

EFFECTIVENESS OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING IN THE

WESTERN PROVINCE

(With reference to Government Vocational Institutions)

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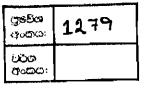
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ABSTRACT

Vocational jobs are becoming more important in the present era and thereby the vocational education programs are popular in today's world. Therefore, it is worthwhile to investigate the effectiveness of vocational training in Sri Lanka. Present study investigated the effectiveness of vocational training in the Western Province, to find out the demand for the vocational training, degree of students and staff satisfaction about the course, strength of the qualification of academic staff, level of performance of the students and degree of students and staff satisfaction about their employment.

Sample included 150 students and 150 academic staff members. Data were collected using questionnaires and interviews. Pearson's correlation coefficient and regression analysis was done using SPSS software to identify relationships among variables.

Degree of the satisfaction of the course and the employment were considered as the independent variables while performance of the students and employability of the students were considered as the dependent variables.

The findings of the study revealed that the degree of satisfaction of employment of the students has a strongly relationship with the effectiveness of vocational training. The degree of satisfaction of staff about the course had a moderate relationship, whereas the degree of satisfaction of students about course and degree of satisfaction of staff on employment showed a weak relationship on the effectiveness of the vocational training.

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