

# 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:

### ***“Education and knowledge are the key to success in IT careers”***

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, some of which only require general IT skills. Comment also on how employment prospects in IT vary from those in other areas; such as general manufacturing, for example.

For one of the employment categories – that does need proper 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.

Reflect in your essay the fact that our country is considered to be going through a period of economic crisis and how this is affecting companies individually and generally in the IT sector – referencing both Irish and international companies.

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 completed 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, Wednesday, 02-03-2011**

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