

FETAC Level 5 – Work Experience W20008

DEADLINE: April 22nd, 2015

VOCATIONAL STUDY : 20 %

As part of your assessment criteria for module W20008, you are required to research and write a report (1000 words approx.) on the Software Development/IT Industry in relation to your work placement. The report should:

- describe and give details of the IT/Software Development industry
- detail the qualifications and experience needed for work associated with one occupation in the vocational area
- detail the necessary qualifications and experience needed to work in this IT industry sector
- discuss employment and career opportunities in the vocational award area

The vocational report should be structured to include the following sections.

- a cover page containing your name, your class group, the module code (as above), report title, date of submission and your tutor's name
- background information (abstract) and/or an introduction: a short introduction with background information on the IT sector you are describing, i.e., whether it is new/well-established, the number of businesses operating in this sector, numbers of people working in the sector, etc.
- occupation survey: to include a description of the range of occupations undertaken by people working in this sector, whether they are generally self-employed/employees, nature of their tasks and responsibilities, opportunities for advancement, opportunities for moving within the same workplace and between workplaces, etc.
- detailed survey of the *specific occupation* within the IT Support Sector (e.g., IT technician). Be sure to describe in detail the qualifications typically required for the role and those which may not be specifically required but are very useful, e.g., 'soft skills'
- future employment trends and career opportunities in the IT Sector; including a **brief** survey of the current employment openings (e.g., from media sources – newspapers, the Web, Fás, etc).
- a closing section containing a **brief** review of industry growth trends should be discussed
- What industry is your workplace part of?
- Has it been affected by technological issues, eg lack of up-to-date technology, new technology brought into the workplace etc?
- Has your industry been affected by competition issues, eg affected by its nearest competitor or is there a niche market?
- Are there any changes planned for the future that will directly or indirectly affect your workplace's industry?
- Have the numbers employed in the industry increased or decreased?

Guidelines:

- your journal should be word processed in Times New Roman 12 point and stapled or ring-bound
- all tables, figures and/or diagrams used should be sourced correctly
- completed journals should be handed up with a copy of the supervisors report

NOTE: Incidents of alleged plagiarism and cheating are dealt with in accordance with the College's assessment Regulations. For your information, **plagiarism** is defined as 'presenting the ideas, concepts, etc., of someone without proper acknowledgement and/or credit as to the originality of their work, Furthermore, **cheating** is described as the use of unauthorised material in the text, unauthorised collusion, dishonest behaviour in respect of assessments and/or deliberate plagiarism – any of which will result in a fail mark.

IMPORTANT: A copy of the folder containing all electronic files and all printouts must be given to your teacher in class on or before this deadline.

Student name: _____

I confirm this is my own original work

Date: _____

Signed: _____