited	- Project Geologist
- International Cosmetics ( Asia Pacific ) Joint Development Centre	- Marketing Executive
- J&W Group Limited	- Management Trainee
- Jiawei Trading Co Ltd	- Project Assistant
- Scott Wilson (Hong Kong) Ltd	- Engineering Assistant
- Wisers Information Ltd	- Customer Services Officer
- Organization's name not reported	- Marketing Trainee

Note: Some of the 2004 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.  
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