

Introduction

Many thanks for taking the time to complete this survey. Your valuable insights and information will make a real difference in helping us understand VET graduate's routes into employment or further training, as well as their thoughts on the skills acquired through their qualification.

This survey forms part of a larger project, TRACKTION, funded by the European Union to help VET schools understanding of what people do when they graduate from their course of study. It also focuses on fostering alumni relations in VET institutions. More information about the project can be found here: <https://tracktionerasmus.eu/>

Your responses to this survey will help your VET school to improve the way they track their students, improve their knowledge of skills gaps and ultimately improve the job-matching quality of their qualifications.

The Personal Information that you provide when engaging in this project will only be used for the purposes of testing the new TRACKTION graduate tracking tool. Your details will be securely held by Education and Employers (TRACKTION's research contractor). Relevant information may be shared with partner or contracted organisations such Alfa College, TKNIKA, Valnalon, Cometa and PKHK when necessary for further consultation. After the completion of the report your personal information will be deleted.

For further information on how we safely store and use your data, you can read our full Privacy Policy [here](#)

Background information

* 1. Student name

* 2. Gender

Male

Other

Female

Prefer not to say

* 3. Town/City

* 4. Age

Qualification information

* 5. School name

* 6. Level of qualification (e.g. Level 3)

Level 1

Level 5

Level 2

Level 6

Level 3

Level 7

Level 4

* 7. Qualification name

* 8. When did you graduate?

Date / Time

DD/MM/YYYY

Status

* 9. What is your current status?

- Working (either full-time or part-time) Working and studying
- Studying (either full-time or part-time) Volunteering/working in an unpaid job
- Self-employed (either full-time or part-time) Unemployed
- Other (Are you sure this response does not fit with one of the categories above?)

* 10. Where are you currently living?

- The region I graduated in Other EU country
- Other region in the same country Elsewhere

Working

* 11. Are you working in a position related to your qualification?

Yes

Don't know

No

* 12. Did you need the qualification you received to do the job you are currently doing?

Yes, it was a formal requirement

No

Yes, it was an advantage

Don't know

* 13. How well did you feel your recent qualification prepared you for employment?

Very well

Not at all well

Well

Can't tell

* 14. Are you contracted by...

A private company

A third/voluntary sector organisation

A public sector organisation

Don't know

Other (please specify)

* 15. Did you work for this employer **before or during** the qualification you recently completed?

Yes before

Yes before and during

Yes during

No

Working 2

* 16. Thinking about the organisation that you worked for before or during your qualification... which of the following best describes your employment?

- An internship
- Full-time work
- Holiday job
- Sandwich placement
- Part-time work
- Other (please specify)

* 23. How did you first find out about this job? Tick all that apply.

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> School career service | <input type="checkbox"/> Recruitment Agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alumni Association | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal contacts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Media | <input type="checkbox"/> Speculative application |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Company website | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

* 24. Why did you decide to take the job? Tick all that apply

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> It was exactly the job I wanted | <input type="checkbox"/> The company offered me a good salary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> It was the only job available | <input type="checkbox"/> It was a chance to gain experience |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The company is based in a good location | <input type="checkbox"/> The company had a good reputation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

* 25. Are you actively looking for another job?

- | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> Unsure |
| <input type="radio"/> No | |

Working 4

* 26. What are your reasons for looking for another job? (tick all that apply)

Better salary

Moving in to a different sector

Better progression prospects

Moving to a different region or area

Other (please specify)

Further studies

* 27. Is your **current qualification** related to the FE/VET qualification you completed in 2018

Yes

Don't know

No

* 28. What type of qualification will you be aiming for?

A vocational qualification

A masters degree

A bachelors degree

A PhD

Other (please specify)

* 29. How well did your recent qualification prepare you for further education and training?

Very well

Not at all well

Well

Can't tell

Working and Studying - Further Studies

* 30. Is your **current qualification** related to the FE/VET qualification you completed in 2018

Yes

Don't know

No

* 31. What type of qualification will you be aiming for?

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A PhD

Other (please specify)

* 32. How well did your recent qualification prepare you for further education and training?

Very well

Not at all well

Well

Can't tell

Working and Studying - Working 1

* 33. Are you working in a position related to your qualification?

- Yes Don't know
 No

* 34. Did you need the qualification you received to do the job you are currently doing?

- Yes, it was a formal requirement No
 Yes, it was an advantage Don't know

* 35. How well did you feel your recent qualification prepared you for employment?

- Very well Not at all well
 Well Can't tell

* 36. Are you contracted by...

- A private company A third/voluntary sector organisation
 A public sector organisation Don't know
 Other (please specify)

* 37. Did you work for this employer **before or during** the qualification you recently completed?

- Yes before Yes before and during
 Yes during No

Working and Studying - Working 2

* 38. Thinking about the organisation that you worked for before or during your qualification... which of the following best describes your employment?

- An internship
- Full-time work
- Holiday job
- Sandwich placement
- Part-time work
- Other (please specify)

* 45. How did you first find out about this job? Tick all that apply.

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> School career service | <input type="checkbox"/> Recruitment Agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alumni Association | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal contacts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Media | <input type="checkbox"/> Speculative application |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Company website | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

* 46. Why did you decide to take the job? Tick all that apply

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> It was exactly the job I wanted | <input type="checkbox"/> The company offered me a good salary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> It was the only job available | <input type="checkbox"/> It was a chance to gain experience |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The company is based in a good location | <input type="checkbox"/> The company had a good reputation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

* 47. Are you actively looking for another job?

- | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> Unsure |
| <input type="radio"/> No | |

* 48. What are your reasons for looking for another job? (tick all that apply)

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Better progression prospects

Moving to a different region or area

Other (please specify)

Unemployed 1

* 49. Which best describes why you have had difficulties finding employment after graduation?

- Family reasons
- Lack of opportunities in the local area
- Lack of opportunities related to qualification
- Application and interview skills
- Unattractive terms
- High competition
- Not actively searching for a job
- Other (please specify)

* 50. Have you had any jobs since graduation?

- Yes No

Unemployed 2

* 51. Have you had any job in a sector or industry related to your qualification?

- Yes Don't know
 No

* 52. Thinking about the most recent job you have had...were you working full time or part time?

- Full-time
 Part-time

* 53. What type of contract did you have?

- Permanent Zero hours
 Fixed term Don't know
 Other (please specify)

* 54. Did you need the qualification you received to do your most recent job?

- Yes, it was a formal requirement No
 Yes, it was an advantage Don't know
 Other (please specify)

* 55. What were your monthly earnings (before tax)

- €0 - €500 €2501 - €3000
 €501 - €1000 €3001 - €3500
 €1001 - €1500 €3501 - €4000
 €1501 - €2000 €4000+
 €2001 - €2500

* 56. How many hours were you contracted to work per week?

- 0 - 10 31 - 40
 11 - 20 40+
 21 - 30

* 57. On average, how many extra **unpaid** hours did you work on a weekly basis?

- None
- 1 - 5
- 5 - 10
- More than 10

* 58. How well did you feel your recent qualification prepared you for employment?

- Very well
- Well
- Not at all well
- Can't tell

Self-employed

* 59. Are you self-employed in a sector or industry related to your qualification?

- Yes Don't know
 No

* 60. Sector of self-employment

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Agriculture, forestry and fishing | <input type="radio"/> Real estate activities |
| <input type="radio"/> Mining and quarrying | <input type="radio"/> Professional, scientific and technical activities |
| <input type="radio"/> Manufacturing | <input type="radio"/> Administrative and support service activities |
| <input type="radio"/> Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply | <input type="radio"/> Public administration and defence; compulsory social security |
| <input type="radio"/> Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities | <input type="radio"/> Education |
| <input type="radio"/> Construction | <input type="radio"/> Human health and social work activities |
| <input type="radio"/> Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles | <input type="radio"/> Arts, entertainment and recreation |
| <input type="radio"/> Transportation and storage | <input type="radio"/> Other service activities |
| <input type="radio"/> Accommodation and food service activities | <input type="radio"/> Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and services-producing activities of households for own use |
| <input type="radio"/> Information and communication | <input type="radio"/> Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies |
| <input type="radio"/> Financial and insurance activities | |
| <input type="radio"/> Other (please specify) | |

* 61. Why did you become self-employed?

- I always wanted to become self-employed
 I couldn't find a job at an organisation
 For financial or tax reasons
 Expectations of earning more money
 In my sector/occupation, people are usually self-employed
 My parents/guardians and/or family members are self employed
 Other (please specify)

* 62. How well did you feel your recent qualification prepared you for employment?

Very well

Not at all well

Well

Can't tell

* 63. Have you had any support from your school or college in becoming self-employed?

No

Yes (please specify)

Volunteering

* 64. Are you volunteering in a sector or organisation related to your qualification?

Yes

Don't know

No

* 65. Which best describes why you are currently volunteering/doing unpaid work

To gain experience in a sector related to my qualification

For a charitable cause

To gain experience in a new sector

Other (please specify)

Qualification and Work-readiness

* 66. Do you think the skills acquired during your VET qualification were relevant to what you are doing now?

- Very relevant Not relevant
 Relevant Not at all relevant

* 67. Identify the **three most relevant** employability skills **that you developed through your qualification** for what you are doing now.

- Digital skills Resilience
 Teamwork Problem-solving
 Communication International orientation
 Self-management Drive/initiative
 Creativity
 Other (please specify)

* 68. What else would you have liked to learn more about on your qualification?

- Transition skills (interviewing, writing a CV) Employability skills (communication skills, problem solving skills)
 Careers education (information about jobs and careers) Languages
 Technical skills (use of tools, use of programmes) Workplace training
 Other (please specify)

* 69. Based on your experience, how confident are you about the career opportunities in the **sector** you work in?

- Very confident Not confident
 Confident Not at all confident

* 70. Based on your experience, how confident are you about the career opportunities in the **geographical area** you work in?

- Very confident Not confident
 Confident Not at all confident

Contact information

* 71. Telephone number

* 72. Email address

* 73. Preferred method of contact

- Email
- Telephone (WhatsApp and SMS)