



PERSONAL

Name

Imraan Desai

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Durban

Date of birth

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Nationality

South African

LinkedIn

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INTERESTS

- Running
- Travel - local and abroad
- Sports

LANGUAGES

English



Afrikaans



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- A dynamic and vibrant Chartered Accountant who is well presented with excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Passionate, reliable, enthusiastic, self-motivated and a team-player.
- Local and international experience gained within the audit and finance space within multiple industries.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Management Accountant (Agriculture)

Jan 2023 - Present

Rainbow Chicken Limited (RCL Foods), Durban

The aim of the position is to provide financial analysis and support to the commercial and agricultural teams, within a JSE listed company. This includes developing, preparing and analyzing financial information for various stakeholders. As the management accountant, I report to the commercial manager.

Duties include (but not limited to):

- Prepare expense reports and provide analysis on consumption of resources, such as: electricity, gas, fuel, water and labour.
- Preparation of cost of production reports for the various operations as well as provide cost overviews.
- Month end reporting, including calculation of month-end accruals.
- Present month end information and close out meetings with the commercial manager and regional executive.
- Forecast, calculate and preparation of contract grower and contract layer payments.
- Providing of support to the agriculture and commercial teams as well as cost overviews per operation.
- Reporting on sustainability within the agriculture space.
- Investigation and reporting on cost fluctuations and variances
- Approval of supplier invoices.
- Stock count management, planning, coordinating and investigation of variances with various departments.
- Cash-flow planning, including CAPEX, OPEX and contract grower payments.
- Departmental budget preparation and tracking actual vs budgeted costs.

Revenue Accountant

Nov 2021 - Aug 2022

Yoco Technologies (Pty) Ltd, Cape Town (Remote)

The aim of the position was to manage all revenue related transactions and partnerships of the business, whilst also overseeing the stock function as well as the retail element of the business from a finance perspective. As the revenue accountant, I reported to the revenue manager.

Duties included (but not limited to):

- Performing daily, weekly and monthly revenue and bank reconciliations
- Monthly reconciliation of all retail accounts and following up with regards to payment
- Assisting with transaction volume reconciliations
- Monitoring and reporting on accounts receivables, including invoicing and general ledger reconciliations
- External partnership reporting and invoicing
- Stock management and reporting as well as co-ordinating stock counts and foreign payments to suppliers
- Assisting in the preparation of management accounts including posting of journal entries during month end/quarterly/annual reporting
- Calculation of weighted average cost of inventory monthly

- Calculation and processing of debit order merchants monthly
- Overall monitoring and improvement to the revenue and receivables process
- Overseeing the retail team and co-ordinating all revenue relating transactions related to retail
- Driving automation and improvement of financial reporting
- Building relationships with cross-functional teams
- Oversee and review work performed by the accounting associate

Financial Manager

Oct 2020 - Oct 2021

Recharger Prepaid Meters, Durban

The aim of the position was to lead the finance team, consisting of the debtors and creditors clerks, bookkeeper, financial analyst and payroll and work alongside the head of internal audit to evaluate and mitigate risk in the business. As financial manager, I reported directly to the director.

Duties included (but not limited to):

- Drafting of annual financial statements
- Tax management, tax calculations and review of statutory submissions
- Conducting of cost and revenue analysis as well as budgeting and forecasting
- Performing sensitivity analysis, break even analysis and liaising with head of operations on stock management and stock re-order levels
- Monitoring of cash flow and performing cash flow forecasts
- Review of bank statements and daily processing
- Review debtors and creditors and resolve queries on accounts
- Preparation of monthly management accounts
- Review maintenance of fixed asset register and ensure accuracy of additions, disposals and depreciation calculations
- Raising and processing of accruals and year-end adjustments
- Preparing and presenting board packs at monthly management meetings
- Involved in strategic discussions on dynamics of company as well as working on special projects to penetrate the market, concentrating on costing versus selling price of certain items, gross profit analysis, trends and recovery periods
- Work closely with head of internal audit and resolve related issues, such as review of stock count documentation
- Liaising with external auditors and overseeing the annual external audit process
- Review of payroll calculations with the payroll manager
- Assist with drafting of company policies, such as leave policy
- Hiring of staff in the finance department and conducting of interviews

Audit Supervisor

May 2018 - Sep 2020

PKF Durban, Durban

The aim of the position was to provide assistance to the audit team on a supervisory and managerial level.

Duties included (but not limited to):

- Overseeing audit from planning and fieldwork to completion
- Reviewing of audit working papers prepared by the audit team
- Communicating findings and recommending solutions to the audit partner and client
- Training and mentoring of staff and the audit team
- Daily supervision of staff and responsible for the planning and completion of performance evaluations
- Ensuring that all audit files are in compliance with International Regulatory Board of Auditors standards
- Assisting with complex areas of the audit
- Planning of staff on assignments to ensure they meet their required competencies
- Performance review and evaluation of trainees
- Liaising and maintaining relationships with clients/partners and group auditors
- Performing analysis on budgets versus actual and calculation of write-offs

Audit Consultant

Jan 2018 - Mar 2018

Friedman LLP, New York City

The main aim of the position as audit consultant was to assist with the audit, from planning to completion. My duties included (but not limited to):

Auditing

- Compilation of working papers to substantiate the achievement of audit objectives
- Drafting financial statements that are GAAP and IFRS compliant
- Assessment of business and audit risks at assertion and financial statement levels
- Assessment of the reliability and validity of assumptions in client forecasts/ budgets
- Creation, development and adaptation of audit programmes
- Evaluation of internal control environments and where necessary providing recommendations for improvements
- Able to use Prosystem Engagement and audit programmes

Financial Accounting

- Generation and interpretation of annual financial statements, cash flows and budgets
- Drafting of correcting accounting journal entries
- Reconciliation of general ledger accounts to sub-ledgers
- Compilation of company financials

Implementation of GAAP

- Application of Standards on a practical basis
- Comparison of client accounting policies to required Standards
- Process documentation and understanding

Trainee Accountant

Feb 2015 - Jan 2018

PKF Durban, Durban

The main aim of the position as trainee accountant was to complete a 3 year SAICA training contract. This contract concluded in January 2018. My duties included (but not limited to):

Auditing

- Compilation of working papers to substantiate the achievement of audit objectives
- Drafting financial statements that are IFRS compliant
- Assessment of business and audit risks at assertion and financial statement levels
- Creation, development and adaptation of audit programmes
- Evaluation of internal control environments and where necessary providing recommendations for improvements

Financial Accounting

- Generation and interpretation of annual financial statements, cash flows and budgets
- Drafting of correcting accounting journal entries
- Reconciliation of general ledger accounts to sub-ledgers
- Compilation of company financials
- Preparing, conducting and leading stock takes and preparation of stock report

Taxation

- Preparation of current and deferred tax for company's and CC's as well as tax returns
- Preparation and completion of normal tax returns for individuals
- Preparation of IT14 Supplementary declaration and Notice of Objections on behalf of clients

Implementation of IFRS

- Application of Standards on a practical basis
- Comparison of client accounting policies to required Standards
- Process documentation and understanding

Project and Team Management

- Ability to work within teams to achieve objectives
- Liaison with client and partner / manager
- Budget / Time management
- Management of team / group dynamics
- Review of work of junior team members and mentoring of juniors

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

Business Analytics University of Cape Town, Cape Town	2022 - 2022
This course provides advanced data analysis techniques to support business decision making and critical thinking. It focused on practical business application by harnessing data visualisations and story telling in order to identify trends in an organisation. It makes use of SQL and Tableau in order to tap into the power of business intelligence and allow the data to have actionable insights.	
Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Accounting Sciences University of South Africa, Durban	2016 - 2016
Successfully completed CTA level 2 at the University of South Africa	
Bachelor of Commerce - Accounting University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban	2007 - 2012
Successfully completed Bachelor of Commerce, majoring in Accounting	
Secondary Education Durban High School, Durban	2002 - 2006
Matriculation at Durban High School	

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Registered as a Chartered Accountant
- Passed the Assessment of Professional Competence (APC)
- Passed the Initial Test of Competence (ITC)
- Received awards for my academic achievements and diligence throughout my schooling career

COURSES

Financial Management Udemy	2020 - 2020
Online Financial Management course successfully completed.	
Microsoft Excel Udemy	2020 - 2020
Online Microsoft Excel course successfully completed.	
Xero Advisor Course Xero	2019 - 2019
Xero accounting package course successfully completed.	

SKILLS

Microsoft Word	● ● ● ● ●
Microsoft Excel	● ● ● ● ●
Caseware	● ● ● ● ●
Prosystem Engagement	● ● ● ● ●
Caseware Working Papers	● ● ● ● ●
Google Drive and Gmail for Business	● ● ● ● ●
Microsoft Office	● ● ● ● ●

Palladium Accounting	● ● ● ● ●
Pastel Accounting	● ● ● ● ●
Teamwork	● ● ● ● ●
Leadership	● ● ● ● ●
Project Management	● ● ● ● ●
Xero	● ● ● ● ●
Looker	● ● ● ● ●
Metabase	● ● ● ● ●
Google Sheets	● ● ● ● ●
Periscope	● ● ● ● ●
Snapbill	● ● ● ● ●
SQL	● ● ● ● ●
Tableau	● ● ● ● ●
SAP Business Clients	● ● ● ● ●
MTech	● ● ● ● ●

REFERENCES

References available on request.



Date

Letter of Recommendation

31 August 2022

I recommend Imraan Desai as a quality candidate for employment. He worked at Yoco from 1 November 2021 until 31 August 2022, as a Revenue Accountant.

In his role, Imraan was responsible for:

- Daily, weekly and monthly revenue accounting and related reconciliations.
- Month end and audit close and reporting related to revenue accounting.
- Monitoring and reporting on Receivables, including invoicing, general ledger reconciliations and analyses.
- Managing relationships externally with retail partners and other partnerships from a finance perspective.

He was successful in taking ownership of a big component of the revenue cycle within the organisation. He was also able to build relationships internally across functions in the organisation and externally with retail and other partners which allowed him to quickly grow within his role and also improve the area he was responsible for.

Imraan communicates well, is eager to learn and contributes towards a high performing team. He is capable of working both independently and in a team environment. Imraan's commitment to improve and develop himself professionally is noteworthy as he has taken courses to upskill himself. In addition he has dedicated time to deeply understand the various systems and processes that are used in the organisation.

It is unfortunate that due to current economic conditions the company has had to restructure and lose valued employees such as Imraan. Imraan will be a great asset to any company and I confidently recommend him to any prospective employer and I am certain that he will become a valuable employee to your company.

If you have any further questions concerning his background or qualifications, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

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