

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editor,

I would like to call the attention of those of your readers interested in the immediate post graduate activities (work/study/travel) of graduates in Psychology; including Bachelors graduates, to a survey of these activities for all graduates carried out by the Appointments Officers at the New Zealand Universities for the period July, 1973-June, 1974. Copies of the overall survey are available from the Appointments Officers at each university. A table specifically analysing the activities of psychology graduates is available from the undersigned.

The results indicate that one-third of graduates are employed in New Zealand. Of one hundred and fifty-one students with ordinary Bachelor degrees, one quarter took up employment, 40 percent went on for further study, and 21 percent took off for overseas.

Of Bachelor Honours, Post Graduate Diploma, and Masters graduates, half took up employment, one quarter (27 percent) went on for further study, and 16 percent took off for overseas. Of the six Doctorates, half took up employment, one went on for further study, and two took off overseas. (Table 1.)

Overall, 79 percent of the graduates who took up employment in New Zealand went to work in tax supported jobs; 46 percent in psychology related work and 10 percent in teaching.

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INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY

This Association, which was founded in 1920, now includes about 4000 psychologists from over a hundred different countries, including about 100 from Australia and New Zealand. Members work in a variety of fields in applied psychology: industrial, vocational, clinical, educational, psychometrical, commercial, social, etc.

The Association protects the interests of psychologists all over the world. It also publishes the *International Review of Applied Psychology* which is edited by Professor C. Levy-Leboyer.

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a psychological organisation or service. The annual subscription is \$10.00 for Full Members and \$9.00 for Associate Members (New Zealand currency). All members receive, free-of-charge, the International Review of Applied Psychology. They also enjoy considerable reduction in the fees for the International Congresses of Applied Psychology. If you wish to become a member, please contact me, or complete the appropriate form. If you know of any colleagues who might be interested in joining the Association, would you please bring this notice to their attention.

With a strong body of New Zealand members, we can hope to enhance the status of applied psychology in New Zealand. We may also use the Association as a means of keeping in touch with one another, and as a means of learning about developments in the various fields in which we are interested. For those who travel overseas, to North and South America, to Europe and Asia, membership of the Association is extremely useful, providing a world-wide group of contacts for the member and a recognised status as an applied psychologist.

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