

Where did the 2004 Master of Dental Surgery graduates go?

I. Introduction

The information in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 2004 to answer the following questions about Master of Dental Surgery 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 12 graduates from this programme, 5 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	MDS				HKU Overall*			
	2004		2003		2004		2003	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	5	100%	8	100%	707	100%	690	100%
Employed	4	80%	5	63%	642	91%	605	88%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	0	0%	0	0%	8	1.1%	9	1.3%
Further Studies	1	20%	2	25%	30	4.2%	51	7.4%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	0	0%	1	13%	14	2.0%	8	1.2%
Not seeking F/T job	0	0%	0	0%	13	1.8%	17	2.5%

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III. Further Studies

1 graduate proceeded to postgraduate studies. The tables below show the academic programme that he/she pursued and his/her sources of funds.

Field of Study	Academic Programme
	Ph.D.
Medical Science	1

Source of Funds	No. of Graduates
Scholarship+Teaching Assistantship/Studentship	1

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	25%	33%
June	25%	33%
July	50%	33%
August	50%	33%
September	75%	33%
October	75%	100%
November	100%	100%

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V. Employment Sectors

The majority of Master of Dental Surgery graduates were employed in Educational Institutions, while others were employed in Community, Social & Personal Services and the Civil Service.

Sector	% of graduates	
	2004	2003
Educational Institutions	33%	0%
Community, Social & Personal Services	33%	33%
Civil Service	33%	33%
Commerce & Industry	0%	33%

No Response = 1

VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by Master of Dental Surgery graduates is shown below.

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	MDS		HKU Average*		MDS		HKU Average*	
	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003
Mean	\$39,125	\$37,667	\$16,731	\$16,502	\$41,625	\$39,189	\$17,063	\$16,825
Median	\$22,000	\$20,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$27,000	\$21,667	\$15,000	\$16,000
Minimum	\$12,500	\$20,000	\$6,000	\$3,900	\$12,500	\$20,000	\$6,000	\$3,900
Maximum	\$100,000	\$73,000	\$100,000	\$85,000	\$100,000	\$75,900	\$100,000	\$92,083

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VII. Number of Full-Time Job Offers

The number of job offers received by Master of Dental Surgery graduates is shown in the following table.

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	2 (50%)
Two	2 (50%)

VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

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

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
Civil Service - - HKSARG - Department of Health	- Dentist
Educational Institutions - - The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
Community, Social and Personal Services - - Dr. Franco Wong Clinic	- Dental Surgeon

No Response = 1

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. Please contact the CePc for further details.

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