



## ABSTRACT

This paper studies the return to schooling between vocational and general high schools in Indonesia using cross-section data consisting of 2439 individuals. All data are sourced from IFLS 4 published in 2007. Return to schooling is measured in terms of earnings using human capital earnings function (Mincer, 1974). The function is regressed using Ordinary Least Squares method. The study finds no difference in the returns to schooling between vocational and general high schools in Indonesia. The findings implied that the government plan to expand vocational education in 2015 cannot be justified and it is recommended that the government should focus on promoting general education, easing the access to higher education, as well as improving the curriculum in vocational education.

Key words: return to schooling, earnings, vocational high school, general high school.