

Government Administration Council's Decree on the
Placement of This Summer's Graduates of
Public and Private Institutions of Higher Learning
Throughout the Nation
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According to current statistics, there are 17,539 students graduating this year from all public and private institutions of higher learning (including universities, specialized colleges, and junior colleges, but not including the People's University, Revolutionary University, Military and Political University, and higher educational institutions under the jurisdiction of various ministries) in the nation. So that these graduates will be well-placed to meet the needs, first, of our urgent national program of building a new state (at the present time, the emphasis of this program is the development of the Northeast Provinces), and second, of the demands of various departments and agencies of the government in all areas; and to prevent chaos and imbalance in placement, the government, the party, and the military services must assign these students to work according to a sound plan. For this purpose, the Council issues the following directive:

1. The Northeast Large Administrative District, in addition to the 530 graduates of local institutions of higher learning to be assigned to work within the area, will receive 2,500-3,000 graduates of institutions of higher learning from the East China Large Administrative District, 1,400-2,000 from the Central South Large Administrative District, and 1,000-1,200 from the Southwest District. In total, the Northeast District will get 4,900-6,200 graduates from other districts, including the 500 that the Northeast Railway Administration needs.

2. The East China Large Administrative District has about 6,400 graduates of institutions of higher learning this summer. Of these, 2,600-3,300 (including the 700 requested by the Third Field Army and the 400 requested by the East China Railway Administration) will remain in the district for assignments. The District Government is hereby instructed to allocate 500-800 graduates for assignment by the Central People's Government (of which no less than 300 must be science and engineering graduates) and 2,500-3,000 for assignment by the Northeast Large Administrative District Government (of which no less than 1,500-1,900 must be science and engineering graduates).

3. The Central South Large Administrative District has about 3,900 graduates of institutions of higher learning this summer. After the allocation of 1,400-2,000 for assignments in the Northeast Large Administrative District (including no less than 900 graduates of physical sciences, engineering, and agricultural sciences), the remainder of the graduates will be assigned for the district's own use (including the 500 requested by the railway and mining industries and the 400 requested by the Fourth Field Army in the District).

4. The Southwest Large Administrative District has about 3,400 graduates of institutions of higher learning this summer. It will allocate 1,000-1,200 of them to the Northeast District (including 150 for the Northeast Military District); of this total, no less than 600 must be science and engineering graduates, and it will retain the remainder for its own use, with the exception of 450 requested by the Second Field Army.

5. The Northwest Large Administrative District has about

680 graduates of institutions of higher learning this summer; all of them will be assigned to work according to its own needs.

6. The North China Large Administrative District has 2,400 graduates of institutions of higher learning this summer. All of them will be directly assigned to work by the Central People's Government. Of this total, 1,200-1,400 will be allocated to the ministries of the Central Government and the Communist Party apparatus. The rest will be distributed among the five provinces and two cities that are directly under the jurisdiction of the Central People's Government, and the Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region (including the 600 requested by the Central Military Committee and the North China Military District).

7. In addition to the above instructions, consideration must be given to the quality of training and the subject fields of these graduates in assigning work to them, to match them satisfactorily with available jobs. There will be a few among this summer's graduates whose political orientation is uncertain; therefore it will be impossible to assign them work. In these cases, local governments will not allocate them to other districts, and they will make decisions according to local conditions.

8. In general, efforts must be made to persuade the graduating students to accept the work assignments by the government, in order to serve the people. But those who wish to find work themselves may do so.

9. If private industrial and business enterprises and cultural and educational institutions need graduates of institutions of higher learning, but fail to recruit them, they may apply for them through local governments. Local governments should do their best to supply these graduates as requested.

10. With the exception of cases determined by the special nature of the work of the organizations where they are assigned, the term of internship of graduates of institutions of higher learning usually is between six months and one year. During their internship, if their organizations operate on the system of supplying all essential necessities of life, they will eat in

the general mess halls of their organizations and receive a ration of daily necessities. If their organizations have a wage system, they will be paid wages based upon actual costs of eating in the general dining halls and various kinds of necessities, or paid some low salary, depending upon local conditions.

11. The Central People's Government and the Northeast Large Administrative District Government should immediately send representatives to East China, the Central South, and the Southwest to receive these graduates, with the cooperation of the respective administrative district government. The Central People's Government and the Northeast Large Administrative District Government will pay traveling expenses for them.

It is expected that all local governments will carry out the above instructions and will report on their progress from time to time.