

EXPOSURE TO THE WORLD OF WORK; WHY STUDENTS SHOULD EMBRACE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING

Industrial training is whereby a student undergoes practical training in an approved industry relating to his area of study. Industrial training also assists in sustainable economic growth since the use of appropriate and up to date technology is the main driver to economic development, students should learn and get to use these technologies. When they do industrial training, they get to see and know how various tools of the companies work and how they can improve on them. They are exposed to the technologies used in the various industries, which they would have not got the opportunity to use at that time if the industrial training was not there.

The Board is mandated to monitor the implementation of industrial training to ensure that the assessment follows the requirements of the curriculum. This activity was conducted during the month of February 2018. The Board monitors the performance of trainees at various places of industrial training for all its Examinations series. Majority of the courses examined by UBTEB have a mandatory industrial training component.

During the monitoring exercise the board was pleased to note that some employers have retained the candidates as their employees; for instance a student of National diploma in secretarial studies was retained by Kiwawu secondary school in Mityana, this means that these candidates do not need to join the rest of the youths in the struggle of looking for jobs. Industrial training has more reasons why students should take it seriously and these include among others;

- ✓ Industrial training constitutes part of final assessment. A student will not be able to graduate unless if they have concluded successfully industrial training.
- ✓ Industrial training enables the application of the theoretical knowledge gained in class to the actual work environment. Industrial training goes a long way to give a student experience that he'll be able to apply in his future job. If a company accepts you for industrial training, and you do well in your job, don't you think they'll consider you once an opportunity arises? Even if they require experience, don't you think they'll view you as experienced?
- ✓ It instills skills required by prospective employers.

- ✓ Students are able to be exposed to industrial tools they will use in future this was experienced by students who successfully completed the industrial training under National Water and Sewerage Corporation and Imperial Botanical Beach Hotel.
- ✓ Gives students a glimpse on how they will be doing their work in future. They gain some work experience during such training.
- ✓ A lot of information is gathered since the students get to interact with professionals in his/her field of study.

Though industrial training brings all these advantages to students, some don't really take it seriously. They see it as just the continuation of the theoretical knowledge learned in class and end up doing it just to succeed in their examinations.

Others opt to go to their relatives businesses just to get a good recommendation when at times they do not do things the way they are supposed to be done. This should not be the case, Take Industrial training as a passport to your dream career.

Marks are the most important eligibility criteria in most of the cases, but the technical and aptitude skills which one learns during this training also play a great role in acquiring the dream job. Besides this, it very clear from the above discussion, that if you miss the industrial training then you are ignoring a number of factors which can lead to a successful career. So, take it seriously.

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