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● Policies ●

Vietnam Labour Code 2019 to Become Effective on Jan 1, 2021

Vietnam's Labour Code 2019 will become effective on January 1, 2021, with some rules relating to 20 million labourers with contracts and some rules relating to the whole workforce of 55 million people. Article 112 adds one more day-off to the calendar, or 11 days in total. The additional day is September 1 or September 3, as an extension to the holiday on National Day (September 2). Working on day-offs will raise the wages to at least 300% of the normal rate. Besides, employers must ensure that employees have at least four day-offs monthly. Labour Code 2019 adds two cases of paid day-offs, which are funerals of labourers' adopted mothers and adopted fathers. Previously, such paid day-offs are for wedding (3 days); wedding of labourers' children (1 day); and funerals of fathers/mothers or adopted fathers/mothers, funerals of fathers/mothers or adopted fathers/mothers of labourers' spouses, and funerals of labourers' children or adopted children (3 days). Labour Code 2019 now bans firms from intercepting labourers' rights to using their incomes. For example, firms cannot force their labourers to purchase the firms' products nor assign labourers to buy some products. Labour Code 2019 also increases retirement age. In 2020, the retirement age is 60 for males and 55 for females. The retirement age will rise gradually to 62 for males from 2028 and 60 for females from 2035. The law also facilitates early retirement of up to five years for people of harsh jobs. Besides, Labour Code 2019 permits firms to give non-cash bonuses to labourers. Earlier, Labour Code 2012 only permit bonuses in the form of cash. Labour Code 2019 also allows labourers to conduct resignation without reason, as long as they inform firms by 30-45 days. There are some cases that labourers can resign without any information to employers, such as they are put into the correct jobs, they are not paid fully or timely, they are abused, and others. Additionally, Labour Code 2019 increases the overtime work limit to 40 hours per month but keeps the same limit of 200 hours per year and 300 hours per year for some jobs only, such as apparel, footwear, electronics, agricultural product processing, electricity, telecommunications, water supply and sewage, oil refining, and others. Moreover, Labour Code 2019 allows labourers to delegate others to receive their wages. This aims to help labourers in cases of sickness, accidents, and others. The code also assigns employers to pay every fee relating to transactions and opening bank accounts. ([Zing](#), [Bao Quang Ninh](#), [Vietnam Finance](#) Dec 28)

Vietnam Updates on Uninformed Resignation, Dismissal of Labourers from 2021

Vietnam's Labour Code 2019, which will become effective on January 1, 2021, updates rules on employees' uninformed resignation and employers' uninformed removal of labourers. Per Article 35, employees can resign without prior information to employers, in cases of working positions not following agreements, working place not fulfilling agreements, wages not being paid fully or timely, employers harassing employees, employees working under forced labour, employees suffering from sexual harassments, and others. Per Article 36, employers can dismiss



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employees without prior information to employees, in cases of employees not returning to work 15 days after a break, employees not working without proper reasons for five days in a row. Besides, Labour Code 2019 allows employees to resign without reasons, but with prior information to employers by at least three to 120 days per different types of labour contracts for different jobs. ([PLO](#), [Nguoi Lao Dong](#) Dec 22)

Vietnam Has 15.1M People Joining Social Insurance in 2020: VSS

The number of people in Vietnam joining social insurance service as of end-2020 was estimated to have reached 16.1 million, or 32.6% of people in the working age, up 327,000 y/y, according to the report of the state-run Vietnam Social Security (VSS). The VSS hosted an online conference on December 24 to review the performance. The figure included 1.07 million people joining voluntary social insurance, up 494,000 y/y. Besides, the healthcare insurance covers 87.93 million people, up 1.99 million, or 90.85% of the population. The total collection of social insurance, healthcare insurance, and unemployment insurance premium was VND387.17 trillion (\$16.62 billion), up 5.16% y/y and reaching 100.75% of the target. The arrears of such insurance premium were 3.66%. In 2021, the targets are to have 17.54 million people joining social insurance, 14.2 million people joining unemployment insurance, and 89.38 million people joining healthcare insurance, or 91.56% of the population. ([ThoiBaoTaiChinh](#), [Tuoi Tre](#), [Bao Bao Hiem Xa Hoi](#), [Bao Hiem Xa Hoi](#), [Bao Hiem Xa Hoi](#) Dec 24)

1M People in Vietnam Get Jobless Insurance Indemnification in 2020

Vietnam has provided unemployment insurance indemnification to one million people in 2020, up 24% y/y, according to an online event on unemployment insurance on December 23. The paid amount was VND16 trillion (\$686.7 million), up 33% y/y. Besides, the support for vocational training was halved y/y to 21,000 people. The Vietnam Social Security informed that 13 million labourers in Vietnam currently join unemployment insurance, or 27.4% of the workforce. The collection of insurance premium may reach VND18.06 trillion, or 100% of the target. Officials from the MoLISA informed that local authorities have also provided job opportunities to two million people in the year to November 20. Besides, the unemployment insurance fund currently stays at VND84 trillion. ([Nhan Dan](#), [VOV](#), [Vietnam Plus](#) Dec 23)

Vietnam Health Ministry Drafting Medical Rules in Vocational Training Units

Vietnam's Ministry of Health is drafting a circular on medical safety within vocational training units, including terms on staff, facilities, equipment, hygiene, environment, and others. Regarding staff, vocational training units may recruit medical officers fulfilling requirements or connect with local clinics to take care of teachers, learners, and others. About facilities and equipment, there should be an individual room of at least 12 square meters for medical activities. Vocational training units may set up their own rooms or connect with local clinics for such activities. For food safety, the draft circular listed current legal requirements for vocational training units with or without dining rooms and kitchens. ([Bao Chinh Phu](#) Dec 22)

Vietnam Streamlines 67,000 Staff under State Payroll in 2015-2020

Vietnam has streamlined 67,218 staff under state payroll in 2015-2020 per the government's guiding Decrees 108/2014/ND-CP and 113/2018/ND-CP. Those 67,218 people included 54,899 ones enjoying early retirement, 12,712 resigning immediately, 67 switching jobs after completing vocational training courses, and others. ([An Ninh Thu Do](#) Dec 28)

● Business Sector and Labour Market ●

Foreign Cooperation

LILAMA 2 Mechanical Teachers Enhance Competence in Operating CNC Bending Machine

The further training in “CNC bending course for Construction Mechanics teachers” for seven Mechanical teachers of LILAMA 2 International Technology College (LILAMA 2) was conducted from December 17-23. This was the technical further training course conducted by an experienced GIZ's Development Advisor and organised at LILAMA 2. Seven pre-qualified participants acquired improved knowledge in operating CNC bending machine and they will soon receive the course completion certificates. Mr. Andreas Fischer, the course's trainer stated: “The focus of this training course was on setting up, handling and maintaining the CNC bending machine. Since we had chosen the funnel grill project as the final product of the training, we also had the opportunity to include the other pieces of equipment we recently acquired (such as various spot welding machines, plasma cutting machine and the TIG welding machine) in our instructions and our work. Therefore, our participants are not only able to use a single new machine to work with their students, but also to implement the entire technological value chain of a project in their lessons.” “I now got to know how to properly operate the CNC bending machine after the course. Students can also practice on the machine as in-class exercises. I also realised that practicing on CNC bending machine is very helpful to produce household items, such as a funnel grill. This product has sophisticated details which requires welding, cutting, grinding skill to be completed,” Mr. Nguyen Hai Binh, one of the participants, shared his thoughts. This training course was held within the component “Supporting High-Quality TVET Institutes” as part of the Vietnamese-German “Programme Reform of TVET in Viet Nam”. The programme is financed by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), implemented by GIZ together with the MoLISA. ([TVET](#) Dec 25)

Associations Appeal to Vietnam to Simplify Entry Procedures for Foreign Experts

Representatives of several overseas business communities in Vietnam have called on the Vietnamese government to flexibly make adjustments and put forward special mechanisms in facilitation of entries of foreign experts, managers, and high-skilled labourers to the country. At the annual Vietnam Business Forum on December 22, the Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (JCCI) said that by far, about 3,000 foreigners have been allowed to enter Vietnam for business purposes but most of them were executives living in the country for a long time.



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([VnEconomy](#) Dec 22)

Labourers from Ha Tinh in South Korea Send Home VND2T/Year

Labourers from central Ha Tinh province, who have been working in South Korea, have sent home VND2 trillion (\$86.2 million) annually. So far, 12,500 labourers from the province are working in South Korea. Nghi Xuan district ranks first with 4,066 labourers, followed by Ky Anh district with 2,509 and Cam Xuyen district with 1,260. ([Dan Sinh](#) Dec 27)

Duy Tan University Inks MoU with EduGo to Bring Nursing Students to Germany

Danang City-based Duy Tan University (DTU) signed an agreement with EduGo Education International on December 24 to facilitate Nursing students to study and work in Germany. According to the memorandum of cooperation, EduGo will provide DTU with guidance on preferential training programs and fee structures for a professional overseas studies program, leading to a Diploma of Nursing, which will include workshops, conferences and exchange meetings. Students traveling to Germany will enrol in intensive training at the German Language and Culture Institutes in Hanoi or at DTU, and then join free Nursing classes in Germany, with advanced facilities and equipment, for 12 to 15 months. At the same time, they will be introduced to jobs in German hospitals, polyclinics and sanatoriums in Germany. ([Tuoi Tre](#) Dec 25)

DoLAB Fines Two Labour Exporting Firms VND245M for Violations

The DoLAB, under the MoLISA, on December 23 fined two firms working in the field of sending labourers abroad for violating the Law on Vietnamese Labourers Working Abroad under Contracts. Specifically, Hanoi-based International Traenco Co.,JSC was fined VND125 million and central Nghe An province-based PTC.,JSC was fined VND120 million. ([Thanh Nien](#) Dec 24)

Japfa Comfeed Vietnam Gets License to Build \$230M Livestock Complex

Japfa Comfeed Vietnam Ltd., a subsidiary of Japfa Comfeed Indonesia Tbk, on December 23 received a license for a \$40-million sub-project, part of a \$230-million project to build an animal husbandry complex in southern Binh Phuoc province. The \$40-million investment will be spent on building a circled cattle-poultry farm in two phases of 2021-2023 and 2023-2025. The farm is expected to employ 1,000 labourers. ([Thanh Nien](#) Dec 23)

German Firm Invests \$100M in Hi-tech Project in Binh Dinh Province

Germany-based Leonhard Kurz Stiftung & Co. KG have inked a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on investing \$100 million in a hi-tech thin film and emulsion production project in Vietnam's central province of Binh Dinh. In the first phase, the German firm plans to pour \$30



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million-\$40 million into the building of a plant on a total area of 10 hectares in the locality and attract 150 high-skilled labourers. ([Dan Viet](#) Dec 22)

Domestic News

Vocational Training Is Best Method to Improve Employment: PM

Education and vocational training are the best methods to improve employment, Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc said at the online conference between the government and localities on December 28. He added that Vietnam must improve education and vocational training, starting with boosting teachers. ([Dan Sinh](#) Dec 28)

Vietnam Has 1,909 Vocational Training Schools in 2020: GSO

Vietnam has 1,909 vocational training schools in 2020, including 399 colleges, 458 intermediate-level schools, and 1,052 centres, according to the latest data of the government-run General Statistics Office (GSO) released on December 27. The system has 84,302 teachers, including 37,633 at colleges, 14,727 at intermediate-level schools, 20,344 at vocational training centres, and 11,598 others at other centres with vocational training activities. As of end-November 2020, the system recruited 1.94 million people, including 520,000 into colleges and intermediate-level schools and 1.42 million into beginner-level courses and other courses. The system has adapted to COVID-19 by applying online learning and recruitment. ([GSO](#) Dec 27)

Vietnam's Vocational Training System Aims to Recruit 2.5M People in 2021

Vietnam's vocational training system aims to recruit 2.5 million people in 2021, state media reported from a conference in Hanoi on December 28 on reviewing the performance in 2020 and setting tasks for 2021. The DVET, under the MoLISA, hosted the event. The target includes 260,000 people into colleges, 340,000 people into intermediate-level schools, and 1.9 million people into beginner-level courses and other courses. Deputy Minister of Labour, War Invalids, and Social Affairs Le Tan Dung asked the DVET to continue building policies to push vocational training development. He also asked the DVET to compile a draft directive for the Communist Party of Vietnam (CPVCC)'s Secretariat on boosting the CPV's leadership on vocational training development. Besides, Mr. Dung asked the sector to improve career path guidance, network of vocational training schools by 2030, privatization in vocational training, non-public vocational training schools at 40% of the total, more training per order, vocational training for rural labourers, retraining labourers for sector of apparel and footwear with unemployment insurance funds, general education contents, and others. Mr. Dung stressed that the vocational training sector is now training per its strengths, not per the market demand. ([DVET](#), [Bao Dan Sinh](#), [MoLISA](#), [Vnanet](#), [VietnamNet](#), [Dan Viet](#), [Phu Nu Vietnam](#) Dec 29)

Vietnam's Vocational Training Still Weak: Official

Vietnam's vocational training remains weak, especially in career path guidance, complicated management mechanism, low ratio of high-level training courses, weak abilities of trainers, weak



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connection with the labour market and businesses' demand, and others, expert said. Ms. Khuong Thi Nhan, head of the planning-finance department under the DVET, stressed that the career path guidance for secondary school and high school learners are ineffective. She added that trainers have limited skills, especially in application of information technology and foreign language. She explained that trainers have limited chances to update their knowledge and the trends of businesses and technology. Ms. Nhan noted that the quality of vocational training has been improved, however, it has yet to fulfil the socioeconomic development, conditions of sectors and localities, and training of soft skills. The DVET gave some general solutions, such as updating the legal framework, applying more technological advancements, boosting investment, enhancing the links between the training and the markets, and others. Besides, experts suggested that the sector should focus more on retraining labourers, instead of focusing on training fresh learners; enhancing qualities of trainers; and setting development plans per the socioeconomic conditions of different areas and sectors. ([Lao Dong Thu Do](#), [Nghe Nghiep Cuoc Song](#) Dec 22)

Vietnam Targets to Digitalize 600 Vocational Training Schools in 10 Years

Vietnam targets to digitalize 600 vocational training schools, or 30% of the total, and to have all vocational training schools running online learning platforms in 2030, said the DVET, under the MoLISA. The DVET announced at a conference in Hanoi on December 24 on a draft project to digitalize the sector. The draft project also has other targets of digitalizing the state management and class management, upgrading the public services to online services at level 4 (the highest level), and others. The DVET also set some methods, including building a big data system, updating the legal framework, preparing human resources, and others. ([DVET](#), [VietnamNet](#), [gdnn](#), [Bao Dan Sinh](#) Dec 25)

Vietnam's Workforce Reaches 54.6M in 2020: GSO

Vietnam's workforce at the age of 15 or above is estimated to have reached 55.1 million in the four quarter (Q4) of 2020, up 563,800 q/q but down 860,400 y/y; or 54.6 million in 2020, down 1.2 million y/y, according to the latest data of the government-run General Statistics Office (GSO) released on December 27. The participation rate is 74%, down 2.8 percentage points in 2020. In 2020, the unemployment rate is 2.26%, ranging from 1.59% in rural areas to 3.61% in urban areas. The number of people at the age of 15 or above working is 53.4 million, including 17.5 million in agriculture-forestry-fisheries, down 7.2% y/y; 16.5 million in industry and construction, up 0.3% y/y; and 19.4 million in services; up 0.1% y/y. The underemployment rate is 2.51%, ranging from 1.68% in urban areas to 2.93% in rural areas. The rate of labourers without labour contracts outside the agriculture-forestry-fisheries sector is 56.2%, ranging from 48.3% in urban areas to 62.6% in rural areas. ([GSO](#) Dec 27)

Vietnam's Average Monthly Wage Reaches VND6.62M in 2020: Statistics Office

The average monthly income of Vietnamese labourers is estimated to have reached VND6.62 million (\$284.1) in 2020, down by VND75,800 y/y, reported the government-run General Statistics Office (GSO). In the fourth quarter (Q4) of 2020, the figure is VND6.65 million, up by



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VND125,000 q/q but down by VND130,000 y/y. The figures are VND6.9 million for male workers and VND6.3 million for female workers. The average labour productivity is VND117.9 million per year per labourer this year, up 5.4% y/y, partly thanks to higher rate of trained labourers with certificates, at 24.1% in 2020, versus 22.8% in 2019. ([GSO](#) Dec 27)

Average Incomes of Vietnamese Workers Increase 35% in 5 Years

The average incomes of Vietnamese workers increased 35% in the 2016-2020, according to report of the Vietnam General Confederation of Labour (VGCL), which was delivered at a meeting between the VGCL and Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc on December 24. Reports showed the average monthly incomes of workers were VND7.4 million (\$317.6), including VND5.22 million of basic salary, VND934,000 of overtime tasks, and VND2.1 million of bonuses. Besides, the figures were between VND6.86 million and VND8.3 million for different regions. PM Phuc also lauded other achievements, including implementation of the government's Decree 105/2020/ND-CP with more benefits for workers' kids at kindergartens. Besides, the VGCL, businesses, and the local authorities cooperated to support 22 million workers in 2016-2020, including VND11.63 trillion for Lunar New Years (Tet Holidays) and 13,802 houses. ([Bao Chinh Phu](#), [Bao Chinh Phu](#), [Kinh Te Do Thi](#), [Bao Chinh Phu](#), [Tuoi Tre](#), [Nhan Dan](#), [Nhan Dan](#), [Kinh Te Do Thi](#), [QDND](#), [VietnamBiz](#) Dec 24)

With Good Resilience, Vietnam's GDP Growth Roughly 3% in 2020: PM

In the tough year of 2020 full of challenges as a result of the impacts of COVID-19 and the worst global economic downturn since the Great Depression in 1929-1933, Vietnam's gross domestic product (GDP) growth has still reached approximately 3%, said Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc at the national teleconference with 63 localities. Over the past five years, Vietnam has generated more than eight million jobs. ([Bao Chinh Phu](#) Dec 28)

Vietnam Targets GDP Growth of 6.5% in 2021: PM Nguyen Xuan Phuc

The Vietnamese government is targeting the gross domestic product (GDP) growth of 6.5% in 2021, above the target of 6% approved by the National Assembly (NA), said Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc at the national teleconference on December 29 morning. The economic growth target is of significance because every 1% GDP growth can generate 300,000 jobs, PM Phuc emphasized. ([CAND](#), [Bao Chinh Phu](#) Dec 29)

Vietnam Licenses 134,940 New Firms in 2020, down 2.3% y/y: GSO

Vietnam is estimated to have licensed nearly 134,940 new firms this year, down 2.3% year-on-year, with their total registered capital of VND2,235 trillion (\$96.34 billion), up 29.2% year-on-year, the government-run General Statistics Office (GSO) said in its latest monthly report. New firms used 1.043 million labourers this year, down by 16.9% year-on-year. In December, Vietnam is estimated to have licensed 10,700 new firms. Those firms employed 73,000



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labourers, down 39% month-on-month. ([GSO](#) Dec 27)

COVID-19 Impacts on Employment of Vietnamese Women in Urban Area: WB

COVID-19 has caused the unemployment rate of Vietnamese women, especially the ones in urban areas, state media reported from the latest report of the World Bank (WB). The WB pointed out many impacts of the COVID-19 on Vietnam, including gaps in economic growth, employment, and average incomes. COVID-19 has caused inequality via different effects on workers, households, and businesses, the report said. The unemployment rate of women increased to 3.9% in the late third quarter (Q3) of this year, causing a gap of 1.4 percentage points between the unemployment rate of men and women. The labour force participation rate has decreased significantly and has not yet fully recovered to the pre-pandemic level. It is notable that unemployment is worse in urban areas. All sectors faced difficulty due to the pandemic, of which wholesale and retail sectors have the highest unemployment rate. Besides, accommodation, financial services, education, transportation, and real estate have the same situation. The only exception was high-level services and manufacturing/processing, with higher number of jobs between Q4/2019 and Q2/2020. Besides, the agriculture sector had fewer jobs during the pandemic, but the World Bank said that it was the trend even before the pandemic, with a 2% reduction in jobs annually. COVID-19 only exaggerated this trend, it added. ([CafeF](#) Dec 22)

Vietnam Has up to 300,000 IT Labours Creating \$5B Industry: VINASA

Vietnam has up to 300,000 information technology (IT) labourers poised to handle the digital transformation demands in the country and the world and create a five-billion-dollar industry, said Mr. Truong Gia Binh, chairman of the Vietnam Software and IT services Association (VINASA). Mr. Binh, also chairman of Vietnam's largest IT firm by market value FPT Corporation (HOSE: FPT), made his statement at the second national forum on the development of local digital enterprises in Hanoi on December 23. ([VietnamNet](#) Dec 25)

Vietnam-initiated Hack4Growth-COVID Endgame Contest Honours Winners

The Global Association of Vietnamese Scientists and Experts (AVSE Global) organized an award ceremony for the Hack4Growth-Covid Endgame innovation contest on December 26. The third prize went to project "MMM: Internet of Things solution helps prevent loss of water, power and gas while forecasting future demand and shortage possibilities," by individuals from LC Vietnam Technology Company Limited, Hanoi Vocational College of High Technology, and HUST. ([en.Vietnam Plus](#), [SGGPnews](#), [Vietnamanet](#), [VietnamNet](#) Dec 28)

MDRI Releases Research On Improving Labour Skills of Vulnerable Youths

The Mekong Development Research Institute (MDRI), in cooperation with the VCCI and the UNICEF, has recently released a research report about "Assessment on labour skills and firms' good practices to improve labour skills of vulnerable youths." The report focused on three



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sectors of apparel & footwear, tourism, and IT & Communications. Report showed that many youths in Vietnam have yet to understand necessary labour skills to get employments. ([MDRI](#))

Hanoi Provides Jobs to 1,200 Veterans in 5 Years

Hanoi DoLISA on December 26 hosted a job fair for new veterans in 2020, featuring 30 stalls and 300 job seekers. Deputy Director Nguyen Hong Dan of Hanoi DoLISA informed that such job fairs provided jobs to 1,200 veterans out of 2,600 candidates in the last 5 years. On average, Hanoi recruited 4,000 new soldiers and has 4,000 new veterans. ([Thanh Nien](#), [Phap Luat](#) Dec 26)

Haiphong City to Provide Job Consultation to 600 Veterans Annually from 2021

From 2021, northern Haiphong City will provide consultations on jobs and vocational training to 600 veterans, who have completed their military service. Haiphong People's Committee asked the municipal military High Command and relevant agencies, units, departments to cooperate on the topic. ([Haiphong](#) Dec 25)

Haiphong City Holds Career Orientation Program for 6,000 Students

Northern Haiphong City on December 27 organized a career orientation program for 6,000 students of grades 11 and 12 citywide. This was the ninth consecutive edition of such program so far. ([Haiphong](#) Dec 27)

Yen Bai Provides TVET to 150,000 People in 2010-2019

Yen Bai provided TVET courses to 150,000 people in 2010-2019, including 119,000 rural labourers. The figure included 49,346 people from 1,680 classes per Project 1956. Among those, 44,526 people got employment after graduation. Such achievements helped Yen Bai improve the rate of trained labourers to 60% as of end-2019, including 29.4% having certificates. TVET partly helped employment of 18,000 people annually. In 2019-2020, Yen Bai aims to recruit 47,500 people for TVET, including 37,590 rural labourers and 12,000 people joining Project 1956. Besides, the target is to have 85% of rural labourers employed or get jobs with better output after graduation. ([Dan Sinh](#) Dec 25)

Thai Nguyen Provides TVET to Nearly 42,000 People in Rural Areas in 10 Years

Northern Thai Nguyen province has provided TVET to 41,738 people in rural areas in the last ten years, per the government's Scheme 1956. The figure is comprised of 26,896 in non-agricultural jobs, or 64.44%, and 14,842 in agricultural jobs, or 35.56%. As many as 32,454 of TVET-equipped people have got jobs, or 77.75%. ([Dan Sinh](#) Dec 28)

100% of Viet Duc Industrial College Graduates Employed



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100% of graduates from Viet Duc Industrial College (Vietnam Germany Industrial College) are employed. The college now trains 24 jobs at 3 levels and currently has over 3,000 learners. 70% of the college teachers are doctors or masters. ([Dan Sinh](#) Dec 28)

Nghe An Provides TVET to 772,863 People in 2011-2020

Central Nghe An province has provided TVET to 772,863 people in 2011-2020. Of the figure, 578,709 labourers in rural areas have received TVET per the government's Scheme 1956, exceeding the target by 10%. ([Dan Sinh](#) Dec 23)

Jobless Rate in Danang Hits 8.78% in 2021, Highest Level in Past 10 Years

The unemployment rate in Danang is expected to surge to its highest level in the past ten years to 8.78% in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic fallout. The situation of employees being laid off has become serious, and the unemployment in shadow economy has been as severe as in business community. Nearly 50% of firms citywide reported to have furloughed their employees, he said, adding that the jobless rate among people at working age may be 9.15%. However, some fields are due to witness positive growth rates this year, including information-communication (5.24%), banking-finance and insurance (7.35%), and health and social welfare (18.33%). ([Tuoi Tre](#) Dec 29)

Quang Binh Provides TVET to 125,000 Labourers in Rural Areas in 10 Years

Central Quang Binh province has provided TVET to 125,000 labourers in rural areas in the last ten years, including 38,000 labourers per the government's Scheme 1956. Nearly 80% of TVET-equipped labourers have got jobs. ([Dan Sinh](#) Dec 24)

HCMC Fulfils Allocation of \$26.5M to 560K COVID-19-affected Persons

HCMC by December 21 supported over VND612 billion (\$26.37 million) to 560,050 dwellers who have been affected by COVID-19, completing the previously-set target. Particularly, the city disbursed VND70 billion in support of furloughed labourers or those whose labour contracts got suspended. Also, 206,472 non-contract labourers received VND20 billion in total, and 1,371 family businesses were aided VND1 million each. The city assisted 13,446 laid-off teachers at private kindergartens, 1,109 unemployed people who were ineligible to claim unemployment benefits. The municipal department supported 33,861 people with meritorious services to the revolution and their relatives, 123,699 persons under social protection, and 111,136 poor/near-poor residents. ([Thanh Nien](#) Dec 25)

HCMC's Career Path Guidance for Learners Still Weak

Career path guidance for secondary and high school learners in HCMC still fails to fulfil the expectations. HCMC's DoET informed that career path guidance lessons were available at all classes. One of the big issues is the outdated thought of high school or higher education



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graduation is the recognition of qualified people. Another problem is the poor quality of career path lessons, such as the lack of contents and qualified teachers. Besides, there is a problem of learners seeking to learn trendy sectors, regardless of their abilities and favours. ([Van Hoa](#) Dec 28)