

Overview of the Bangladesh higher education market, schools examination boards and what the numbers mean for UK institutions

In the last year, over 1 million candidates took the Higher Secondary School Certificate (HSC) examination. This year the HSC (under the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Exams, Bangladesh Technical Education Board) examinations as well as Kamil exams started from 1 April 2015 which is the equivalent exam under Bangladesh Madrasah Education Board.

From 2013 to 2014 the number of candidates appearing for HSC and equivalent exams has increased by 12%. After the examination, students target to get enrolled in the undergraduate programmes offered by the Public Universities, Private Universities and colleges under National University and Bangladesh Open University.

In the last couple of years we have seen a constant growth in number of examinees graduating through Higher Secondary Certificate.

The result of this year's HSC and equivalent examinations came out on 9 August 2015. Total pass rate for HSC and equivalent examinations is 69.60%. A total of 10,61,614 students under 10 education boards, including madrasa and technical boards took part in the examination this year. Under General Education Board the pass rate is 65.84% where 876,476 students took part in the examination. 577,087 students passed in the examination and 34,721 students received Grade Point Average (GPA) 5 out 5.

Under Technical Education boards the pass rate is 85 % where total 98,296 students took part in the examination. 84,125 no of students passed in the examination and 6,430 of students received Grade Point Average (GPA) 5 out 5.

Under Madrasa Education Board the pass rate is 90.19% where total 82,558 students took part in the examination. 74,461 no of students passed in the examination and 1,435 of students received Grade Point Average (GPA) 5 out 5.

Higher Education Institutes in Bangladesh

As per University Grants Commission of Bangladesh there are,

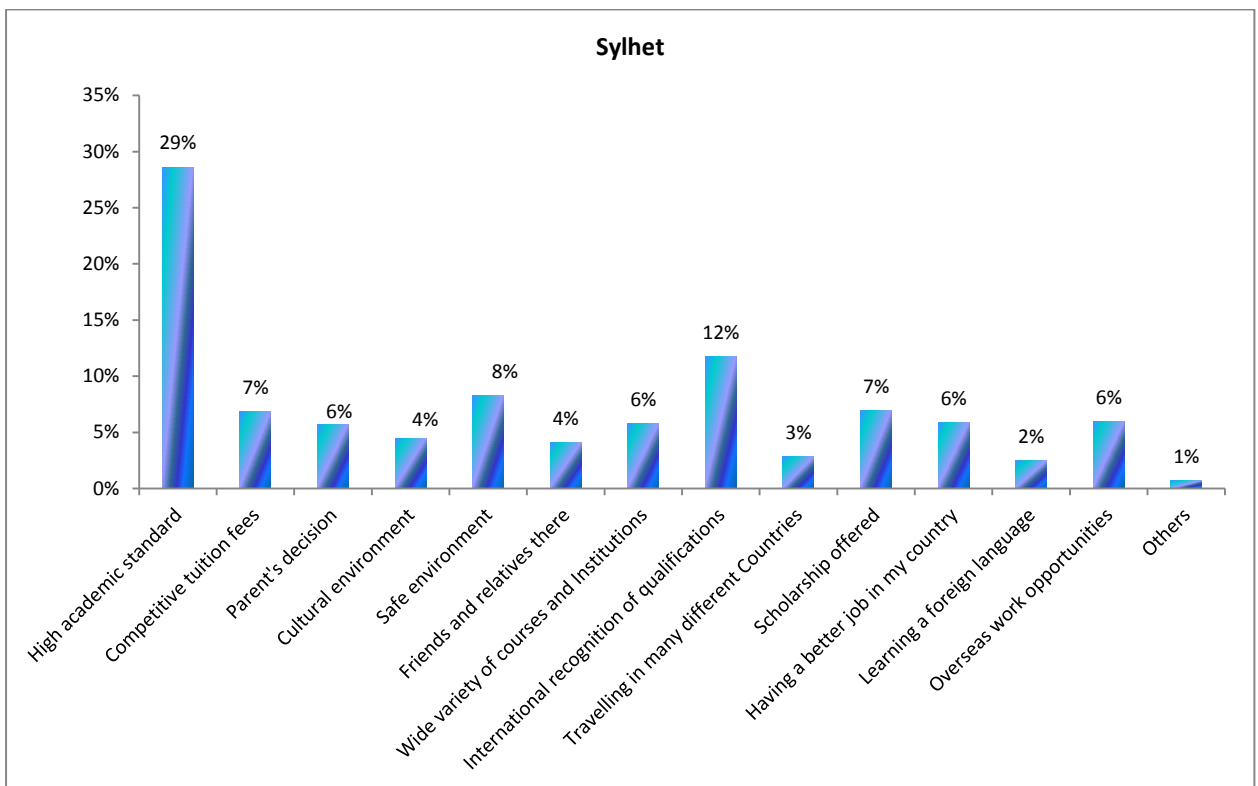
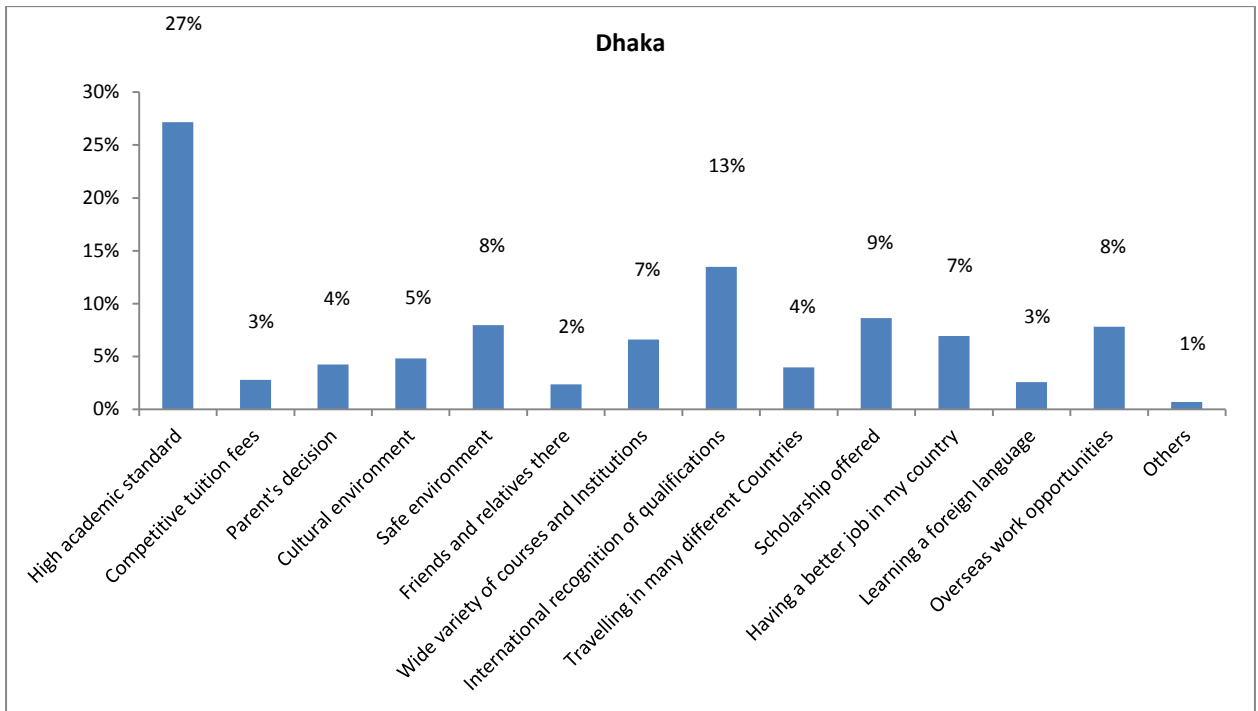
- 35 Public Universities-35
- 78 Private Universities-78
- 2 International Universities-2

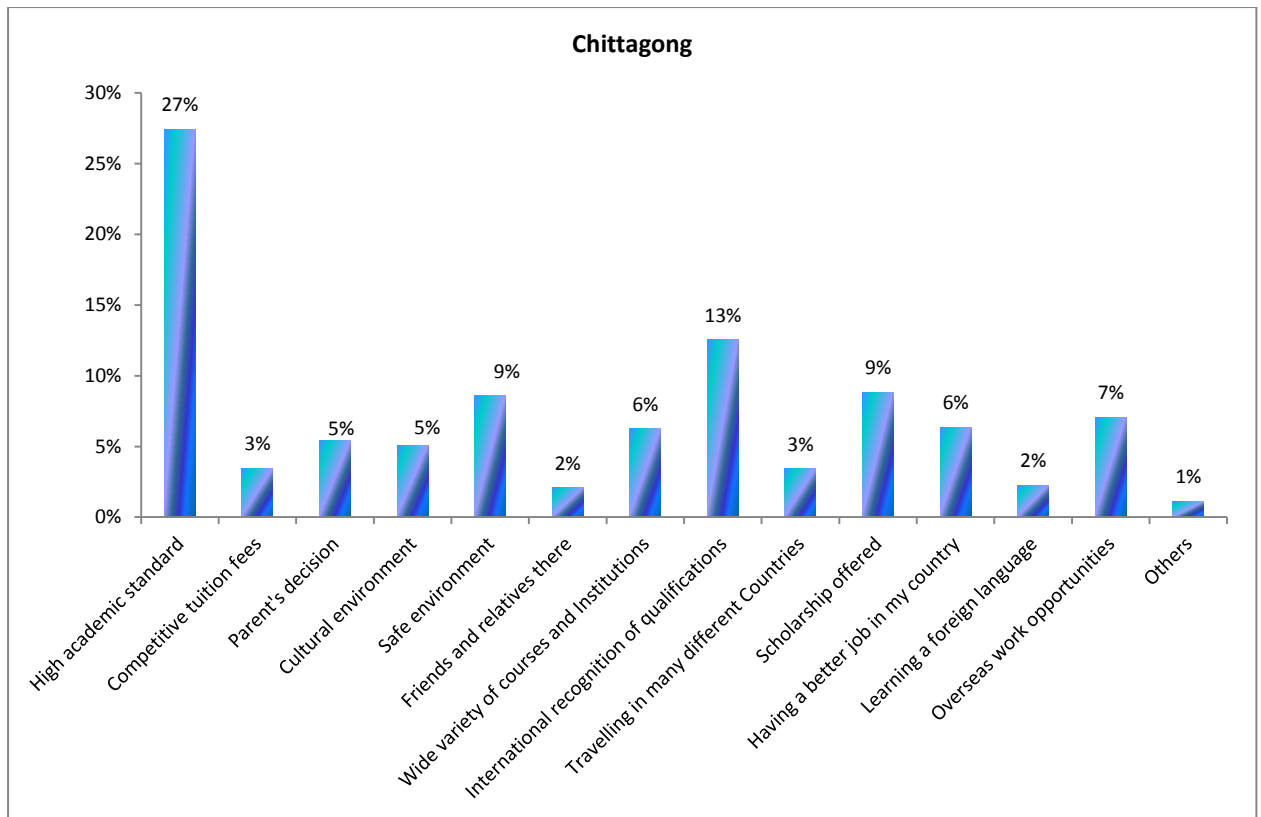
Colleges offering Degree Courses under

- 2000 National University and Open University
- 42 Medical Colleges 9 Dental Colleges
- 70 Law Colleges
- 21 Teachers' Training Colleges
- 29 Physical Education Colleges
- 21 Leather Technology Colleges

There is a visible gap between enrolment capacity and the number of students passing each year which is forcing many students to pursue foreign qualifications. UK is the second biggest destination for these students pursuing international education.

This year we have organised 8 UK Education Open days (Agents exhibitions). Through visitor registration system's data we have found that UK courses are of highest preference among the students. We have obtained following graphs for three major cities Dhaka, Chittagong and Sylhet,





The HSC, Kamil and HSC under BTEB exams will be ending in the first week of June 2015.

Students in Bangladesh, begin their preparation for university admissions right after completion of their exams, even before the results get published.

This would be the perfect time for you to meet students to promote your institution. Targeted marketing to this highly potential market will give you the opportunity to increase your student numbers from across Bangladesh.

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