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The objective of this research was to study employment status and working conditions of the candidates both before and after taking examination for teacher placement in the General Education Department in order to achieve better understanding of the situations and problems concerning the employment of the Bachelor Degree in Education graduates. Data were collected from questionnaires filled out by the sample population who were taking the placement examination of 817, and analysed by means of the percentage and χ^2 -test.

The findings are as follow;

1. Before taking the examination, 56.65% of the candidates is unemployed. Most of them, aged between 20-24, are newly graduated or graduated 1-2 years ago. Another 43.35% is already employed but wishes to take another job because the actual job is underqualified employment or not relevant to their field of study.
2. The candidates assume that taking teacher placement examination is the way to be a government officers, having a progressive and stable job which is relevant to their specific training. In addition, this provides them a chance for a change from the job and environment they dissatisfied.
3. After the examination, the ratio of the graduates getting full-time employment and the job relevant to their training increases. The remaining 24.47% is still unemployed and has economical problems and the like.