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Interview

Tell us about your current role, career so far and how did you first start working in tax?

I currently work as a Tax Partner in UHY Azerbaijan, where I focus on tax compliance, tax technology implementation, digital transformation and tax consulting. Over the course of my career, I have developed expertise in key areas such as tax technology, international tax and data analytics. My journey in tax began at early stages of my career, when I was responsible for Tax Compliance of one of the leading IT companies in Azerbaijan. Since then, I have continuously pursued opportunities to expand my knowledge and adapt to the evolving landscape of tax, especially the growing integration of technology in tax administration and compliance.

What area of tax do you work in and how did the tax technology qualification help you in your day-to-day job?

I work primarily in tax compliance. DITT has significantly enhanced my day-to-day work by deepening my understanding of digital tools and processes such as Making Tax Digital, robotic process automation, and data analytics. This knowledge enables me to optimise tax processes, improve accuracy and compliance, and effectively collaborate with both technical and tax teams to drive digital transformation within the tax function.

What motivated you to undertake this qualification?

My motivation to pursue the DITT stemmed from the rapidly evolving landscape of tax administration, where technology is playing an increasingly pivotal role. I recognised that to remain effective and forward-thinking as a tax professional, it was essential to deepen my understanding of digital transformation, data analytics, and emerging tax technologies. This qualification offered me the opportunity to build both technical skills and strategic insights, enabling me to contribute meaningfully to the modernisation and digitalisation of tax processes in my organisation.

What are your observations on the syllabus, learning experience, assessment questions and touchpoint comms?

The syllabus was comprehensive and well-structured, covering a broad range of essential topics in tax technology, from foundational concepts like Making Tax Digital to advanced areas such as Al, data analytics, and digital transformation strategies. The learning experience was engaging, supported by clear materials and practical examples that helped bridge theory and real-world application.

What stood out in terms of learning and skills you have

The assessment questions were challenging yet fair, encouraging critical thinking and ensuring a deep understanding of the subject matter. They successfully tested both conceptual knowledge and practical application. Throughout the course, the touchpoint communications were timely and informative, providing helpful guidance and support that enhanced my learning journey. Overall, the program was highly valuable and well-managed, equipping me with the skills and confidence needed to navigate the digital future of tax.

What stood out in terms of learning and skills you have developed as a result of studying the DITT?

What stood out most during my study of the DITT was the depth of understanding I gained in the intersection of tax and technology. I developed strong skills in areas such as robotic process automation (RPA), data analytics, and the practical applications of Making Tax Digital (MTD). The course sharpened my ability to analyse complex tax processes and identify opportunities for digital transformation and automation.

Additionally, I enhanced my strategic thinking regarding how emerging technologies like artificial intelligence and distributed ledger technology can shape the future of tax compliance and administration. These skills have empowered me to contribute more effectively to technology-driven initiatives within my organisation and have broadened my perspective on the evolving role of tax professionals in the digital age.

How did you manage studying and working at the same time?

Balancing studying and working simultaneously required strong time management and prioritisation skills. I created a structured schedule to allocate dedicated time for coursework, revision, and assessments around my work commitments. Staying disciplined and focused helped me make consistent progress without compromising my professional responsibilities.

Do you have any guidance on how best to approach the learning material?

To make the most of the learning material, I recommend a structured and active approach. Start by reviewing the syllabus to understand the overall framework and how the topics connect. Break down the material into manageable sections and set realistic study goals for each session. Engage actively with the content by taking notes, highlighting key points, and reflecting on how the concepts apply to real–world tax scenarios. Regularly test your understanding through practice questions and revisit challenging topics as needed.

Which module did you enjoy the most and what were the most relevant to your current role?

The module I enjoyed the most was Making Tax Digital and Digital Transformation because it directly aligns with the ongoing changes in tax administration and the integration of technology into traditional tax processes. This module provided valuable insights into real-time reporting, automation, and digital compliance, which are highly relevant to my current role in tax compliance.

How do you think this programme will benefit the profession?

This programme is set to benefit the tax profession significantly by equipping professionals with the knowledge and skills needed to navigate the rapidly evolving digital landscape. As tax administration becomes increasingly automated and data-driven, having a strong grasp of tax technology, digital transformation, and data analytics is essential for maintaining compliance and delivering value to clients and organisations.

Would you recommend this programme to others?

Absolutely, I would highly recommend the Diploma in Tax Technology (DITT) programme to other tax professionals. It provides a comprehensive and up-to-date understanding of the intersection between tax and technology, which is becoming increasingly important in today's rapidly changing tax environment.





What kept you motivated throughout the programme?

What kept me motivated throughout the programme was the clear relevance and immediacy of the skills I was gaining. Knowing that the knowledge of tax technology and digital transformation is essential for the future of the profession kept me focused and driven.

Any words of wisdom to future candidates thinking of studying the DITT?

For future candidates considering the Diploma in Tax Technology (DITT), my advice is to embrace the learning journey with an open and proactive mindset. The programme covers complex and evolving topics, so it's important to stay organised, pace yourself, and actively engage with the materials.