

ABSTRACT

The Ocean University of Sri Lanka, former National Institute of Fisheries and Nautical Engineering started its degree programmes in 2001. Initially the university offered degrees in B.Sc.in Marine Engineering and B.Sc. Fisheries and Marine Sciences and later two new degree programmes on B.Sc.in Maritime Transportation Management and Logistics and B.Sc.in Coastal and Marine Resources Management were introduced. The mandate of the university is to produce requisite manpower for the sustainable management and utilization of Fisheries, Marine and Maritime resources of the country. University has a vocational section as well, to produce skilled personal to the vocational sector

The four degree programmes are professional degrees that prepare students to cater the specific disciplines in Fisheries and Maritime sector. The fisheries and maritime sector is dynamic and various changes are happening. Therefore, the skills and knowledge of the required manpower need to be updated frequently. The status of the employability of Ocean University graduates is not updated. Therefore, this study aimed to explore the employment status of graduates of the Ocean University, who followed the degree programme during 2010-2014 to assess the employability status of the graduates of the degree programmes.

This study confined mainly to find out whether the passed out graduates are employed relevant to the courses they followed and to measure the level of job satisfaction and their level of earnings. Finding as Study was conducted as a descriptive survey with a sample of 32 graduates randomly selected. According to the finding of the study 100% employment rate is achieved after one year of graduation. Further it was revealed that the degree curriculum to contain content which is highly relevant to the jobs the graduates are getting and hence as a high implicate on the job performance of graduates. Based on the research findings recommendations were made to improve the curricula.