

# Senior High School Graduates' Prospects and Challenges in the Labor Market

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Comments on the research

## Comments and Recommendations

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PBE's experience on education to employment  
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Quality basic education begets improved higher education and employment outcomes.

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Importance of data on post-graduation outcomes and information on barriers that hinder the graduates from actualizing their aspirations.

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Policy recommendations should address overall learning quality and information asymmetry when it comes to education and career pathways.

## PBEEd experience: Addressing the information asymmetry

- 1. Shining a light on the issues:** Information Campaign and Media Work
- 2. Improving the matching between SHS track and OJT:** DepEd and Private Sector Partnership<sub>3</sub>
- 3. Creating platforms for interaction:** Career fairs

## Basing on what we knew then

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- **1 out of 5 (2017)** are ready to hire K to 12 graduates
- **3 out of 5 (2017)** are open to hiring K to 12 graduates
- About 40% won't go to college (based on SHS techvoc track enrollment)
- In a 2018 study we did with over 140 companies in various sectors, we saw that **93%** of competencies of SHS graduates **actually met** <sup>4</sup> **competencies** that companies required for their entry level positions

A brighter future for our SHS graduates requires follow through

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### **First Future (2019):**

- **3 out of 5 companies** expressed readiness to hire K to 12 graduates
- **196 companies** reached
- **156 training/immersion slots** opened for K to 12 students
- **7000+ employment slots** opened for K to 12 graduates

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## First Future 2.0 (2021)

- Engaged over 14 companies and organizations to participate in the career pathways workshop and write-shops.
- The project also forged partnerships with the DepEd, TESDA, and UPOU to participate in the development and implementation of the training programs.
- Since its launch last February 2021, **797 youth benefitted** from our training program

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