

Shortage of medical professionals seen in the country

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There is a noticeable surplus of mining engineers, but a shortage of medical professionals in the country, according to results of a survey on occupational shortages conducted by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA).

The survey covered the response of professionals to job vacancies from 2015-2016.

Occupational surplus occurs when there are more more than 10 applicants per job vacancy, said the PSA.

According to the survey, jobs for mining engineers, metallurgists and related professions have as many as 71 applicants per vacancy.

Other occupations with a surplus of professionals during the period were: paramedical practitioners (29); policy administration professionals (23); financial and investment advisers (23); financial analysts (23); environmental engineers (19); systems administrators (18); biologists, botanists, zoologists and related professionals (17); computer network professionals (14); personnel and careers professionals (11); and software developers (10).

Occupational shortages, on the other hand, occur when there are insufficient applicants to fill up job vacancies, or only two to four per vacancy.

In the country, shortage is most pronounced among medical professionals which only have 1.2 applicants per vacancy.

Among the following occupations, job vacancies attract only 1.4 to three applicants per posting: archivist and curators; midwifery; physicist and astronomers; economists; religious professionals; dentists; announcers on radio, television and other media; environmental protection professionals.

Other professions, however, reported a sufficiency of professionals meaning that for every vacancy, there were about five to nine applicants.

These include chemical engineers, mathematicians, actuaries and statisticians, product and garment designers, lawyers, information and communications technology sales professionals, web and multimedia developers, town and traffic planners, accountants, dieticians and nutritionists, telecommunication engineers, building architects, application programmers, and systems analysts.