

## Where did the 2006 Earth Sciences graduates go?

### I. Introduction

The information in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 2006 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 2006

Of the 25 graduates from this programme, 25 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	Earth Sciences				HKU Overall*			
	2006		2005		2006		2005	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>No. of respondents</b>	25	100%	27	100%	2561	100%	2273	100%
<b>Employed</b>	22	88%	19	70%	2031	79%	1786	79%
<b>Unemployed seeking F/T job</b>	0	0.0%	1	4%	5	0.2%	12	1%
<b>Further Studies</b>	3	12%	6	22%	513	20%	457	20%
<b>Emigrated/Returned to home country</b>	0	0.0%	1	4%	4	0.2%	2	0%
<b>Not seeking F/T job</b>	0	0.0%	0	0%	8	0.3%	16	1%

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

### III. Further Studies

Since the number of respondents is smaller than 5, these information are withheld to protect privacy of the respondent(s).

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### 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	
	2006	2005
May or before	25%	18%
June	38%	24%
July	75%	53%
August	94%	76%
September	100%	100%
October	100%	100%
November	100%	100%
December	100%	100%
January	100%	100%
February	100%	100%

No Response = 6

### V. Employment Sectors

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

Sector	% of graduates	
	2006	2005
Commerce & Industry	58%	87%
Community, Social & Personal Services	32%	6.7%
Educational Institutions	5.3%	0.0%
Civil Service	5.3%	6.7%

No Response = 3

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### 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*	
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005
<b>Mean</b>	\$10,444	\$9,456	\$14,548	\$13,322	\$11,328	\$9,813	\$15,226	\$14,121
<b>Median</b>	\$10,000	\$9,000	\$11,500	\$10,250	\$10,625	\$9,479	\$12,111	\$11,050
<b>Minimum</b>	\$5,000	\$8,000	\$5,000	\$5,400	\$5,000	\$8,000	\$5,000	\$5,500
<b>Maximum</b>	\$20,000	\$12,500	\$75,000	\$67,000	\$21,667	\$12,500	\$95,000	\$74,443

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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	7 (44%)
Two	5 (31%)
Three	1 (6.3%)
Four	2 (13%)
Five	1 (6.3%)

No Response = 6

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### 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>	
- Civil Engineering and Development Department	- Engineering Geology Graduate
<b>Educational Institutions -</b>	
- Organization's name not reported	- Administrator
<b>Community, Social and Personal Services -</b>	
- Electronics and Geophysical Services	- Assistant Geoscientist
- Fugro Technical Services Ltd.	- Assistant Geologist
- HAAC	- Trainee Officer
- Hang Fung Gold Technology Group	- Secretary to Executive Director
- SKK (HK) Company Ltd	- Marketing Executive
- Organization's name not reported	- Marketing Executive
<b>Commerce and Industry -</b>	
- Asahi (Hong Kong) Limited	- Marketing Executive
- Bank of East Asia	- Teller
- Convoy Financial Services Company Limited	- Consultant
- DragonAir	- Cabin Crew
- eBay	- Occupation's name not reported
- HSBC	- Customer Service Officer
- Magic Sound Production Studio	- Clerk
- Maunsell Consultants Asia Limited	- Assistant Technologist
- Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Ltd.	- Graduate Engineer
- Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited	- Clerk
- Zurich Insurance Company	- Trainee

No Response = 3

Note: Some of the 2006 graduates indicated willingness to talk to individual students about their work. Contact numbers can be obtained from counsellors at the CEDARS.

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- IX.** Similar information on graduates from other disciplines is available for reference in the Careers Library.  
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