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Teachers of Public TVET Institutions Eligible for Allowance for Heavy, Hazardous Work

Practical teachers at public TVET institutions will be eligible for allowances for heavy, hazardous and dangerous work, according to Decree 113/2015/ND/CP. They will receive allowances in case they directly expose to hazardous gases, work in an infection-prone and high-pressure environment and under noises or vibration exceeding safety standards, and teach the practice in an environment where radiation or electromagnetic exceed permitted standards. ([Lao Dong](#) Jun 21)

Dialogue on TVET, Career Orientation for Ethnic Minority Youth Takes Place in Hanoi

The Aide et Action Vietnam (AEA), the Northwest Development Cooperation Centre, and DVET held a dialogue on demand-driven vocational education and career orientation for the youth of ethnic minorities on June 23 in Hanoi. The event was part of a project on enhancing livelihood opportunities for young people of ethnic minorities via career development and entrepreneurship initiatives funded by the EU. ([NLD](#) Jun 23)

Post-secondary Vocational Education Classification in Vietnam Remains Ineffective

Representatives of many colleges and intermediate schools reported difficulties in recruiting secondary school graduates as education classification remains ineffective, and parents and students are not clearly aware of TVET. Director of Ho Chi Minh City's Department of Education and Training Nguyen Van Hieu said that only 5% of secondary school graduates enrol in local colleges and intermediate schools, mainly because they do not see the benefits of vocational learning. ([Thanh Nien](#) Jun 23)

● Business Sector and Labour Market ●

Foreign Cooperation

Over 46,600 Vietnamese Workers Absconding, Illegally Staying Abroad: Ministry

Out of 712,600 Vietnamese contract workers abroad, over 46,600 abscond or illegally stay in the host countries and territories, according to the MoLISA. In its document in reply to NA deputies from Quang Binh province, the ministry said that Taiwan houses the most absconding Vietnamese workers, with 256,500, accounting for 9% of Vietnamese labourers there. Regarding the portion of absconding workers, South Korea sees the highest rate with 12,200, accounting for 26% of Vietnamese workers in the nation. Meanwhile, there are nearly 4,700 Vietnamese workers absconding in Japan, 1,300 in Middle Eastern-African countries, and close to 600 in



European countries. Among absconding and illegal workers, many committed thefts, illegal brewing, gambling, and fighting, which has sabotaged the image of Vietnamese workers overseas, the ministry noted. ([Tien Phong](#), [ANTD](#) Jun 21)

Vietnam Seals Labour Dispatching Agreement with South Korea

A memorandum of understanding on labour dispatching and reception under the Employment Permit System (EPS) program between Vietnam and South Korea was signed in Hanoi on June 23 in the presence of Vietnamese President Vo Van Thuong and his South Korean counterpart Yoon Suk Yeol. Vietnamese Minister of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs Dao Ngoc Dung and South Korean Minister of Employment and Labour Lee Jung Sik inked the deal on behalf of the two governments. The pact is basically similar to the previous MoUs and is valid for two years since the signing date. It stipulates the responsibilities of dispatching and reception agencies, dispatching fees, candidate recruitment, and contract conclusion with workers, and measures to reduce Vietnamese labourers overstaying their visas. As of June 1, 2023, South Korea housed 48,950 Vietnamese workers, which rose by 9,300 from the same period of 2022. ([Dan Tri](#), [Tin Tuc](#), [ANTD](#), [NLD](#) Jun 23)

South Korea Urged to Raise Quota on Vietnamese Migrant Workers

Vietnam looks to South Korea to increase its quota on Vietnamese migrant workers, Minister of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs Dao Ngoc Dung said, citing a rising number of Vietnamese people with a demand for work in the Northeast Asian nation. Minister Dung made his proposal while receiving South Korean Minister of Employment and Labour Lee Jung-sik in Hanoi on June 21. Speaking of the Employment Permit System (EPS) program, Mr. Dung said it currently meets 30% of employment demand from Vietnamese workers. Therefore, South Korea should expand the scope of industries and professions covered by the program, he recommended. Regarding the agreement on social insurance between the governments of Vietnam and South Korea, the two sides have been proceeding with their internal procedures to put the deal into effect soon, the Vietnamese official said, adding that South Korea is also one of Vietnam's strategic partners in vocational education. Welcoming proposals by the Vietnamese side, Minister Lee hoped that both countries would make further progress with the EPS program upon the upcoming renewal of its deal. In the first five months of 2023, Vietnam sent 5,000 workers to South Korea. Currently, South Korea houses 48,000 Vietnamese workers, including 32,000 covered by the EPS program. ([Dan Tri](#), [MoLISA](#), [Nhan Dan](#), [Tuoi Tre](#) Jun 21)

Vietnam, Germany's Saxony Enhance Vocational Training Cooperation

Vietnamese Deputy Minister of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs Le Tan Dung met with a delegation of the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Labour and Transport of Germany's Saxony led by its State Secretary Thomas Kralinski in Hanoi on June 22, during which both sides discussed cooperation in vocational training. At the talks, State Secretary Kralinski said that German firms appreciate human resources training cooperation programs between the two countries. They expect to welcome those who got trained from the joint projects to work at plants



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in Germany and Saxony, he added. The Vietnamese official, for his part, looked to Germany to keep sharing its experience with Vietnam within the existing staffing training projects. ([MoLISA Jun 22](#))

Vietnam National Innovation Centre, USAID Launch Digital Workforce Platform

The National Innovation Centre (NIC), under the Vietnamese Ministry of Planning and Investment, and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) have launched a digital workforce platform to support Vietnam's digital manpower development for the fourth industrial revolution. The launch was part of a workshop themed "Future of jobs in digital economy," held in Hanoi on June 21 through the USAID's Vietnam Workforce for Innovation and Startup Ecosystem (USAID-WISE). The online platform nhanlucso.org.vn provides information about the information technology labour market and workforce, thus supporting the young with career orientations and development in the future. At the workshop, experts and speakers from recruitment agencies and technology companies discussed issues of concern including how new technologies will change employment and labour markets and the young workforce's preparation to adapt to needs and changes. ([Dau Tu](#), [VnEconomy](#), [Bao Dau Thau](#), [Lao Dong](#), [Thoi Bao Ngan Hang](#), [ICT Vietnam Jun 22](#))

Only 10% of Vietnamese Labourers Dispatched Abroad Skilled Workers

Only under 10% of Vietnamese labourers dispatched overseas are skilled workers. The thirst of technical workers at Vietnamese factories has been lingering for years. If workers returning from abroad are fully tapped, local businesses will not take time for training. Vietnam aims to send 110,000 workers abroad, and it is necessary to pay attention to improving the quality of migrant workers to meet the demand of recipient nations and prepare domestic firms with an available skilled workforce when they return to the home country. ([VTV Jun 21](#))

DoLAB Announces Recruitment of Technical Trainees under IM Japan program

The DoLAB has announced that application for the technical internship program in Japan (IM Japan) will remain open to candidates. The program is under a MoU signed between the MoLISA and the IM Japan on the training of Vietnamese technical trainees in Japan in the processing-manufacturing and construction industries. ([Mekong ASEAN Jun 27](#))

MoLISA Proposes Dropping Reference Rules for Workers on Australian Working Holiday

The MoLISA has proposed the Ministry of Public Security and Ministry of Foreign Affairs remove reference letter issuance and re-issuance requirements for Vietnamese people working in Australia under the Australian Working Holiday Visa program. The ministry said the removal will simplify procedures and cut time and costs for workers. ([ANTD Jun 27](#))

Japan's Trade Union Apologizes to Vietnamese Embassy for Inappropriate Behaviour



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On June 16, a trade union of Japan apologized to the Vietnamese Embassy in Japan for its inappropriate behaviour to a Vietnamese migrant worker, which was filmed and went viral on social networks recently. The trade union's representative also reported that the workers had violated local laws like absconding many times. The worker returned to Vietnam on June 13. ([VietnamNet](#) Jun 20)

Hyundai Motor Holds Training of Trainers at Industrial Vocational College Hanoi

On June 19-24, Hyundai Motor held the training of trainers at the Industrial Vocational College Hanoi (HNIVC). The training course focused on three parts of diagnose, engine, and electric for car body. ([VOV](#) Jun 22)

Honda Vietnam Grants Used Cars, Motorbikes, Engines to Northern TVET Institutes

Honda Vietnam has recently granted used cars, motorbikes, and engines for teaching and learning at colleges and intermediate-level schools in northern Vinh Phuc, Ha Nam, and vicinity provinces. So far this year, Honda Vietnam has sponsored such equipment to over 30 colleges and intermediate-level schools in Vinh Phuc, Ha Nam, Hanoi, Thanh Hoa, Nghe An, Hoa Binh, Yen Bai, Son La, and Phu Tho provinces. ([Tap Chi Cong Thuong](#) Jun 21)

Domestic News

Hanoi Fulfils 70% of Yearly Job Creation Plan in H1

The capital city of Hanoi has created jobs for 113,418 workers in the first six months of this year, achieving 70% of the year's plan thanks to the implementation of numerous solutions, including increasing the frequency of job fairs, according to the municipal DoLISA. However, the number of jobs generated in the first six months of 2023 fell by 4.5% compared to the same period last year. The decrease in job creation is attributed to difficulties faced by many businesses as a result of a decline in orders from major markets, rising fuel prices and high interest rates. A shortage of staff for labour and employment affairs in some localities has resulted in a low number of workers who take part in vocational training. ([Hanoi Moi](#) Jun 22, [Vietnam Plus](#) Jun 23)

Career Fair in Hanoi Offers 1,430 Vacancies

A career fair in Hanoi on June 24 attracted the participation of 36 firms with a need of 1,430 labourers and a maximum monthly offer of VND15 million. The jobs are in fields of overseas work, apparel, marketing, plastic production, security, administrative staff, sales, and customer care. ([Kinh Te Do Thi](#) Jun 24)

Hanoi to Collect Info on Labour Market in 2023



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The capital city of Hanoi will collect information on qualifications, trained occupations, and employment situation of those of 15 years old and above, as well as information on foreign expats in the city. ([Doanh Nghiep Tiep Thi](#) Jun 24)

Yen Bai Aims to Send 1,500-2,000 Workers Overseas Yearly by 2025

Northern Yen Bai province has set a target to dispatch 1,500-2,000 workers abroad annually by 2025, with a vision to 2030. The figure is set at 4,800 for the 2023-2025 period and 10,000 for the 2026-2030 period. ([Dan Sinh](#) Jun 26)

Quang Ninh Boosts TVET Institutes-Labour Market Linkage

Northern Quang Ninh province has formed a special working group and held the signing ceremony of memoranda of understanding (MoUs) to promote the connection between local TVET institutes and labour market. The first MoU was between the provincial employment service centres and five colleges and the other were between Vietnam-Korea College of Quang Ninh and Jinko Solar (Vietnam) Industries Company Limited. ([Dien Dan Doanh Nghiep](#) Jun 23)

HCMC Promotes Vocational Training for People with Disabilities

Southern Ho Chi Minh City's Fatherland Front Central Committee held a workshop on June 20 to discuss vocational training and job creation for people with disabilities. This was the first activity within a project on facilitating employment for youngsters with disabilities, funded by Citi Foundation and implemented by Save Children (SC) and the Ho Chi Minh City Association for the Support of People with Disabilities and Orphans (HASPDO). The project aims to support 300 youngsters aged 16-24 in HCMC. ([Cong An](#) Jun 20)

HCMC Boosts Digital Transformation in TVET Sector

The People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City has issued a plan to implement the digital transformation program in the TVET sector by 2025, with a vision to 2030. Under the plan, 70% of teachers and managerial staff are set to be equipped with digital transformation knowledge and 70% of TVET teachers are expected to access digital curriculum knowledge. Besides, 100% of colleges and intermediate-level schools are set to digitalize training process, results, and diplomas. All figures are set at 100% by 2030. ([Dan Sinh](#) Jun 26)

HCMC's DoET, DoLISA Ink Cooperation Program

Ho Chi Minh City's DoET and DoLISA inked a cooperation program on June 22 to jointly orientate and provide vocational training for secondary and high school graduates. Under the deal, both departments will carry out career orientations and supervise academic training at TVET institutes. At present, HCMC houses 370 TVET institutes and 2,500 learners graduate from such establishments every year. However, the number of secondary school graduates opting



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to join TVET in HCMC has remained low. Meanwhile, students from other localities have dominated those from the city at local TVET institutes. ([Tuoi Tre](#) Jun 22)

Binh Duong Forecast to Need 20K Workers for Rest of 2023: Dept.

Binh Duong province is forecast to need some 20,000 workers for the rest of 2023, including 15,000 unskilled workers. Recruitment demand will arise mainly in processing-manufacturing, thermo-mechanical, plastic, packaging, commerce, and service. ([Dan Tri](#) Jun 27)

Dong Nai Creates Jobs for over 40K Labourers in H1

Southern Dong Nai province is estimated to have created jobs for more than 40,000 labourers in the first half (H1) of this year, fulfilling 50% of the year target, according to the provincial DoLISA. ([Bao Dong Nai](#) Jun 25, [Dan Sinh](#) Jun 26)

Can Tho Hosts Q2 Career Fair for Mekong Delta, Southeast Localities

Can Tho City recently hosted a career fair for the second quarter (Q2) of this year, connecting Mekong Delta and southeastern localities. The event attracted the participation of 325 recruiting units with 18,663 vacancies. ([Bao Can Tho](#) Jun 26)