

**A Study on the Career and Professional Educational Prospects for the Post-Advanced Level Examination Leavers**

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**Abstract**

Professional and career education is a vital concept in modern world. There is a rapid changing in professional and career advancement sector because of development of mass communication and technological field. Traditional trades and jobs are sinking and modern jobs are blooming at present with the help of development of technology. There are no enough suitable persons for those modern job vacancies. Advanced Level Exam leavers who are the majority facing this pitiful situation. Therefore, the government has decided to make an amendment in whole education system to avoid this situation. It has planned to change the system according to the changes of 21<sup>st</sup> century. In this study, it was considered about, what are the needs and wants of job seekers? What are the barriers in professional world? For examine a matter it used primary and secondary data. 200 students of several schools in Matara district were questioned as primary data and magazines, books, reports and internet used as secondary data. Data examined by using logistic regression models and cross tabs, descriptive statistics methods. Most school leavers expecting white color jobs, particularly the government jobs. Most students have not enough English knowledge, poor family backgrounds, less of guidance and economical unbalances are other reasons. To avoid this situation, it is proposed some suggestions. Professional and career education should be introduced in to the Advanced Level syllabus and English should introduced as subject, which develop students soft-skills. Making it a compulsory subject.

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