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THE QUALITY ASSESSMENT OF THE YOUNG SPECIALISTS' LABOR MARKET

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Abstract. The young professionals' employment on the labor market is studied in this paper. Based on the regulatory framework and theoretical sources analysis, it is revealed that the category "young specialist" does not have an unambiguous interpretation. The practical experience analysis of supporting young specialists in organizations allowed the authors to identify the main signs of classifying an employee as a young specialist. Further, the authors analyzed the labor market state in the Altai Territory, including its youth segment, and identified the young professionals finding problems. During the study, such problems were identified as the discrepancy between the professions demanded by the youth and the employers' side, the discrepancy between the young professionals' competences and the employers' expectations. To specify the second problem, the authors conducted an employers' sociological survey to identify their expectations regarding personal and basic professional competencies, as well as an anonymous survey of young people in the labor market about their required competencies development. The survey revealed significant discrepancies. The obtained results should help young professionals look at themselves from outside and try to meet the employers' requirements. The conclusion lists the measures that, in the authors' opinion, should contribute to solving the young professionals finding problems.

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