

## Where did the 2008 English Language graduates go?

### I. Introduction

The information in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 2008 to answer the following questions about Bachelor of Education in Language Education in English Language graduates :-

- How many were employed six months after graduation?
- 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 2008

Of the 23 graduates from this programme, 18 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	English Language				HKU Overall*			
	2008		2007		2008		2007	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>No. of respondents</b>	18	100%	14	100%	2572	100%	2450	100%
<b>Employed</b>	18	100%	13	93%	2060	80%	1977	81%
<b>Unemployed seeking F/T job</b>	0	0.0%	0	0%	15	0.6%	5	0%
<b>Further Studies</b>	0	0.0%	1	7%	462	18%	451	18%
<b>Emigrated/Returned to home country</b>	0	0.0%	0	0%	1	0.0%	3	0%
<b>Not seeking F/T job</b>	0	0.0%	0	0%	34	1.3%	14	1%

\* 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 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	
	2008	2007
May or before	50%	42%
June	69%	67%
July	94%	100%
August	100%	100%
September	100%	100%
October	100%	100%
November	100%	100%
December	100%	100%
January	100%	100%
February	100%	100%

No Response = 2

### IV Employment Sectors

The majority of English Language graduates were employed in Educational Institutions, while others were employed in Community, Social & Personal Services and Commerce & Industry.

Sector	% of graduates	
	2008	2007
Educational Institutions	89%	77%
Community, Social & Personal Services	5.6%	0.0%
Commerce & Industry	5.6%	7.7%
Civil Service	0.0%	15%

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### V Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by English Language graduates is shown below.

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	English Language		HKU Average*		English Language		HKU Average*	
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
<b>Mean</b>	\$20,972	\$24,125	\$18,142	\$16,146	\$22,490	\$24,241	\$18,755	\$17,021
<b>Median</b>	\$21,000	\$24,050	\$14,000	\$12,000	\$23,567	\$24,050	\$14,583	\$13,000
<b>Minimum</b>	\$10,000	\$13,000	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$14,500	\$6,450	\$5,000
<b>Maximum</b>	\$30,000	\$29,715	\$87,000	\$78,500	\$35,000	\$29,715	\$87,000	\$102,000

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### VI Number of Full-Time Job Offers

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

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	4 (25%)
Two	4 (25%)
Three	3 (19%)
Four	2 (13%)
Five	1 (6.3%)
Six	1 (6.3%)
Eight or more	1 (6%)

No Response = 2

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### VII Names of Employers and Job Titles

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

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
<b>Educational Institutions -</b>	
- Fanling Kau Yan College	- Graduate Master
- Fukien Secondary School (Siu Sai Wan)	- Graduate Master (English Language Teacher)
- Helen Liang Memorial Secondary School (Shatin)	- English Teacher
- HKFYG Lee Shau Kee College	- Teacher
- HKFYG Lee Shau Kee College	- Teacher
- King Ling College	- Teacher
- King Ling College	- Teacher
- Marymount Primary School	- Teacher
- St. Joseph's College	- Teacher
- Tsuen Wan Government Secondary School	- Teacher
- Ying Wa College	- Graduate Master
- Ying Wa College	- Native Teacher
- YMCA of Hong Kong Christian College	- Teacher
- Organization's name not reported	- English Teacher
- Organization's name not reported	- English Teacher
- Organization's name not reported	- Teacher
<b>Community, Social and Personal Services -</b>	
- English Schools Foundation	- Teacher
<b>Commerce and Industry -</b>	
- Cathay Pacific Airways Limited	- Customer Relations Executive I (Duty Manager)

Note: Some of the 2008 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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**VIII.** Similar information on graduates from other disciplines is available for reference in the Careers Library.  
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