

Profile

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Qualifications

DITT holder

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Interview

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

My entry into tax was catalysed by my interest in the intricate dynamics of international taxation and my desire to navigate its complexities effectively. My career commenced with a focus on compliance and litigation in transfer pricing, evolving into a comprehensive role that includes planning, APAs, assessments and appeals. I'm now the Head of Transfer Pricing at AJMS Global in Dubai, specialising in transfer pricing, value chain analysis and tax technology.

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

Working in transfer pricing, the DITT has been invaluable in enhancing my ability to analyse and defend cross-border transactions and structures. It's equipped me with the latest tools and methodologies to streamline processes, improve compliance and make data-driven decisions.

What motivated you to undertake this qualification?

I was driven by my recognition of the increasing importance of technology in tax and the need to stay at the forefront of this evolution. I sought to deepen my understanding of how technology impacts tax functions and to leverage this knowledge in my transfer pricing practice.

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

The syllabus was comprehensive, covering crucial aspects of tax technology, from automation tools to data analytics. The practical case studies made the learning experience enriching, and I found the assessment questions thought-provoking, encouraging me to apply concepts.

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

The qualification significantly enhanced my analytical skills, particularly in utilising tax technology tools for effective transfer pricing analysis and compliance. I've developed a deeper understanding of how technology can optimise tax functions and drive efficiency in multinational enterprises.

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

Balancing studying with a demanding career required disciplined time management and prioritisation. Setting aside dedicated study time and using weekends and evenings effectively were my key strategies.

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

I recommend approaching the material with a practical mindset, focusing on how each module can be applied in real-world scenarios. Engaging with the case studies and participating in discussion forums also enriches the learning experience.

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

Module 8, 'Essential Technology Tools for Data Handling', was particularly enlightening. It directly aligned with my role and offered insights into how data can be leveraged to support transfer pricing strategies and compliance.

How do you think this programme will benefit the profession?

The DITT will enhance the tax profession by preparing professionals for the digital future, improving efficiency, compliance and strategic planning. It will equip them with skills to adapt to future technological advances and regulatory changes, thereby advancing the profession and helping to foster innovation.

Would you recommend this programme to others?

Absolutely, I'd recommend this to those looking to enhance their knowledge of tax technology and believe it's particularly beneficial to those roles that intersect with digital transformation initiatives. The depth and breadth of the syllabus, combined with practical learning and assessment, make it a valuable investment for anyone aiming to advance their understanding and application of tax technology in their professional practice.

What kept you motivated throughout the programme?

I was motivated by my passion for learning and desire to integrate technological developments into my transfer pricing practice. Witnessing the practical applications of my learning in real-world scenarios was incredibly rewarding.

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

Embrace the learning journey with curiosity and stay open to innovation. The field of tax technology is rapidly evolving and this qualification offers a solid foundation to continue building on. Stay engaged, network with your peers and apply your learning in your day-to-day work to maximise the benefits of DITT.

