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● Policies ●

Improving Labor Skills to Adapt to Industry 4.0

TVET learners are becoming examples of success in Vietnam, such as Nguyen Tien Quynh, Nguyen Xuan Phuc, Chiu Cam Duong, Nguyen Xuan Luc, Truong The Dieu. ([Tin Tuc](#) Oct 4)

TVET are also adapting to Industry 4.0 by investing in management (e-learning, LMS, LCMS) and practical contents; and improving the connection with businesses (letting learners train at businesses). Dr. Juergen Hartwig, director of the GIZ's TVET program, said that in Germany, practicing at businesses, training at schools, and learning at school-business joint centers account for 50%, 30%, and 20% of learning contents, respectively. Besides, the government, businesses, and the learners pay 40%, 35%, and 25% of the tuition fees, respectively. ([Tin Tuc](#) Oct 4)

73.9% of the workforce in Vietnam are untrained, according to the GSO. The DVET is building a project on improving the labour skills in Vietnam. In 2025, Vietnam's workforce can reach 66 million, with 75% in the industry and service sectors. The DVET is also building high-quality TVET courses and high-quality TVET schools. Dr. Juergen Hartwig, director of the GIZ's TVET program, said TVET schools in Vietnam should connect theoretical and practical training, improve teachers' abilities, and train with updated methods. The DVET is updating list of jobs with Industry 4.0 impacts and expected to have 20 entries in 20221. ([Tin Tuc](#) Oct 4)

TVET, Higher Education Cannibalizing Each Other

Vietnam's policy of directing secondary school learners to TVET schools has failed after 8 years. The problems are with the TVET training, namely overlapping roles with higher education. It is wrong for TVET to expand to high school to attract learners and wasting 8.36% of the state budget. ([GDVN](#), [GDVN](#) Sep 29)

Improving Credit for Technology Transfer, TVET

Deputy Prime Minister Pham Binh Minh has signed a plan of implementing Directive 40-CT/TW on improving the Party's leadership on social policy credit, including improvements on technology transfer, TVET, encouragement in agriculture, local socioeconomic development project, and others. ([VietnamPlus](#) Sep 30)

Vietnam Must Update Policies to Recover from COVID-19

National Assembly Chairman Vuong Dinh Hue listed possible policy changes to recover the economy from COVID-19 pandemic. One method is to effectively implement Resolutions 63-NQ/CP, 68-NQ/CP, especially labor skill training. ([Tap Chi Cong San](#) Oct 2)



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Vietnam Aims to Increase Rate of Trained Laborers to 67% in 2022

Vietnam targets to increase the rate of trained laborers to 67% in 2022, with the rate of certified laborers at 27%-27.5%, said Deputy Minister of Planning and Investment Tran Quoc Phuong, at a meeting of the National Assembly's Economic Committee on September 28-30. The meeting discussed the government's draft socioeconomic report for 2021 and the draft plan for 2022. Mr. Phuong said that due to COVID-19 pandemic, the country's growth in labor productivity in 2021 may reach 3.7%, below the target of 4.8%. The total factor productivity (TFP) may account for 28% of the growth, below the target of 45%-47%. In 2016-2020, the average growth of labor productivity was 5.79% yearly, with the TFP accounting for 45.42%. ([Bao Dan Sinh](#) Sep 30)

Vietnam's Workforce Reaches 49.2M in Q3/2021: Statistics Office

Vietnam's workforce at the age of 15 or above is estimated to have reached 49.2 million in the third quarter (Q3) of 2021, down 2.1% y/y, according to the latest data of the government-run General Statistics Office (GSO). In the first nine months of 2021, the workforce at the age of 15 or above is estimated to have reached 50.4 million, down 0.2% y/y. The participation rate is 67.7%, up 1.1 percentage point y/y. The number of employed people at the age of 15 or above is 47.5 million in Q3/2021, including 14.5 million in agriculture-forestry-fisheries sector (30.6%), 15.8 million in industry-construction sector (33.3%), and 17.2 million in service sector (36.1%). In the first nine months of 2021, the number of employed people at the age of 15 or above is 49.1 million, including 14.1 million in agriculture-forestry-fisheries sector, up 2.6% y/y; 16.2 million in industry-construction sector, down 1.4% y/y; and 18.8 million in service sector, down 2.3% y/y. The overall unemployment rate in the nine-month period is 2.91% (2.42% in Q1, 2.62% in Q2, and 3.72% in Q3), ranging from 3.78% in urban areas to 2.39% in rural areas. Unemployment rate among young people (at the age between 15 and 24) is 7.85%, ranging between 10.62% in urban areas and 6.54% in rural areas. The underemployment rate in the first nine months is 3.04% (2.2% in Q1, 2.6% in Q2, and 4.39% in Q3), ranging from 3% in urban areas to 3.07% in rural areas. ([NLD](#), [VOV](#), [GSO](#) Sep 29)

Vietnam's Average Monthly Wage Reaches VND6.M in Q3/2021: Statistics Office

The average monthly income of Vietnamese contracted laborers is estimated to have reached VND6 million (\$257) in the third quarter (Q3) of 2021, down by VND780,000 q/q and down by VND510,000 y/y, reported the government-run General Statistics Office (GSO). The figures are VND6.4 million for male workers and VND5.5 million for female workers. Overall, in the first nine months 2021, the figures are VND6.7 million, down VND11,000 y/y. The rate of laborers without labor contracts outside the agriculture-forestry-fisheries sector is 55.9% in the period (57.1% in Q1, 57.4% in Q2, and 54% in Q3), ranging from 45.5% in urban areas to 61.4% in rural areas. ([Lao Dong](#), [GSO](#) Sep 29)

Vietnam Attempts to Bring 1M Workers Back to Work by End-2021



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The MOLISA has set a goal of bringing a million workers back to work by the end of 2021. Since the beginning of the year, the prolonged COVID-19 pandemic has impacted nearly 13 million workers. From late June to early August, nearly 10% of businesses were forced to shut down, putting almost four million people out of work. Many businesses will face a shortage of workers once the plague is under control, as only 60%-70% of surveyed migrant laborers planning to return to work. ([Vietnam Plus](#), [VietnamNews](#) Sep 29)

VASEP Proposes Increasing Overtime Hours to Handle Labor Shortage

The Vietnam Association of Seafood Exporters and Producers (VASEP) has proposed that the MoLISA should consider increasing overtime hours for laborers. The VASEP made the proposal in a bid to handle the labor shortage due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The VASEP suggested removing the limit on the overtime working hours per month to facilitate flexible production for more orders and increasing the maximum overtime working hours in a year to 400 hours from 300 hours. The VASEP added that if a business has a plan for overtime work, it only needs to be based on an agreement between the employee and the employer. ([Nong Nghiep](#), [Tien Phong](#), [Saigon Times](#) Sep 29)

Vietnam President Calls for Labor Skill Improvement

President Nguyen Xuan Phuc sent out a letter calling for the enhancement of labor skills to help the country develop prosperously, on the occasion of Vietnam Labor Skills Day (October 4). President Phuc called on employees nationwide to continuously study and improve professional skills, innovate themselves to enhance productivity and labour efficiency, especially amid the COVID-19 pandemic. He proposed the National Assembly, Government, relevant agencies, localities, and organizations to prioritize resources, mechanisms and policies to step up skilled human resource development and universalize occupations for young people. The State leader expressed his hope that the business community and employers will actively participate in providing training to enhance professional skills for employees, particularly those affected by the pandemic. ([VietnamNews](#), [Vietnam Plus](#), [Lao Dong](#), [SGGP](#) Oct 4)

On the occasion, Deputy Minister of Labor, War Invalids, and Social Affairs Le Tan Dung said that TVET should be prioritized to heal and improve the workforce and the economy amid the coronavirus impacts. He added that labor skill training should be regarded as a lifelong task, instead of a course for once. He also urged the whole society, especially businesses and employers, to join the task. ([Dan Tri](#) Oct 4)

● Business Sector and Labour Market ●

Foreign Cooperation

DVET, Australian Embassy Cooperate in Improving Online TVET Teaching

The DVET, the Australian Embassy in Vietnam are conducting conferences on Thursdays between September 30 and November 11 on improving online and integrated teaching in TVET.



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The events feature 200 delegates from the DVET and 44 TVET schools. The opening session focused on COVID-19 impacts, digitalization trends, international cooperation, and others. ([GDNN](#) Oct 1)

U.S. Supports Vietnam to Improve Workforce for Industry 4.0

On October 1, the USAID and Vietnam's Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI) launched the Vietnam Workforce for an Innovation and Start-up Ecosystem (WISE) project to assist Vietnam in improving the workforces for the Fourth Industrial Revolution (Industry 4.0). With the \$2-million funding from the USAID, the two-year project was under the framework of the U.S.-Support for Economic Growth in Asia (US-SEGA). The WISE focuses on five targets, including (i) providing basic digital skill training for graduates and newcomers to the labor market, (ii) building a quality market for advanced training and retraining in digital skills, (iii) promoting innovative financial products for education, (iv) improving capacity for organizations and enterprises in human resource development, and (v) building and operating the Partnership Program for Human Resource Development and the Industry 4.0. ([Bao Chinh Phu](#), [Vietnam Plus](#), [ICT News](#), [Dang Cong San](#), [Saigon Times](#), [VnEconomy](#), [Kinh Te va Du Bao](#), [CafeLand](#), [Nhan Dan](#), [Tuoi Tre](#), [TBTCVN](#) Oct 2)

Vietnam Important Destination for German Firms in Asia: Ambassador

Vietnam has become an important destination for German firms in the Asian region, German Ambassador to Vietnam Dr. Guido Hildner said in his recent interview. Germany has also invested EUR104 million (\$121.63 million) to carry out some projects in TVET and anti-pandemic works, One Health, Green Recovery, social welfare, and digitalization networks. ([Dau Tu](#) Sep 30)

Many Japanese Firms Want to Increase Investment in Vietnam: SCCI

Many Japanese firms, also members of the Sakai Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI), have had good evaluations of Vietnam and wanted to expand investment there, SCCI Chairman Kazumasa Kuzumura has said. Mr. Kuzumura made the statement during his meeting with Vietnamese Consul General in Osaka Nguyen Hong Ha in Osaka prefecture of Japan on September 27. The SCCI chairman spoke highly of Vietnamese workers, adding that SCCI member enterprises' recruitment demand for Vietnamese workers, especially interns, is huge. Mr. Ha, for his part, suggested Japanese enterprises choose trustworthy partners responsible for providing Japanese language and TVET courses before sending workers to Japan. ([Vietnam Plus English](#), [doanhnhaphaply.vn](#), [Tin Tuc](#) Sep 28)

Vietnam Recruiting 200 Caregivers, Nurses to Work in Japan

The Department of Overseas Labor Management (DoLAB), under Vietnam's Ministry of Labor, War Invalids, and Social Affairs (MoLISA), is recruiting 240 caregivers and nurses to work in Japan. This is the tenth recruitment since 2012, per the Vietnam-Japan Economic Partnership



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Agreement (VJEPA). The recruitment will end on October 30. The previous nine recruitments selected 1,920 staff and 1,543 have departed to Japan to work. ([Dang Cong San](#), [dolab.gov.vn](#), Oct 5)

Australia to Help Vietnam Improve Labor Skill: Official

Australia will help Vietnam improve labor skills, said Ms. Jen Bahen, counsellor (Education and Science) from the Australian Embassy in Hanoi, at an international seminar on solutions to improve skills for Vietnamese workforce. At the event in Hanoi on October 4, Ms. Bahen emphasized that laborers now need digital skills to adapt to digital era and the fourth Industrial Revolution (Industry 4.0). She suggested relevant agencies in Vietnam cooperate with data centers to analyze trends in the labor market, anticipate the need skills of laborers, and offer policies for the nation. She noted that both nations have cooperative program in logistics and based on that, Vietnam and Australia can expand the cooperation and develop labor skills for Vietnamese workers. At the event, Deputy Minister of Labor, War Invalids, and Social Affairs Nguyen Thi Ha said that the MoLISA is preparing to host the national labor skill competition 2021 in December. Besides, the Ministry has also announced national standards for 19 jobs, or 199 in total; and labor skills ratings for 11,000 laborers, or 73,000 in total. ([Tuoi Tre](#), [Vietnam Plus English](#), [Bao Chinh Phu](#), [TVET](#), [Bao Dan Toc](#) Oct 4)

Domestic News

Vietnam's TVET Units Enroll 995K Learners in Jan-Aug: GSO

TVET units across Vietnam recruited 995,000 learners in the first eight months of this year, reaching 41.9% of the annual target, according to the latest data of the government-run General Statistics Office (GSO). Of which, colleges and intermediate schools recruited 95,000 while beginner-level courses and other courses attracted 900,000 learners. As of August, Vietnam had 1,909 TVET units. The figure included 1,221 public ones, accounting for 64%, and 688 non-public ones, making up 36%. ([GSO](#) Sep 29)

Vietnam Licenses 85,500 New Firms in Jan-Sep, down 13.6% y/y: GSO

Vietnam is estimated to have licensed 85,500 new firms in the first nine months of this year, down 13.6% y/y, with their total registered capital of VND1,195 trillion (\$51.51 billion), down 16.3% y/y, the government-run General Statistics Office (GSO) said. The average registered capital of a new firm in the first nine months of this year grew by 3.1% y/y to VND14 billion, the agency said, noting that the new firms used 648,800 laborers during the period, down 16.6% y/y. ([GSO](#) Sep 29)

Flexibility in TVET

General Director Truong Anh Dung of the DVET said that ensuring the quality is the top priority of TVET, hence schools must apply information technology, digital technology to improve



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online teaching, and teachers must innovate to update their lessons per the new era. He added that the DVET would continue boosting international cooperation, linkage with businesses, and facilitation for DVET, in order to ensure jobs for TVET graduates. ([Hanoi Moi](#) Sep 29)

Hanoi Opens Semi Finals of Startup Kite 2021

The DVET and the UNFPA have recently launched the semi finals of the Startup Kite 2021, sponsored by the Japanese government. Deputy General Director Do Nang Khanh of the DVET said that after 3 months, the competition has attracted 1,518 innovations and projects, and 205 of 59 TVET schools from 33 localities entered the semi finals. ([VTV](#) Oct 5)

Southern Industrial Localities Have High Demand for Workers

HCMC and two provinces of Binh Duong and Dong Nai are reporting huge demand for laborers for the rest of this year as COVID-19 restrictions have been relaxed. In the fourth quarter (Q4) of this year, HCMC will probably need between 43,600 and 46,800 workers in areas of trade and services, information technology, mechanics-automation, transportation, ports, warehouse, tourism, and hospitality. Trained employees will make up 87% of total labor demand, said Mr. Phan Ky Quan Triet, deputy director of the HCMC Center for Human Resources Forecasting and Labor Market Information (FALMI). Binh Duong province is forecast to be hard up for 40,000-50,000 workers in the time to come, Deputy Director of the provincial DoLISA Pham Van Tuyen stated. In Dong Nai, the exodus of migrant workers and slow vaccination is set to leave factories province-wide operate with 50% of their workforces, said Mr. Mai Huu Tin, chairman of the provincial Business Federation. To date, over 85% of businesses located in local industrial parks have resumed operations, Chairman of the provincial People's Committee Vo Van Minh said. ([Vietnam Plus](#), [Thanh Nien](#), [Tuoi Tre](#) Oct 4)

Vietnam So Far Delivers VND15.3T from Package of VND26T for Laborers

Vietnam has so far delivered VND15.3 trillion (\$656.65 million) of the COVID-19 relief package of VND26 trillion (the government's Resolution 68) to 18.32 million beneficiaries, said Deputy Minister Le Van Thanh at the government's regular press conference on October 2. As of October 1, the delivered support included VND10 trillion of cash; preferential loans of VND461.1 billion; VND3 trillion for people covered by unemployment insurance, employers, and employees; 156,349 tons of rice for 2.4 million households in 30 localities. Regarding the new relief package of VND38 trillion (per the government's Resolution 116), Mr. Thanh said that relevant authorities are pushing to complete the package in 45 days. ([Dan Tri](#), [VnEconomy](#), [Van Phong Chinh Phu](#) Oct 2)

Vietnam Plans to Build 222.5K Affordable Houses for 890K Low-Income People in 5 Years

Vietnam has set goals to build about 222,500 affordable houses for 890,000 low-income people living in urban areas in the 2021-2025 period, according to the draft national housing development strategy for the 2021-2030 period, with a vision to 2040 of the Vietnamese



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Ministry of Construction (MoC). The country will also develop about 163,500 accommodation houses for 654,000 laborers in industrial and export processing zones. ([VietnamBiz](#) Oct 1)

LG's Vehicle Arm Seeking Employees in Danang

LG Vehicle Component Solutions Development Center Vietnam (LG VS DCV), specialized in components for automobile, is ramping up the employment of information technology human resources in central Danang City. Applicants are offered a monthly wage between \$550 and \$2,000. ([VietnamBiz](#) Oct 1)

Vietnam General Confederation of Labor Aims to Have 12M Members in 2023

The Vietnam General Confederation of Labor (VGCL) aims to have 12 million members in 2023, including 1.6 million new ones. The VGCL announced the target at a conference on September 30. ([NLD](#), [Lao Dong](#), [Dang Cong San](#), [Nhan Dan](#), [Hanoi Moi](#) Sep 30)

HCMC Has 4.82M Employed Laborers in Jan-Sep

Ho Chi Minh City had 4.82 million working people, with the rate of trained laborer at 85.12%, according to a January-September report of HCMC DoLISA. In the last quarter of 2021, HCMC may need to recruit people for 43,654-56,869 jobs, HCMC Human Resources Forecast and Labor Market Information (FALMI) Center estimated. Director Le Minh Tan of HCMC DoLISA informed that HCMC currently has 470,000 firms (including 15,000 foreign-invested firms), with 3.2 million workers. In the last five months, only 70 firms could operate with 600,000 staff per factory sleepover model, and 1.7 million people had to stop working. Besides, 100,000 workers applied for jobless insurance indemnification and 500,000 other resigned. The Ho Chi Minh City Export Processing and Industrial Zones Authority (HEPZA) said that EPZs in HCMC had 288,000 laborers in early 2021. COVID-19 outbreak forced firms to pause operation and only 720 firms with 64,000 laborers can run with factory sleepover model. HEPZA added that 31,000 laborers had already left for their hometowns, however, they can easily return to work as they live in nearby provinces. The HEPZA Business Association (HBA) said that HCMC now has 1,500 major factories and during the pandemic, only 700 factories could operate with 70,000 workers. ([NLD](#) Oct 1)

88.3% of Students in Vietnam Employed in 12 Months after Graduation: Survey

The employment rate among Vietnamese students in 12 months after graduation was 88.3%, according to the Ministry of Education and Training (MoET)'s survey on 1,619 students from 15 universities nationwide. The survey showed that the employment rate was better for students with better learning outcomes, from 77.8% for graduates with normal results to 94.5% for graduates with distinctive results. For average monthly incomes, the most popular figure was VND7 million-VND10 million (\$300-\$429) with 35% of graduates, followed by VND10 million-VND15 million and VND5 million – VND7 million. ([Tien Phong](#) Sep 30)



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Hanoi Generates Jobs for 116.1K Workers in Jan-Sep

Hanoi will have created jobs for 116,100 laborers in the first nine months of 2021, equivalent to 72.5% of the target this year, according to the municipal DoLISA. In August and September, the city provided jobs to 4,384 people, mainly through loans and online consultation. During September, the city is likely to have given VND1.3 trillion (\$56 million) in unemployment benefits to 55,000 people and spent VND3.8 billion to have over 1,200 others get TVET. As of September, Hanoi reported 1.7 million people covered by social insurance, down 5.1% y/y. The rate of workers at industrial enterprises is estimated to rise 0.1% m/m but down 1.1% y/y. ([Bao Dan Sinh](#), [Bao Chinh Phu](#), [Bao Chinh Phu 1](#) Sep 30)

Fully Vaccinated Laborers Do not Need to Be Tested for COVID-19

Employees who have had received enough COVID-19 vaccine doses over 14 days or have recovered from the disease within 6 months do not need to be tested for coronavirus, within testing for business operation, the Vietnamese Ministry of Health said on September 30. ([Zing News](#) Sep 30)

S.Korea's Naver Employs 300 IT Engineers in Vietnam

South Korea's biggest internet company Naver is employing 300 information technology (IT) engineers for its center in Ho Chi Minh City until 2023, said Mr. Hwang Soon Bae, hiring manager at Naver. Job positions include front-end developer, back-end developer, windows development engineer, MAC development engineer, HR & General Affairs Deputy Manager. ([ICT News](#), [Thanh Nien](#) Sep 28)

34,000 People Leave HCMC on Oct 1-3

The ongoing exodus in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam's worst COVID-19 hotspot and also the biggest economic hub, recorded 34,000 people leaving for their hometowns on October 1-3, said Mr. Tran Thanh Giang from HCMC police. He added that there were 10,000 people passing gateways of HCMC on October 1 and 24,000 on October 2-3. HCMC police would help the people leave HCMC and enter other localities in planned trips, he said. Meanwhile, job centers in other localities are reporting a paradox that localities are recruiting many people, but the ones returning from HCMC do not apply. It is expected that those people are willing to return to HCMC, rather than settling in their hometowns. ([Lao Dong](#), [Lao Dong 1](#) Oct 4)

HCMC Crying out for Workers after COVID-19 Curbs Relaxed

With only 135,000 laborers currently being at work, equivalent to 46% of the total reported before October 1, industrial parks (IPs) and export processing zones (EPZs) in HCMC are so hard up for workers. Mr. Pham Duc Hai, vice chairman of the municipal Steering Committee for COVID-19 Prevention and Control, said in a meeting on October 4 amid eased coronavirus restrictions citywide that have prompted a mass exodus of migrant workers from HCMC to their



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hometowns. Deputy Director of the HCMC DoLISA Nguyen Van Lam said that enterprises citywide need to employ 56,000 laborers during the fourth quarter of this year while the labor source is expected to meet 90%-92% of the demand. ([VnExpress](#), [Tuoi Tre](#), [Dan Tri](#), [Sai Gon Dau Tu](#), [SGGP](#) Oct 4)

2.1M Out of 3.5M Migrant Workers in Southern Vietnam Want to Leave

Southern economic and industrial hubs in Vietnam, including Long An, Binh Duong, and Dong provinces, and Ho Chi Minh City, has 3.5 million migrant laborers and 2.1 million of those people want to leave for their hometowns, said Major General-Deputy Minister of Public Security Le Quoc Hung. ([VnExpress](#), [Tuoi Tre](#), [QDND](#) Sep 30)

COVID-19 Affects 13,512 Workers in Hai Duong in Sep

As many as 13 businesses with 13,512 laborers in Hai Duong province were hit by COVID-19 during September, including 974 furloughed workers and 135 people with suspended labor contracts, according to the provincial DoLISA. Throughout the month, 32 enterprises in the province sought to employ 1,081 workers, including 658 unskilled laborers. ([Dan Sinh](#) Sep 29)

Son La Creates Jobs for 14.8K Workers in Jan-Sep

Son La province generated jobs for around 14,800 laborers in the first nine months of this year, equivalent to 74% of the year's target, according to the provincial DoLISA. The rate of trained laborers now stands at 56.1%, and the urban unemployment rate is at 3.78%. During the nine-month period, Son La provided employment consultations to 8,273 persons and helped 1,311 people get jobs at industrial parks nationwide. ([Dan Sinh](#) Sep 29)

7K Laborers in Thai Nguyen File for Unemployment Benefits since Early 2021

The employment service centre in Thai Nguyen province received 7,000 claims for unemployment benefits since early 2021, up 6.6% y/y. The provincial DoLISA helped 209 people get TVET, arranged three TVET classes for 55 rural workers, and held ten career orientation meetings for secondary and high school students as well as learners of TVET schools and centres. ([Thai Nguyen](#) Sep 30)

Binh Dinh College Merged with Quy Nhon College of Engineering-Technology

The People's Committee in Binh Dinh province merged Binh Dinh College with Quy Nhon College of Engineering and Technology, one of 45 leading TVET schools nationwide. After the merger, Quy Nhon College of Engineering and Technology will have an enrolment size of 10,700 learners, including 5,400 college students and 5,100 intermediate learners. By 2025, the school is expected to offer TVET for four international-level occupations, four ASEAN-level occupations, and four national-level occupations. It strives to achieve 50% financial autonomy by 2025. ([NLD](#) Oct 1)



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Firms in Quang Binh Need to Employ 4.5K Workers

Enterprises in Quang Binh province currently need to employ over 4,500 laborers, Director of the provincial employment service centre Nguyen Thanh Phuong said on October 4. As of late September, the province reported around 5,000 laborers fleeing COVID-19-hit Ho Chi Minh City and southern localities. ([Nhan Dan](#) Oct 4)

Long An Seeks to Keep Laborers at Work amid Massive Exodus

Within two weeks since September 15, Long An province entered the first phase of its production resumption plan with 63,489 laborers back to work. Since October 1, the province has recorded an additional 200 businesses with 25,486 employees turning to work. It aims to get over 80% of laborers work in the new normalcy by late November. ([Tuoi Tre](#) Oct 4)

17K Laborers in Thanh Hoa Apply for Unemployment Benefits since Early 2021

The employment service centre in Thanh Hoa province has recorded nearly 17,000 claims for unemployment benefits, mostly unskilled laborers, since the beginning of 2021 and decided to give jobless aid to over 17,000 people. Workers aged between 25 and 40 made up the highest of persons filing for jobless benefits. Of applicants for unemployment benefits, over 60% were affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. ([VietnamPlus](#) Oct 4)