

Work Experience

W20008

All Modes (APEAL, Practice, Placement) Assignment

This is intended to be a project assignment.

Assignment

You are required to carry out a project entitled:

“How the IT industry in Ireland will continue to grow in time of pressure”

Under this heading you are required to explore the industry and document the range of occupations in the sector. Remember that there is a very wide range of employment generated, not all of which actually require IT skills.

For one of the employment categories – that does need IT skills – document the qualifications and/or skills needed to gain employment in that area. Document also the likely remuneration for an employee fulfilling that role.

Investigate the employment opportunities in the IT sector generally and in the employment area analysed above in particular. Make an observation on how those employment prospects might change over the next 5 years.

Apart from the obvious IT employment knowledge, the purpose of this assignment is to examine opportunities that arise in time of recession and/or general business stress. Note as a fact that software development continues to, relatively speaking, hold it's own in the current recession.

The FETAC marking scheme specifically suggests that the assignment should show a detailed knowledge of occupations and qualifications and an analysis of career opportunities.

Guidelines

- The final assignment should extend to a maximum of 3 A4 pages, including the cover page.
- Your submission should have a very clear structure, where the beginning, middle, end and conclusions are easily discernible.
- The assignment should be standard formatted (see sheet on standard formatting).
- The assignment should be submitted using the submission box in Room 15
- Use a 'My Own Work' cover page unless submitting with other assignments.
- The deadline for this assignment is: **15:15, Tuesday, 24-04-2009**

This assignment is worth 20% of the total marks for the module.