

CPA Profile

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Becoming a CPA

Why did you choose to become a CPA?

Maths and accounting were always my strongest attributes, I've always enjoyed solving analytical scenarios. An opportunity arose while in my 4th year of college to join a Cork based accountancy firm. This opened the channel for me to be able to achieve my 3 year work experience while also studying for my CPA qualification at night in Griffith College. This was the first move for me to achieving my goal as a professional accountant.

Since qualifying as a CPA how has your career progressed?

Having completed my professional exams in August 2011, and receiving my qualification in December of the same year an opening appeared in a local recruitment agency for an accountant role in ARRIS Communications Ireland, a progressive global telecommunications company. I applied for the role of EMEA accountant and moved to ARRIS in February 2012. I have progressed from an Accountant, to Senior Accountant over the last 5 years and my role has developed into Legal Entity Owner for ARRIS Communications Ireland Ltd, as well as becoming the EMEA intercompany controller for over 35 entities. We have gone through two acquisitions in this short period of time and the company is continually growing.

What advice would you give someone considering becoming a CPA?

Qualifying as a CPA is a life changing experience, the long days spent working and studying are hard at times however once completed are, 100% worth it, as you open so many doors with the CPA qualification.

The accounting industry is very strong at the moment, and I predict for someone starting their studies now that come the time they are finished, accountancy roles will be even more sought after.

Your Career

Describe your working life

My main activities include: analyzing financial information and preparing financial reports to determine and maintain record of general ledger, and accounts payable subledgers, liabilities, profit and loss, tax liabilities, other financial activities in the organization, preparing statutory financial statements and also the EMEA Lead for Intercompany.

What is your biggest career achievement to date?

ARRIS is a company of opportunity, where those who excel are rewarded and promotions are granted based on ability and work ethic. In my short time in ARRIS the position for EMEA intercompany lead opened up, post-acquisition of Motorola from Google.

I was offered the position and I can truly say it has been a fantastic experience so far, enabling me to travel the world and also meet fantastic work colleagues along the way.

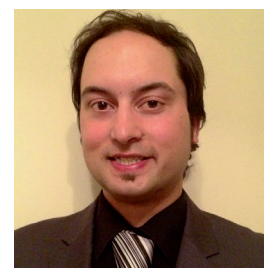
Life

How do you unwind?

Playing golf in Mallow Golf Club is my main activity after work and on the weekend, I'm currently playing off four so it requires a lot of practice in the evening. Elaine (also a CPA) and myself are also getting married in June so this is an exciting time at the moment and the planning is going well.

What traits do you admire most in others?

I have learnt so much in ARRIS, and I admire the different cultures we have in the company and also the proven leaders in the company. We have amazing financial controllers here and the time they give you is truly a rewarding experience. I tend to follow them closely in decision making and work attitude, these people are real life accounting superstars.



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