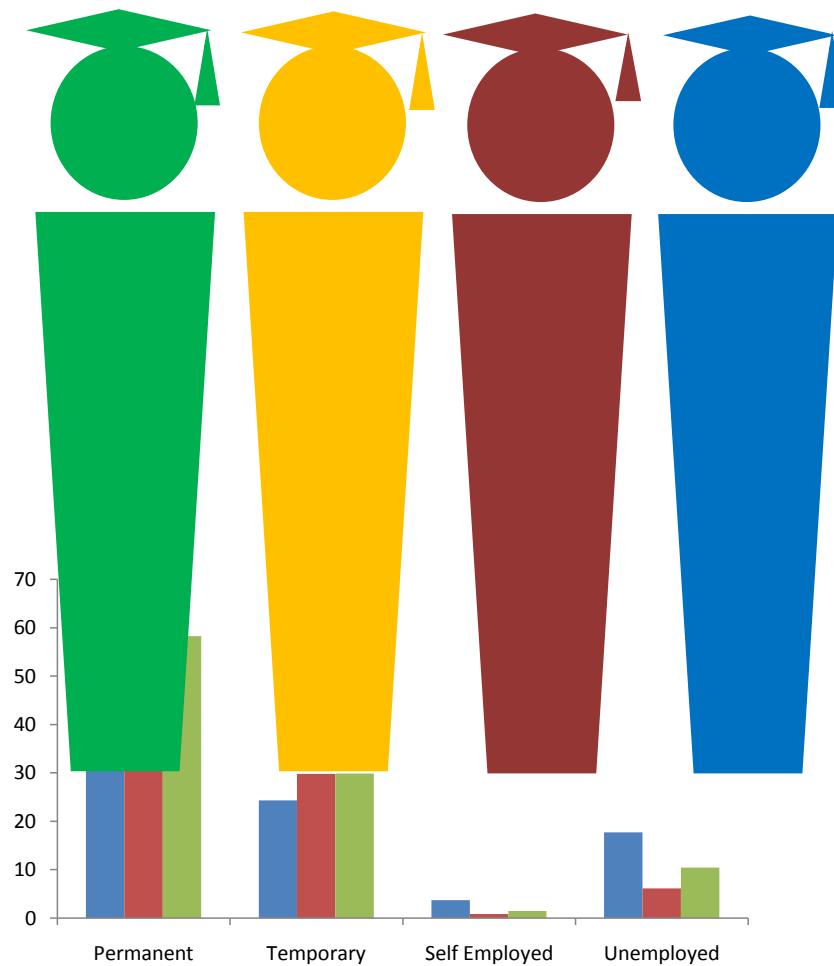


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**EMPLOYABILITY STATUS OF GRADUATES
OF WAYAMBA UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA IN 2015**

FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

Response rate

The census comprises the graduates of all four departments of the faculty. As it can be seen from the table below, the response rates were high among all graduates. Unlike the other three faculties, Faculty of Applied Sciences offers three years general degree programme and four year degree programmes. As such, students could not be categorized in to departments and they were grouped according to the degree programmes; Degree of Bachelor of Science (General) and Degree of Bachelor of Science (Joint Major). Out of all 86 graduates, 83 responded to this census (table 7).

Table 7. Graduate response to the questionnaire survey in Faculty of Applied Sciences.

Department	No. of questionnaires sent	No. of questionnaires received
Degree of Bachelor of Science (General)	47	44
Degree of Bachelor of Science (Joint Major)	39	39
Total	86	83

Employability status of graduates

Among the students responded 55% were employed in permanent jobs while 32% were doing temporary jobs. 12% of the students graduated from the Faculty of Applied Sciences were unemployed during the period of the survey. One student of the respondents was self-employed during the said period. The following table (table 8) indicates the actual numbers of graduates in different categories of employment in relation to their specialization and the graph (figure 5, shows the rate of employability of the students of the faculty in different categories of employment.

Table 8. Different categories of employment in relation to the two categories of degree programmes in Faculty of Applied Sciences.

Degree	Permanent	Temporary	Self Employed	Unemployed	Total
Degree of Bachelor of Science General)	24	11	1	7	43
Degree of Bachelor of Science (Joint Major)	21	15	0	3	39
Total	45	26	1	10	82

(Note: Four students in the sample have not been indicated the employability category as such, this analysis is based on the information of 82 students)

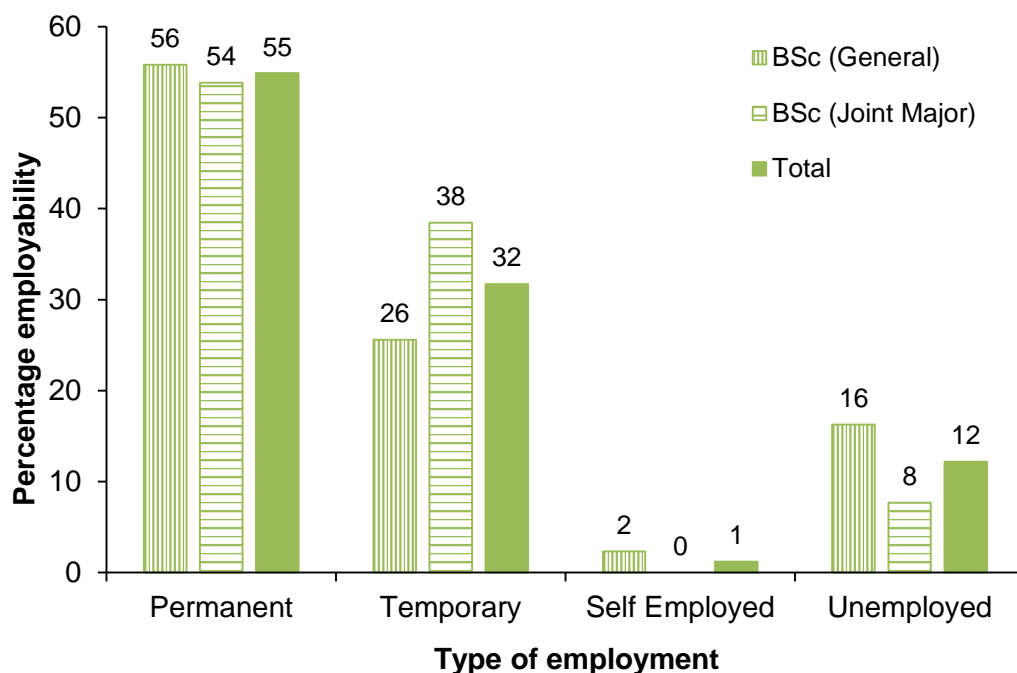


Figure 5. Percentage employability in different categories of employments in Faculty of Applied Sciences.

Monthly salary levels

Status of monthly basic salaries was based on the 69 respondents as others did not declare the income status in the questionnaire. Out of the 69 students responded for the questionnaire, 82% obtained salaries above 30,000 rupees. Among the graduates responded 13% obtained above 60,000 rupees and 7% of graduates obtained above 50,000 rupees as their monthly salary. Graduates in the salary category of 20,000 to 29,999 rupees were reported as 14% while 42% graduates earn a monthly income ranging from 30,000 to 39,999 rupees. The lowest salary category was 10,000 to 19,999 rupees and 3% graduates fell into that category. The following table (table 9) and the figure 6, show the distribution of graduates among different salary levels in relation to their specialization and the frequency distribution of monthly income of employed graduates respectively.

Table 9. Salary levels of graduates in relation to the two categories of degree programmes in Faculty of Applied Sciences.

Monthly Salary Levels (LKR)	Degree		Total
	Degree of Bachelor of Science (General)	Degree of Bachelor of Science (Joint Major)	
0-9,999	0	0	0
10,000 - 19,999	0	2	2
20,000 -29,999	5	5	10
30,000 - 39,999	16	13	29
40,000 - 49,999	7	7	14
50,000 - 59,999	2	3	5
Above 60,000	3	6	9
Total	33	36	69

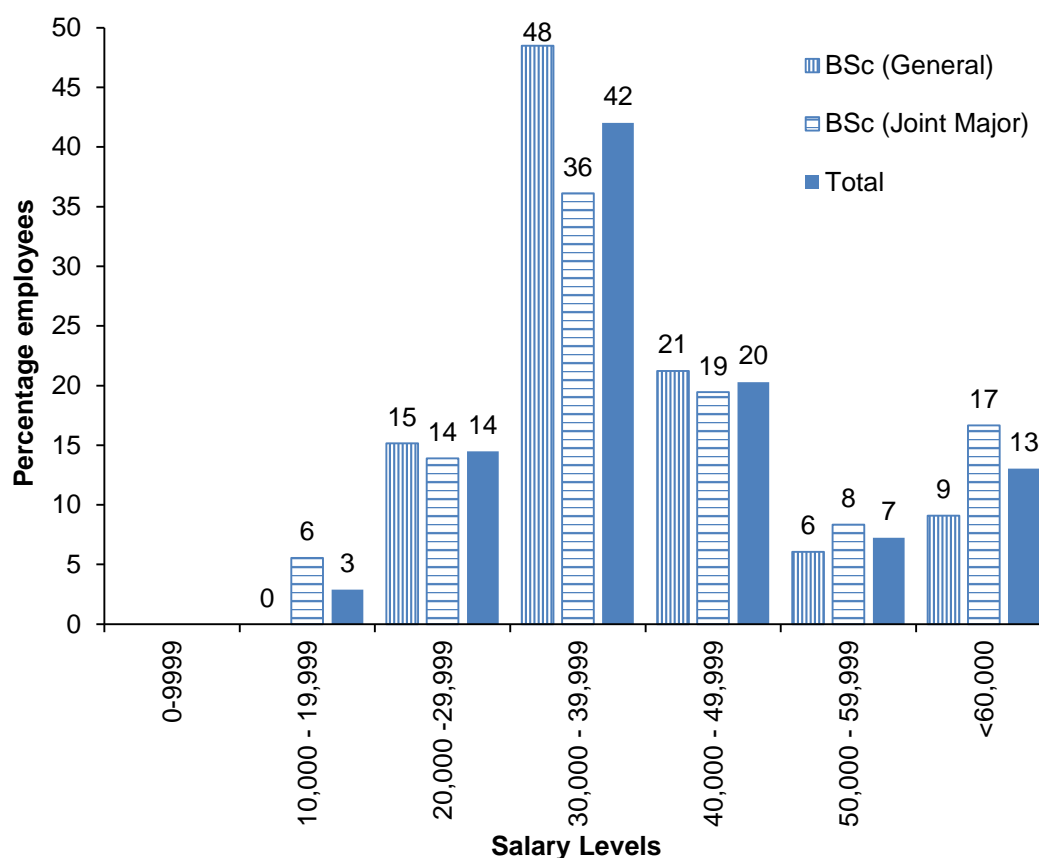


Figure 6. Percentage distribution of graduates in different salary levels in Faculty of Applied Sciences.

Relevance of the degree programme to the job

Out of the 83 respondents 69 graduates answered this question. Among all respondents 88% of the graduates had more than 50% of relevance to their field of study. Among them 54% of the employed had jobs, which were higher than 75% of relevance to their fields of studies. Table 10, and the figure 7, show the distribution of students among different levels of relevance to their field of study and the percentage frequency of relevance to their degree respectively.

Table 10. Relevance of the field of study to the job in two categories of degree programmes in Faculty of Applied Sciences.

Degree	Level of Relevance					
	Not Relevant 0%	10%	25%	50%	75%	100%
Degree of Bachelor of Science (General)	0	1	2	9	9	13
Degree of Bachelor of Science (Joint Major)	0	2	3	15	12	3
Total	0	3	5	24	21	16

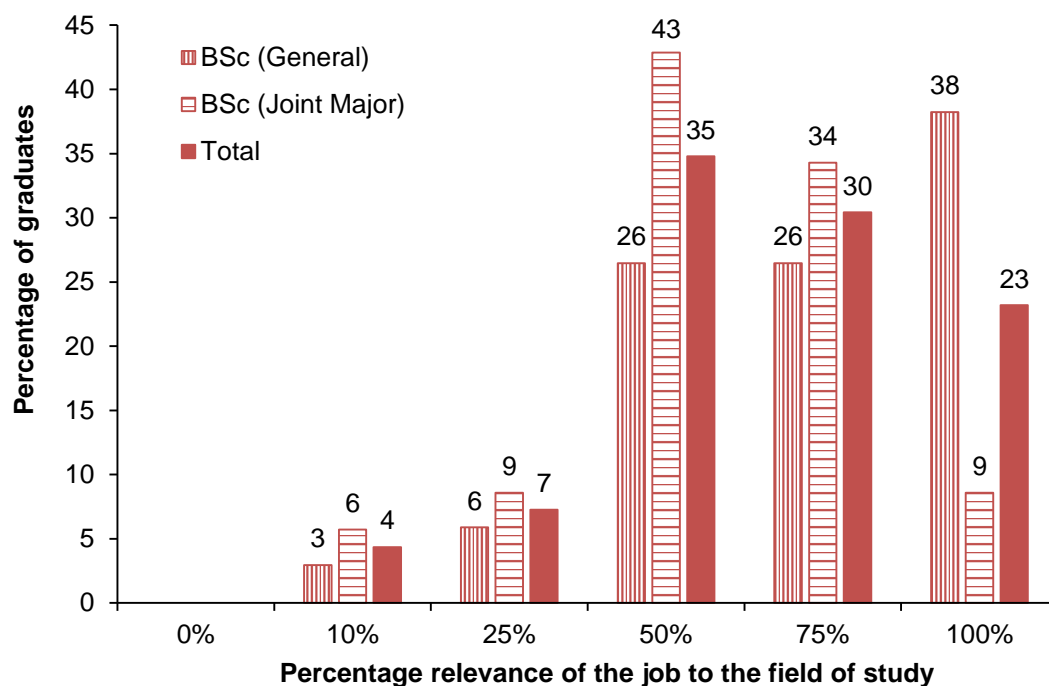


Figure 7. Percentage relevance of the field of study to the job in Faculty of Applied Sciences.

Postgraduate/ other qualifications held at present

Among all respondents 20% graduates had a diploma and four were reading for the MSc and 3 were reading for the M.Phil. Another three were reading for an MBA degree. The following table (table 11) shows the postgraduate/other qualifications presently held by the graduates of the Faculty of Applied Sciences in 2015.

Table 11. Postgraduate/Other Qualifications held by graduates in Faculty of Applied Sciences.

Degree	Post graduate/ other qualification							
	MSc. (re)	MPhil (re)	MBA (re)	Diploma	CIMA CIM	CA	CMA	Other
Degree of Bachelor of Science (General)	0	1	1	8	2	0	0	3
Degree of Bachelor of Science (Joint Major)	4	2	2	9	2	2	1	0
Total	4	3	3	17	4	2	1	3

re- denote the current enrolment in programmes.