



**GRADUATE TRACER STUDY OF THE COLLEGE OF MARITIME EDUCATION
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It is envisioned by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) to perform institutional analysis of the factors determining employability, the competencies and skills that should be developed, the hiring rates of graduates of various programs and identification of the most responsive or in demand courses based on job waiting time of graduates, thus, this study was conducted. Specifically, it aimed to find out the (a) demographic profile particularly on civil status, sex, educational background, trainings and advance study after a college degree; (b) their employment background; (c) the length of job searching; and the(d) useful competencies and skills.

Respondents were BS in Marine Transportation and BS in Marine Engineering graduates for SY 2004-2008. In describing the overall profile of the respondents, the main tool used was the Graduate Tracer Project of Selected HEIs in Region 1 and CAR (20052008) survey instrument although revisions were made to suit the study.

The results showed that respondents are young and stable. Those who took licensure exams passed. They are with adequate competencies and skills which helped them get employed upon graduation. Graduates of these programs value monetary rewards as well as the values of commitment to excellence in choosing their jobs. And, three competencies were deemed very useful for the respondents in their present job which are communication skills, human relation skills, and critical thinking skills.

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