ABSTRACT

A Tracer Study of Past Students of the Caribbean Vocational Qualification (CVQ) Programme Level 1

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This study sought to determine stakeholders' perceptions of employment opportunities and professional progress of ex-students of the Caribbean Vocational Qualification (CVQ) Programme Level 1. Data were collected through interviews held with the heads of the Technical Vocational Department of the two schools in South Trinidad; two Human Resource Managers (HRMs) of reputable companies, also in South Trinidad; and six graduates (three each) from the two schools. Other data were collected through observations and document analysis. The findings revealed that the CVQ has not been able to provide the necessary criteria for further skilled training or employment, apprenticeship, or progression through further learning.

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